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David Lapp (from *Promised to Another*) survived a “code blue” when he was in a buggy/semi truck accident in Seymour, Missouri. Now after extensive therapy he has lingering mobility problems and is still struggling to find his place in the world. Lured away from Webster County by thoughts of closed buggies and a postcard friendship he’s developed with an Amish girl in Jamesport, he moves north, hoping for a fresh start. He finds work in the area tying flies and basket weaving, selling his products in the Amish markets in the Jamesport area.

Rachel Miller dreams of travel, but feels tied to her Amish life. She is being courted by Obadiah Graber, but wonders if there’s more to life. When she sees David’s name mentioned in *The Budget*, she strikes up a pen pal friendship with David while he’s in the hospital and in therapy, consoling him when he and his girlfriend part ways. She never dreams that David will come north and move into her community. David is still fearful in the buggy, especially in high traffic areas. Feeling he’s called by God to preach, David spends hours in the Bible, but the Amish discourage him, believing their ministers should be drawn by lot. Will David follow his call, even if it takes him out of the Amish church? Will Rachel realize her dream to travel?

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Cheryl Baranski says

The Postcard (The Amish of Jamesport), By: Laura V. Hilton

This is book two in the Amish of Jamesport series. I absolutely loved it! Love, compassion, anger, jealousy, forgiveness all rolled into one very well written story line! Enough twists and turns that make you hunger for what would happen next. I was so captivated by the story that I was taken completely by surprise a couple of times when the unexpected happened in this story! Looking forward to book three in the series. Be sure to pre-order your copy today! A must read book.

5 stars

Kay Garrett says

THE POST CARD by Laura V. Hilton is the second book in the Amish of Jamesport series.

The author breathes life into the story of Rachel Miller and David Lap and their budding relationship by weaving a story that we can't wait to take in as we flip the pages.

Rachel was born in Jamesport, been there her entire life and has always dreamed of traveling and seeing other sites. Whereas David is originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania moved to Seymour, MO in a "man swap" before following his heart to the writer on the postcards and letters he's gotten over the past year and moves to Jamesport unannounced. Rachel started sending David mail after seeing a notice in the Budget, an Amish newspaper after his disastrous open buggy accident that left him in the hospital recovering and with permanently disabled.

There is an immediate connection from their first face to face meeting albeit unexpected on Rachel's part. There are many obstacles between Rachel and David though. Rachel is promised to Obahiah. David, as Bishop Joe calls him, is a "stray" with no home, no means of support in order to take care of frau (wife), and limited physical abilities.

David takes the temporary job of school teacher living in the school's very small back room equipped with a cot. Sam, Rachel's brother doesn't like David at all and is instrumental in a few school "accidents" that David falls prey to. Later you find out why and how they work it out which is very touching and realistic.

Although emotions get the better of them from time to time, David tells Rachel that they have to take the 'high road' to see if they can work things out, to see if it's really meant to be and to be sure it's God's will.

It takes a fire that destroys Rachel's home while she is away with Obahiah and where David is badly hurt to bring it home to Rachel that David is her one true love. However, with the incorrect news that his Daed (Dad) had died, David abruptly leaves the hospital for Pennsylvania without talking to Rachel.

The author not only expertly tells the budding romance of Rachel and David with all the interwoven complications of the here and now and the events of the past which greatly affect the present, but she also tells a wonderful story of how that by keeping our eye on the heavens and our prayers in earnest that God's

plan will become evident. She shows us that none of us are perfect and can be tempted, but if we take the 'high road' and walk with God that our lives can be richly rewarded.

THE POSTCARD can definitely be read as a standalone book. If this is your first book in the series, you will see that you want to read the first book too. In the first book, we are first introduced to Rachel and learn briefly about her desire to travel and her fulfilling that desire through postcards – both sent and received. I am now looking forward to the third book in this series with great expectations and wonderful longing to read more about the folks of Jamesport.

I recommend this book to anyone that not only loves Amish stories but to those that love a book written with faith, love, hope, family, forgiveness, resilience and the power of prayer woven into the pages of that story by an amazing author that consistently writes wonderful stories that will have your heart smiling and you wanting to share it with others.

Dali Castillo says

Every time I pick up a Laura V. Hilton book, I tell myself, "One chapter and that's it," but it never works out that way. Her books grab my attention within the first paragraphs, and I end up being unable to put the book down until I've finished it. The Postcard is no exception to this rule. It grabbed me from the start, and sure enough, I didn't stop until I'd read the entire book.

The Postcard is unique in that David and Rachel's story began way before they ever met. This happened when David suffered a buggy accident. During his recovery time, he and Rachel began corresponding through letters and postcards. As they continued corresponding, Rachel told David about her community, including the fact that they use closed buggies. So, David, whose accident involved an open buggy, decides to move to Rachel's community in search of a fresh start and perhaps, much to Rachel's surprise, something more. And thus begins the story of David and Rachel.

