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Anna and Felty Helmuth's zest for matchmaking is unstoppable—and with grown-up grandchild number three on her way to their home in lovely Huckleberry Hill, Wisconsin, what better reason to put their talents to work once more?...

When Mandy Helmuth hears that her best friend Christina's heart has been broken, she decides to visit her grandparents and cheer her up. Mandy never liked Noah Mischler anyway, with his rough exterior and outspoken ways. Unfortunately, she can't avoid him—especially after he saves her life...

If he weren't helping Felty with home repairs, Noah would be more than happy to stay away from uppity Mandy Helmuth. Of course, then he wouldn't have been able to rescue her—and she wouldn't have had the chance to discover the real Noah beneath the tough persona—the one she falls in love with...

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Cheryl Baranski says

Huckleberry Harvest (Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill series) by Jennifer Beckstrand. Jennifer Beckstrand has done it yet again! She has written another delightful story with Anna & Felty. Hop aboard this roll-a-coaster of a book and enjoy this story. This story has so much in it Love, laughter, heartache, pain, hope, faith and devotion. The unexpected things that happen in this story will leave you wanting for more and more. Anna is always trying to match make with one of her grandchildren. She wants to see them just as happy as she has been in her marriage. This book was so wonderful that I had a hard time putting it down. Be sure to pre-order your copy today. Remember is also makes a great gift. 5 stars!

Dawn says

Have you ever found an author who makes you want more and more of her books to read. Jennifer is one author who pulls you directly into her story from the beginning to the end. In Huckleberry Harvest we continue the matchmaking of Anna with a reluctant Felty. The story main characters are Emma and Ben. Ben broke off their engagement and move to Florida. When the truth finally comes out Faith is what brings them together. If you love stories that keep you reading then The Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill is a series you must read.

Dianne says

I have never been a believer in a faith or a higher being. However, the more I read of this gentle genre - and most especially of this particular author, the more I wonder. Ms Beckstrand does not hit you over the head with a sledgehammer to get her religious points across, she uses humor, compassion and common sense to make her points AND tell her story.

Also another thing I love about these books and especially this one, is that she takes a very important and timely story-line and sort of mixes it with a dose of humor along with a large dollop of romance to engage us in the story.

There is always a happily ever after for the couple, but she doesn't fudge when it comes time to the important things.

In this book the hero, Noah Mischler's father is an alcoholic -this is a very important aspect of this story and while there is much time spent in dealing with Noah's father there is no waving of a magic wand to 'cure' the alcoholism. The story-line is dealt with fairly and just like it would be in 'real' life. This happened with the last novel in this series also.

It was wonderful seeing Felty work his matchmaking skills this time instead of

I am quite saddened to see that there is only one more book in this series for me to read! I can't wait for the

new series to start!

Nancee says

The Huckleberry Hill matchmakers are at it again! Anna and Felty Helmuth's granddaughter is visiting for a month, and Anna is determined to find Mandy a husband during that time. Jennifer Beckstrand adds hilarity to a serious plot! Some serious issues arise in this author's latest novel, but I laughed aloud several times as unique humor is interwoven with a complex series of events.

The characters throughout Huckleberry Harvest are colorful and varied, the Amish countryside lush and alive! Noah plays a very strong role, and plays it well. Although his stubbornness gets in his way at times, his intentions are solid and godly. Mandy is caught between a rock and a hard place, and appears to teeter between teenager and adulthood and back again with her giggly childhood girlfriend sweeping her into childish capers.

Significant issues arise throughout this story of giggling girls and a young man who has no time for silly games. Mandy's character is one of charity, a compassionate, generous girl whose intentions are sound, but go beyond the boundaries of propriety.

Alcoholism and a broken family, as well as misunderstandings add drama to the plot, and with the blending of humor and serious emotional and physical incidents, this is a page-turner from the start. I highly recommend this entertaining book, and feel that the author did a wonderful job of portraying tough struggles realistically with that thread of humor that breaks the tension.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are my own, and no monetary compensation was received for this review.

Pat says

Please see my review in the June Issue of RT Book Reviews Magazine.

D.J. says

WOW! Just when I think I can guess what Anna's going to do next – I get a BIG surprise!

Of course, we know how she enjoys matchmaking... and so far she's been very successful. This time I think it's possible she was trying a bit too hard -- she certainly was surprised when one of the boys she tried to match her granddaughter with wasn't Amish!

This time Felty steps in and tries his hand at matchmaking! As usual, Anna does her thing, pulling him along for the ride. But this time something's different! I'd love to tell you more, but I just can't! You HAVE to read this for yourself!

Huckleberry Hill was awesome, but the sequels just keep getting better and better! I REALLY hope Kensington knows what a GEM they have found in Jennifer Beckstrand! Every book she writes is fresh and original – and just plain fun to read.

Each story is wonderfully different – I don't know how she does it – and each character is unique, yet fits into the family perfectly! One grandson was determined to not marry; another was eager to marry; yet another had been arrested several times!

As a series, it's familiar and comfortable, but nothing – except for Anna's cooking – is the same from book to book. Even Anna's matchmaking is a little different with each story. It's a good thing Amish families are so big – Anna and Felty have plenty of grandchildren left for Jennifer to write about!

Jennifer takes you on a wild ride with Anna and Felty. You usually end up in the same place, but you're a happier person at the end. Read the Huckleberry Hill series... you won't want to miss a single one!

