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## **A Plain Death Details**

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## Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

I absolutely LOVE it when you find a great author that can immediately get you involved as part of her book from the very first page. To me it's a great sign of a talented writer if they can engage you from the beginning and keep you hooked turning pages as fast as you can read them. Success achieved with the latest novel from Amanda Flower, A Plain Death. This is just one of the many that will soon follow in the Appleseed Creek Mystery series and I can't wait for the adventure to continue.

The book introduces us immediately as twenty-four-year old Chloe Humphrey is attempting to find her way to her new home and job in Appleseed Creek, Ohio. As she is getting her bearings thanks to a GPS device that is as lost as she is, she happens upon a young Amish girl, Becky Troyer being harrassed by two English men. Chloe rescues the poor girl and in return Becky kindly guides Chloe to her new location. She learns that Chloe is heading up the new technology department at the local college and soon introduces Chloe to her handy Amish brother, Timothy, who offers to help around Chloe's new home fixing things. But it seems Becky is hiding more than she is willing to let on to Chloe who has become her new hero. When Chloe offers Becky a place to stay with her, she immediately accepts.

Seeing Becky has some issues since leaving her Amish faith, Chloe wants to help her find a new start. She locates a job at a local greenhouse that would be perfect for her. But rather than wait for a ride, Becky "borrows" Chloe's car, even though she doesn't have a license. On her way to the interview, Becky gets into an accident killing the local bishop. It's here that the novel really takes off. It seems that someone has tampered with Chloe's car and that the brake lines had been cut. Who is responsible? Are they after Chloe or Becky? Well to find out, you'll just have to pick up the latest copy of A Plain Death from Amanda Flower!

I received A Plain Death, compliments from B & H Publishing Group and Net Galley for my honest review and I am so glad I picked this one up to review. I love it when a great writer will combine elements from different genre's and create a masterpiece that will grab new readers and make them want even more. Amanda Flowers does that and so much more. I can't wait to pick up the next book in this series, A Plain Scandal, and for those of you that love Christian Amish with a blend of mystery added, then you will LOVE this one. I personally rate it a 5 out of 5 stars!

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## Robin says

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Review: I enjoyed this book very much. It was a great debut series by this author. It was a good introduction to the characters and gave enough information to keep me going throughout the book about the main character. I found the story to be well developed and it had a little surprise at the end the story which was welcomed. I think the extra characters were diverse. They were made more real by their flaws and that is not always visible in characters. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

I would like to thank Net Galley and B & H Publishing Group for allowing me to read and review this book in return for a free copy and I was never asked to write a favorable review by anyone.

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### **Glenajo says**

Chloe Humphrey, a big city girl, moved to Appleseed Creek to take over the IT department at the local college. On her drive to the town she notices a young Amish girl being hassled by two scary looking men, so she gives her a ride. This act of generosity opens the door to other Amish friends, dangers, and problems. When her new roommate, the young Amish girl, borrows her car and kills an Amish Bishop, she decides to get involved to try to save her young friends.

I totally enjoyed this book, and will definitely read the next in the series. I couldn't put this down and really enjoyed the characters. This is not a typical Amish fiction book, it is just based in Amish country, and the Amish play background roles. The mystery has enough twists and turns to hold interest, and the characters have the depth that makes them friends. I would definitely recommend this for readers who are looking for a fun read that is not too simple.

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### **Alyssa White says**

This was such a great read, everything I love about a cozy! My friend wanted a cozy to read and I told her to read this and tell me how it was, she highly recommended it to me, I'm very pleased. I'm already starting book two.

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### **Ausjenny says**

My Review:

Thanks Netgalley for my review copy.

I loved the look of this book and I wasn't disappointed. I am still recovering so reading has taken longer than I would like but this book had me wanting to read faster than I could. This is different from most Amish books. We have a heroine, Chloe who is not Amish and has moved to Appleseed Creek to work. On her way to her new home she encounters Becky an Amish Teen who is looking for a new way of life. We also meet Becky's brother who has also left the Amish and is now going to a Mennonite Church. We see a death of a beloved Amish Bishop and Becky is involved. This leads to Chloe and Timothy trying to find out the truth. I love how we learn more about the differences between different Amish districts and questions an outsider

would have. Also seeing Chloe in her new job with the different work members. There was drama happening in many areas of her life which added to the story. I have to admit I was tiring of reading amish books but this one is different and gave a fresh perspective. Good read.