I love the way the author offers just enough background on the characters to let you fill in any blanks, yet it doesn't overshadow what's happening in the present. David and Rachel's feelings for each other would seem to have developed quickly. But, in light of how long they've been communicating with each other, it's really not too soon, not rushed, and is totally understandable and believable. However, there is one problem. Both David and Rachel have their share of baggage which causes stumbling blocks in their blossoming relationship.

The Postcard is a story of redemption, forgiveness, new beginnings, faith, love, and a little humor thrown in for good measure. The author captures your attention from the first page of the book. Once you pick it up, you won't be able to put it down until you've read the entire book. The characters in the story are real people facing real issues, so much so, that the reader can easily put him/herself in their place and feel what they are feeling and experiencing. The ability to immediately grab your attention and create believable characters that make you feel what they're feeling and experiencing is the mark of a great writer, and Laura V. Hilton is just that. She is a master at hitting that mark, and she's definitely hit it with The Postcard.

*****I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All opinions and viewpoints are my own.*****

Lori says

I really enjoyed this book. I love seeing how our wonderful Lord Jesus works things out in his own timing even though we can't always see it.

Through some trials and tribulations the Lord has taught Rachel and her family that he is always there. John 3:16 states that For whom ever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ shall have eternal life.

After a devastating tragedy Rachel has learned another lesson in life and I'm sure we all have done this a time or two as well

sometimes we have to make do with what we have instead of wanting and wishing on what we have had.

This hard for me as well. sometimes I don't always appreciate what the Lord has given me either. Some days I feel blessed and others I ask God to help me through them.

This wonderful book does have a happy ending though I won't say because I'll let you read it for yourselves!

Judy says

Sweet, Sweet, Romance (Sigh!)

A book needs to grab my attention right away in order for me to keep picking it up and reading it. Not a problem with this book! I don't think I had finished a whole paragraph before I knew I'd be hooked on this story.

My favorite characters are David and Rachel. Rachel is a dreamer and collects postcards of places she can only dream of seeing. Will her dreams come true? Just where did God want her to be or who did He want her to be with? Rachel is torn with indecision. She is promised to one man but her heart wants another. David, he knows exactly what he wants but is it what God wants? Will David's past be held against him?

When a tragic accident happens and a life is nearly lost, we see God's mighty hand working.

I have read all of Laura V Hilton's Amish fiction books. She is one of my very favorite authors. She has a way of telling a story and when it comes to an end, leaves me wanting more. Her books are filled with God, scriptures, prayers, and faith. That is important to me. I also love that she writes clean romance. I would never be ashamed to pass her books along to a friend or church member.

I can't wait to read the next book in this series!

I was given an Advanced Readers Copy of this book by the author and publisher to read and review. The opinions expressed in this review are mine alone.

Sherrie says

Oh my! What an absolutely wonderful book! I was just going to read a few chapters but could not put this book down. I kept wondering what was going to happen next. I was even telling my husband about it and he started asking questions about what happened next to David. It was like we were talking about real people.

Laura, you absolutely amaze me with your writing. If you haven't put this on your "TO READ" list you will definitely miss out. Can't wait to see what happens next. Please don't miss out on this lovely book.

Karen says

Laura V. Hilton's books are always awesome. I have never been disappointed in any of the books I have read by her. I really enjoyed Rachel Miller and David Lapp in *The Postcard*. Rachel always dreamed of traveling and wrote to people asking for postcards. David Lapp was one of the people who sent postcards/letters and he ended up coming to Rachel's town looking for her because he fell in love with her through the letters they wrote to each other. I was hooked from the beginning and couldn't put the book down except at bedtime. You will not be disappointed when you read *The Postcard*. You really have to read it. Looking forward to reading more books by this wonderful author, Laura V. Hilton.

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Cindy says

I was asked to describe this book in one word to the author, and the word I chose was surprising. From the very beginning of the story, David surprised me with a sudden move to Jamesport, where Rachel lived. Throughout the whole story there were surprises. I won't share them because I don't wish to spoil the story. I always enjoy books by Laura because she is a very gifted author. My favorite character in this story was a toss up between Rachel and David, but I think David wins. My least favorite character is Rachel's brother, you will understand as you read the story. 5 stars from this reviewer.

This book was provided by the publisher for review purposes only, no payment was received for this review.

Lucy says

I really loved the sensitivity the author used in writing this book. The characters are alive and the emotions and obstacles they deal with are real and believable. If you love Amish fiction this is different and not as predictable, as there are surprises at every corner. Rachel is impulsive and David is more grounded and seeking God's will before he makes choices. Laura V Hilton weaves a tale like a tapestry. Enjoyable read on a cold day.

