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All she wants for Christmas is her *memories*

An Indiana Amish Brides book

When a young Amish woman collapses in the snow shortly before Christmas, Caleb Wittmer rushes to her aid. Only, “Rachel” remembers nothing of who she is. Now his family has taken in the pretty stranger, disrupting Caleb’s ordered world. He’s determined to find out where she belongs...even if Rachel’s departure means saying goodbye to his old-fashioned heart forever.

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Scharme Lafferty says

This is a great read...and if you love Amish fiction you will not be disappointed. Very well developed story line and characters. Left me wanting to read a sequel.

Fizzy says

There's something about a Vannetta book that draws me in. Regardless of whether she's writing a cozy mystery with a touch of romance or just a sweet romance with a twist of mystery. Even a dystopian novel in her hands just walks away special. There's something about her voice that draws me in and keeps me settled. Her voice brings people to life and even in the unbelievable I believe. I'm going to admit a flaw of my own here, I might occasionally be a little judge-yish. When Vannetta started writing for Love Inspired I was worried about losing something. Overall a shorter life span of the story and heavier on the romance while being lighter on the cozy mystery suspense thing, I wasn't completely sold. Romance is a secondary genre for me ya know. Here's the thing, I'm two Vannetta Love Inspired in and that voice is still there. That ability to take anything and make it enticing. I'm pretty sure if Vannetta wrote a technical something that is obviously over my head, I'd enjoy it. That may be why she's one of my favorite authors. Perhaps. At least part of it.

OK, enough about me, let's talk about book. How in the gravy does an Amish girl end up with no coat, no memory, on a deserted snowy road, in a strange town? And fall almost literally at the feet of Caleb Wittmer. Caleb who is so legalistic in the separateness of his faith that he can't see the lost and frightened woman behind the dress that is too brightly colored and the missing kapp. Rachel only remembers her name since it was written in the front of a book she was carrying, but the rest of her memories are scattered at best. As Christmas approaches she gives up her dream of returning to her home and embraces the family who found her, and cares for her, and supports her. To be fair though, I think that Bishop Amos is by far my favorite minor person. His subtle wisdom, his willingness to guild his district toward what is best for them not necessarily what is best for tradition, and his general kindness in the face of drama.

'My problems seem kind of small compared to those.'

'They're not small when you are the one dealing with them everyday.'

One thing that Vannetta did amazingly in this book, besides skating the edge to avoid insta-love, was the seamless inclusion of topics that even the Englisch world sidesteps. You don't often see the Amish seeking the assistance of a mental health professional, or even the bishop pushing for it. You don't often see people suffering from, and talking about, depression in an Amish novel. Seasonal Affective Disorder isn't something that is addressed in mainstream fiction either to be honest. I appreciate that inclusion of the fact that depression isn't something that cares about what faith you have, how strong your faith, or even where you live. Depression is a biological disorder that affects a person at the emotional level. There is nothing I did not love about this book, even the almost insta-love didn't turn me off. There is such a sweetness of finding your past at the same time you are finding your future. There is such a generosity in finding your strength in your weaknesses. True love courts a family. True love overlooks dress color. True love picks you up in the snow. True love builds sunrooms.

'Home is where you belong. It may not be where you always stay, but it's the place that fits - like an old shoe.'

It's why we keep returning to it over and over again, no matter how old we become or how far away we move.'

True love is home.

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Natasha says

You would think by the title this book was just about Christmas memories and nothing else. It's far more than that as Rachel struggles with her amnesia and her long road to recovery. I liked Rachel a lot could relate to her struggle with the winter blues too. This book is a love story but one with a bit more layers to it.

Cherese Akhavein says

Amish Christmas Memories by Vannetta Chapman is Book two in the Series Indiana Amish Brides (Love Inspired) Another wonderful book by Vannetta Chapman, When a young Amish women (Rachel) shows up wondering along the road on Caleb's Wittmer's property while he is out repairing fencing, then suddenly faints Caleb rushes to see what's going on only to find her out cold and with no coat in the snow and bone cold.

What do you do when your calm world is turned upside down because you have no idea who you are, where you belong, and what happened to you. What you do know is the one person who saved you wants nothing more than to get rid of you too.

Caleb likes order which is why he makes the perfect Amish man, he hates change loves his life and wants nothing to do with anything that disrupts his life.

Problem is God may have different plans for both Caleb and Rachel, how do you heal a heart when that heart has no idea what or where it even was or wants, and how do you bend a branch to change when it's so stiff? Vannetta has created a wonderful look at how God works through our life to bring us to where we need to be if we keep the faith and trust in ourselves at the same time. I highly recommend this book.

Shirley Chapel says

Lost and Found

Caleb was hard at work the day Rachel wondered into his life . He had been busy mending fences when he seen someone walking the road that ran parallel with his parents property. The day was cold and snowy. He first noticed someone at a distance. Something didn't seem right. The person kept crossing the road back and forth again and again. As she drew closer Caleb noticed it was a woman who was not dressed for the cold. In fact she wore no coat at all.

As the confused woman drew closer to Caleb she collapsed to the ground . Caleb wasted no time scaling the fence and running to her rescue. She was unconscious and almost frozen. He quickly carried her to his parents house in hopes that it wasn't to late to save her. Who was she? She wasn't dressed like the Amish

from his community. She wore a plain dress but the color was a light blue. Where had she come from and what was she doing out in the country on a cold winter's day without a warm coat? Would his parents be able to help her and find out who she was?