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## **Victor Gentile says**

Amanda Flower in her new book, "A Plain Death" Book One in the Appleseed Creek Mystery Series published by B&H Publishing Group introduces us to Chloe Humphrey and Appleseed Creek, Ohio.

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At the end of a hard day I like to sit down with a good murder mystery. It takes my mind of the events of the day and I enter into a new environment, in this case Appleseed Creek, Ohio. Tampering with Chloe's car meant someone wanted to kill her. It is just accidental that Becky was driving at the time the brakes went. However, Chloe is new in town so who and why would someone want to kill her? M. Flower has crafted a real puzzler of a mystery. "A Plain Death" keeps you guessing and I defy you to figure out who really did it. Add to the pot a cast of characters that are just wonderful, some good, some bad and Ms. Flower has given us a great setting for what looks like a terrific series. If you enjoy a good murder mystery like I do then this book is for you. I enjoyed this book a lot and am looking forward to the next one.

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## **Kay Defreese says**

I am so excited to discover Amanda Flowers. Mystery/suspense is my favorite genre to read. I am always trying out new authors. Some I like and some not so much. I am so glad I tried out Amanda Flowers. I enjoyed this story. I loved the Troyer family and really loved Grandpa Zook. Who wouldn't love to have a grandpa like him? I loved the way the mystery unfolded. Chloe Humphrey is new in town with a job as a computer technology expert at the local college. Chloe is alone in the world. Her father has remarried to a stepmother who is hostile to her and her foster family that she adores has moved to Italy. On her way to her new job she picks up an Amish girl who is being harassed by some thugs in a green pickup truck. Turns out the Amish girl Becky Troyer has decided to leave home because she feels she cannot pursue her love of art if she stays. Through Becky Chloe is introduced to Becky's handsome brother Timothy who left the Amish some time before. Timothy is protective of his sister and wants her to return home but his sister is adamant on staying. Chloe reluctantly allows Becky to stay with her for the time being. One day Becky borrows Chloe's car and is involved in an accident which unfortunately kills Bishop Glick. After some investigation it is learned that the brakes were cut on the vehicle. Chloe and Timothy investigate to try to solve this mystery.

In this book you will love some of the characters like members of the Troyer family and despise others like the thugs in the green truck, one of Chloe's co-workers and even some of the Amish people. It's a real page turner to see who is behind this mystery. I can't wait until the next book is released in February 2013, *A Plain Scandal: An Appleseed Creek Mystery*

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## **Rhonda Gayle says**

*A Plain Death* is an exciting, suspenseful mystery based on some folks who were Amish but left the faith and an English young woman who is working as head of computer technology at the local college. I was on the edge of my seat as I read, trying to figure out who really caused the "accidental buggy/vehicle" death of the Amish bishop. You will love this book!

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## **Duffy Brown says**

Love this book. Appleseed Creek is a great place to visit and the Amish setting always intriguing. The characters from different worlds makes for a good read and love Chloe and Becky.

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## **Rhonda says**

An unlikely friendship between a high-tech woman and a runaway Amish girl leads to murder. Her first day in Appleseed Creek, Ohio, Chloe Humphrey, befriends Becky, an ex-Amish teenager looking for a new home. While driving Chloe's car, Becky collides with a buggy, killing an Amish bishop in the process. The case moves from accident to murder when police reveal a cut brake line. Now, Chloe and Becky's handsome brother, Timothy, must discover who the real intended victim is before the murderer makes a second attempt. This is the book for those readers who love suspense and mystery! I love trying to figure out "who done it"

as I read mysteries and this was a tough one! I will say that I never fully figured the whole mystery out before the truth was finally revealed. I am so excited to see that a sequel is due out in Feb. 2013, *A Plain Scandal*.