I received a copy of *The Postcard* in exchange for an honest review from the author.

Dawn says

Book two of the Amish of Jamesport Series is a fantastic story about finding forgiveness and new love. Follow Rachel as she comes to terms of a new love, loss of family home due to a fire, and her new love leaving town. David is Rachel's new love who has been corresponding since his buggy accident that almost took his life and the secret that he is keeping. Heartwarming story that already had forgiveness even though it

was not expected. Thanks to Laura for a wonderful story.

Kimberly says

The Postcard is the second book in The Amish of Jamesport. Normally I would not request a second book in a series unless I have read previous books. The story line in this fascinated me so I thought that I would try it. It did not disappoint me.

The main characters are Rachel Miller and David Lapp. Rachel collects postcards of places she would like to see. As she collects them she is sure she will never see any of these places. She trusted God and where He would send her and who she would send her way.

David suffered a buggy accident and ended up in the hospital. He needed surgery on his broken leg which leaves him with problems physically and as to what he can do with his life now.

This story is about a friendship that built between these two and where God wants them to be.

I enjoyed this book and would recommend this book to anyone that enjoys God-lead stories. Even if the previous book has not been read this one can stand on its own.

I was given this book by bookfun.org in exchange for my honest review.

Linda says

A 5-Star Must Read

Just as Rachel Miller's Mamm is a master quilter putting many pieces together to make a cozy covering, Laura V. Hilton is a master storyteller putting together the pieces of a quaint Amish story with touches of forgiveness, romance, suspense, sorrow, sacrifice and most of all love, which makes for a cozy read. Rachel Miller longs to travel, David Lapp wants a home. A simple request for a postcard from different places ignites a friendship—will it develop into more? Each book I read written by Laura V. Hilton just gets better and better. You become so involved in the story and characters, you want to finish and savor each word and chapter. Definitely needs to be on your to-be-read list.

I was given an Advanced Reader Copy of this book for review and the opinions are mine.

Crissy says

I received a copy of this book from the author, in return I was asked to post an honest review of the book. The PostCard by Laura Hilton transported me away from subzero temps to Jamesport with the words "Kiss Me." Those two words as the second line of one of her Amish books sucked me right into the lives of Rachael, David, and their families. Rachel seems to have her head in the English world with her books, but she seems happy in her Amish community. Who among us have not dreamed of traveling and seeing those far off places. I have to admit I stock up on postcards and ask friends to send them when I can. Rachel is taking her trips with postcards and books. I immediately sensed she was a kind and caring person, who else reads the paper to find people who need encouraging. While David is a mystery and often called a stray

especially having arrived far from home with very little to his name. I could sense hurt in his past and confusion about his future.

Sam, like most people, didn't want to get to know a stranger or allow others to get to know him. We find out they have a shared secret. Read the book to find out what that secret is.

The story did not get old I love that Laura keeps the stories believable about what can happen, but never once making it seem silly or that the characters are playing a part. She makes the characters come alive and really living their lives while I have sneaking a peek into them.

If you are ready to meet some new people who will quickly become friends then grab a copy of this book.

Linda says

I just couldn't get over the Amish converted to born-again Christianity idea. It just felt superficial to me. The story was intriguing, but just not satisfying. There were too many sub plots and things left unfinished, like Rachel's brother Sam's story. Suddenly he is a good guy at the end, after being physically so violent. What about the illegal drugs?, etc. There was just too much that was started and not finished. I won't be reading any more of this series.

Nancee says

Rachel Miller enjoys writing to people as she dreams of traveling to various locations. Rachel and David Lapp have communicated through letters for many months. A disastrous open buggy accident seriously injured David, causing him a lengthy recuperation, and leaving him with a permanent leg impairment. Unknown to Rachel, David moves to Jamesport because the community uses closed buggies for transportation. His fear of traveling in an open buggy is substantial. He is fortunate to find work teaching school. The discovery that Rachel lives right across the road is just too convenient! Their attraction for one another has already been piqued through their lengthy communication. David carries dark secrets from his past and insecurity for his future, and Rachel is betrothed to another. The challenges they face makes a relationship a dangerous concept!

This is the second book in The Amish of Jamesport series, and it rivals the first installment which took my breath away! "The Postcard" is a very compelling story of forbidden love and passion, and the search for redemption. David is portrayed with depth and strength of character, and his reliance on God's will is richly documented. Rachel is a romantic dreamer, and the attraction that she and David discover for one another is tangible!

Laura V. Hilton creates characters who possess faults and insecurities, making her stories believable and palpable. The strong thread of faith and redemption throughout this book is undeniable and spiritually uplifting. By describing David with his sense of righteousness and acceptance of his responsibilities, his authenticity is unquestionable. "The Postcard" is inspirational, heart pounding, breathtaking, and the author's sensitivity is admirable! I highly recommend this book!

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