I loved this story because it kept me guessing and turning pages to find the missing pieces of the puzzle of Rachel's life. With each chapter a new memory would surface that revealed some part of her past life. I liked that Caleb's parents were so helpful and made Rachel feel so welcome in their home. Refusing to send her away they made her a part of their family. I have always been a fan of Vannetta Chapman and love all her books that I've had the pleasure to read.

I recommend Amish Christmas Memories to all readers of Amish Fiction , fans of the author and those who read Love Inspired Amish books. This is a very nice Christmas read .

Britney says

Amish Christmas Memories is a heartwarming story! The dynamic between Rachel and Caleb is delightfully entertaining, as is the development of their relationship. Chapman is a wonderful wordsmith, sharing a message of faith and love. I thoroughly enjoyed this sweet story and look forward to continuing the Indiana Amish Brides series!

I received a complimentary copy of this book. No review was required, and all thoughts expressed are my own.

Elizabeth says

Amish Christmas Memories (Indiana Amish Brides #2)

By: Vannetta Chapman

Amish Christmas Memories is book two by Vannetta Chapman in Indiana Amish Brides Series. This is a Love inspired Heartwarming Inspirational Romance, which I loved very much. The story and the characters both was well written. Caleb watches as a young woman collapse near where he is working. Something strange about this woman. A wonderful heartwarming story about a young woman who has lost her memory at Christmas time and having to trust Caleb and his family . This is a story about trust , kindness, faith, and love. I was drawn in at the start and did not want to put it down. I was not disappointed. It would be very stressful to not know your name or anything about yourself. Can Caleb and his family help her? Does Caleb trust this woman with no memory? I caught myself with tears in my eyes several times, then other times I was laughing. I was trying to read faster to see what was going to happen next. I can't wait for book three . I was given a complimentary copy of this book , but was not told that I had to give a positive review. All opinions are my own.

Liz says

I have always been fascinated by the phenomenon of amnesia, and Vannetta Chapman just happens to be of my favorite writers of Amish fiction, so this book was eagerly pre-ordered, and devoured soon after it hit my mailbox. The characters were realistic and likeable, and I was especially glad that the plot wasn't "sensational." Chapman used Rachel and Caleb's unexpected relationship to examine the everyday ups and

downs of dealing with mental/emotional issues. In addition to losing her memory, Rachel struggles with depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder, while Caleb's clings to a narrow view of life and his ability to obsessively control it. Neither is really happy or confident, and can hardly believe s/he deserves to be loved unconditionally. Good thing for both of them that there's a wise old bishop Amos in the wings! *Spoiler alert: Both find healing and direction when Rachel's identity is discovered, and their tentative friendship is tested by time and distance apart. A happy ending for all, including Chapman's readers.

I read the paperback edition of this Love Inspired book, but found the smaller size hampered my enjoyment somewhat. As my eyes and hands get older, I prefer a larger page and brighter paper. But this small copy was easy to tuck into purse or pocket.

Reader57 says

Chapman knows how to turn out these formulaic love stories in a way that makes you care about the characters and what happens to them.

POSSIBLE SPOILER ALERT: I had to question the timeline in this one. Only a week after she is found and the community she has stumbled into is treating her as if she should just forget her past and settle in with them. Also, the local newspaper only comes out once a week and any notice of her missing would have needed at least 3 issues to show up, but Caleb claims to have been scouring the paper for weeks for news of a missing girl when he finds it three weeks after she stumbled into their lives.

Brittany says

Amish Christmas Memories was a cozy and heartwarming tale, while at the same time, it contained the worrisome absence of memories for the main character, Rachel.

Caleb's family provided a warm and accepting home for Rachel to rest in and wait for her memories to return, yet Rachel battled feelings of sadness and concern over those missing parts of her life.

Caleb's fear of change frustrated me for a good portion of the book, however, I really liked him by the end of the story. I felt that he learned a lot through his interactions with Rachel. This was a sweet Christmas story.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

You can read this review on my blog:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Indiana Amish Brides

Janet C says

Enjoyable Christmas story

This book is part of the Indiana Amish Brides series.

Rachel Yoder is wandering after a head injury and collapses on a snowy day outside Caleb Wittmer's parents farm. Rachel has no memory of who she is or where she lives or how she got there. Caleb's family takes her in and disrupts Caleb's orderly life. His only goal is to get this woman out of his parents home and back to her family where she belongs. The problem is she captures his heart in a very short time.

The book is well written and holds your interest.

Csimplot Simplot says

Excellent book!

Kav says

Let's deal with the elephant in the room right from the start. Another Love Inspired amnesia story! Seems I've been reading a ton of them this year and while I do enjoy a well-written one that brings a fresh twist or insight to this plot device, I'm beginning to feel a tad overwhelmed.

Having said that I LOVED Amish Christmas Memories so I guess that proves you can never have too much of a good thing. Though, honestly, if it hadn't been written by Vannetta Chapman I might have given it a pass. So glad I didn't though! Chapman handles the amnesia aspect of the story really well -- from the moment Caleb spots Rachel staggering down the road to the page-turning mystery of who she is and how she came to be in her present situation. (FYI -- when I say mystery, I don't mean suspense, just the kind of rabid-reader-wants-to-know-everything-now kind of mystique that surrounds Rachel.)

And can we all pause for a moment of appreciation for those difficult, brooding, bordering-on-grumpy heroes we so adore? Mind you, if I met Caleb in real life I might have clobbered him with the business side of a frying pan! But I find him so alluring in fine print! lol. I guess because a reader can see his thoughts so we understand that he's more bumbling and inept than downright crabby. And when that man starts talking it doesn't take long for him to stick both feet in his mouth which did have me grinning. Especially when it riled Rachel's feisty up! Great dynamics between these two. I love how their romance unfolded in fits and starts and wary advances. Delicious!