Amanda Flower makes her characters rich. You will love the good guys and HATE the bad guys. You will be rooting for the "good" side to win! I felt like I was actually in the scenes with her descriptions of places and people. I do not think readers will be disappointed in this book and series. I did not want to quit reading and go to sleep. I finished this book in two nights because I just had to know what happened. It all seems like a simple accident for Becky and the Amish bishop, but things soon begin to unravel and stories start coming out that show something far more sinister has taken place.

It was interesting to me that the Amish were shunning Becky because of the accidental death of the bishop. I could understand if she had been drunk or driving recklessly. She was guilty of driving without a driver's license and she DID take Chloe's car without asking permission first, but wow! shunning is hard for me to comprehend. It seems such a harsh punishment. 5-star book and you do need to read it!!!

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### **Maureen Timerman says**

This is a story that reads like an actual happening. Chloe Humphrey is on her way to Apple Creek OH to start her first job. On her way she has a chance encounter with a couple of men in a green truck tormenting and perhaps abducting a young Amish girl.

This is the start of her new adventure...Becky Troyer ends up moving in with her as she moves in. Actually in her past she moved in with another family, and rather feels she should help Becky. Because of this decision, her life becomes involved with the Amish culture. There is her new job as the head of the College's Computer Department...where you will meet some new characters and some big time back stabbing. There will also be a death...with Becky involved, and you will wonder who was the actual target.

There is a "love" interest in the form of Becky's brother, and there will be times if you will wonder who Timothy is really interested. You will also love the interaction with Timothy's dog!! I also enjoyed the character of Grandpa and the younger Troyer's. Such a loving family makes Chloe miss having one! You will find God present in this story, and his loving hand in helping them make the right decisions. You will wish you could be around the dinner table with the Troyer family. A really good read...enjoy!

I received this book from the Publisher B & H Books, and was not required to give a positive review.

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### **Cathy Daniel says**

Great start to the series! I wish Chloe had more backbone at times and I also wished Becky didn't cry at the drop of a hat (but always wanted to be treated as an "adult") but those are minor complaints

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### **Jerry says**

#### **A Quickie Review**

In recent years, the Christian fiction genre has been flooded with stories of the Amish; there have probably been more tales of the Plain people than end-times thrillers. *A Plain Death* isn't just about the Amish, though; it's about city folk, too, and a mystery that is afoot. This first book in a "cozy mystery" series is well-written

and exciting, though it could have been a bit more light-hearted.

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## **Janie R. says**

This is my first book that I read of Amanda Flower's mystery series-and it was awesome! I really enjoy reading Amish mysteries, and Amanda has now become one of my favorite Amish mystery authors. I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

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## **Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says**

About this book:

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Series: Book #1 (of four) in the “Appleseed Creek” series.

Spiritual Content- Many prayers; A few Scriptures are quoted & mentioned; Church going; Talks about God, forgiveness & sin; Many talks about the Amish ways & beliefs; ‘H’s are capital when referring to God; Many mentions of bishops, deacons & a monk; Mentions of Church.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a ‘geez’, two ‘screw-up’s, three ‘idiot’s, five forms of ‘shut up’ and nine ‘stupid’s; Mentions of curses (said, not written); Sarcasm; Bruises & Pain (up to semi-detailed); All about car accidents, murder & attempted murders (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of tobacco juice, alcohol & drunks; A couple mentions of drunk driving & robberies.

Sexual Content- Touches & Nearness (barely-above-not-detailed); Noticing & Blushes; four ‘hot’s; A girl is leered at by some jerks, and mentions of them & trying to grab her; A couple mentions of miscarriages & feeling like they’re punishment; Mentions of exes, crushes & pretty girls; Mentions of creeps wanting to have “fun” with a girl (doesn’t happen); A little bit of love & the emotions;

\*Note: A mention of a girl’s dress hugging her curves.

-Chloe Humphrey, age 24



322 pages

Pre Teens- One Star

## Early High School Teens- Three Stars

My personal Rating- Four Stars

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