Don't miss this amazing series!

Maureen Timerman says

I received my copy of Huckleberry Harvest a little while ago, I didn't open it right away, it was like a piece of candy that you absolutely love, but savor and save for a few days. I knew what I was going to find once I open the pages, and sure was not disappointed, just didn't want it to end.

This is Granddaughter Mandy's story, and Annie and Felty are at it again, of course. Annie has away with cooking, that would bring tears to the eyes of any cast iron stomach, but she is so delightful that people suffer through what she offers, and try to find ways not to eat. She does do a wonderful job with her knitting, and she soon has the boys lining up for one of her potholders, and she has a very special job available.

Marry her Granddaughter!

You can guess how delightful this book is, and I found it so very heart-warming, although it does deal with some tough subjects, such as alcoholism, and the trial it puts on families.

As the book opens we find Mandy chewing out an Amish man whom she thinks hurt her dearest friend to the core. How could this Noah Mischler have led on Kristina and then broken her heart, well she sure gives him a piece of her mind. Then we turn around and who appears at the Grandparent's kitchen, you got it, and we soon are rooting for Noah, and are aghast at the antics a grown woman would go to try and win his favor. Page-turner to the end, and not a book that I wanted to end, the characters here are like family, and I wanted to stay in their comfortable embrace. Am so glad that there is another grandchild that needs a spouse and so there is another book to come in November called Huckleberry Hearts.

I received this book from the Author for my honest review, and was not required to give a positive review.

Jeanie says

'The Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill' series continues to amaze me! Huckleberry Harvest is the fifth book in this series by Jennifer Beckstrand, and each one is better than the last. This one is funny, poignant, and

refreshingly transparent; the author has candidly written about a difficult subject with love and dignity. Anna and Felty Helmuth have been married for more than six decades, and ‘retired’ (not!) to beautiful acreage on top of Huckleberry Hill. Anna’s current goal is to see all of her adult grandchildren married to suitable Amish spouses. For those not yet married, she is providing ‘encouragement’ in the form of matchmaking. While Felty isn’t as sold on the idea, he loves to make his ‘Annie Bananie’ happy, so he helps when it doesn’t get too out of hand. This time Anna has set her sights on granddaughter Mandy, visiting for only four weeks even though she doesn’t want a husband. With so little time, Anna picked up her knitting needles and took to the streets to find the single young men in their district. As the men were “interviewed”, they received one of Anna’s special creations.

Mandy, to her unending embarrassment, went with her best friend Kristina to spy on the ‘love of her life’, Noah work. In her excitement, Kristina pushed Mandy into the river and she would have drowned if Noah had not rescued her. In the upcoming days, she learned that Kristina and Noah never dated, but she refused to leave him alone. As the days pass, Mandy and Noah begin to talk as he re-roofs Anna and Felty’s home. As they do, they fall for each other. Oopsie. Wait until Kristina finds out!

When Mandy learns Noah’s “shameful” secret, she tried to do what she usually did best – fix the problem. Noah didn’t want Mandy to fix the problem and didn’t want anyone to know about it. He believed nobody, even God, could change the situation. Their growing love for each other could never blossom because of his need to take care of his family instead of seeking God’s will. Mandy knew she would soon return to Charm, Ohio. What would she leave behind – a used-to-be-best-friend? Of course, her beloved Dawdi and Mammi. A broken heart? A list of hopeful suitors?

The primary characters in this novel are fully developed folks, seemingly so real that I wish I could take a walk and visit Anna and Felty; they are a stitch to watch! Anna and Felty demonstrate a life of faith and love. The family members and even the young men who came to meet Mandy were as defined as necessary for their roles. Only Kristina seemed odd because of how she behaved like child and tuned out what she didn’t want to hear. Oh. Maybe I’ve done that, also? Tuned out truth?

The plot begins like those in the other books in the series. What is different this time is the specific problem in Noah’s family. This is not a fluffy book of romance; it is a novel of real-world problems that are not insurmountable – with God. I am extremely impressed with how Jennifer Beckstrand writes, showing grace and dignity to both Noah’s father and his family. Whatever denomination a family worships in, this challenge occurs, and can cause behaviors that are shown here, and then some. As frustrating and confusing as it is, it does not diminish God’s ability to work and change the human heart, nor does it diminish God’s unconditional love for His children. Spiritual lessons that we each need in our own way are gently demonstrated. Huckleberry Harvest is absolutely the best in the series of the ones I’ve read, and I most highly recommend it. As the other novels are, this can be enjoyed and appreciated by adults of any age as well as teens. I’m not sure how I can wait for the next novel to come out later this year! Thank you, Jennifer, for this amazing novel! May many, many read and be blessed by it!

With a grateful heart, I received a copy of this book from Netgalley for the purpose of an honest review. All opinions are my own, and no monetary compensation was received for this review.

Rhonda says

It is almost impossible for readers not to fall in love with dear grandparents, Anna and Felty Helmuth! She is the world’s most horrible cook and avid knitter! He must have lost all ability to taste as he is the only person alive to enjoy her cooking and he has the sweetest disposition. Anna is once again up to her matchmaking with the grandchildren and this time, Mandy, is the target for Cupid’s (or Anna’s) arrow. The poor unsuspecting fellows are lured to their home with promises of cookies and a knitted potholder and the chance

to win their granddaughter's (Mandy's) hand in marriage. Mandy is not thrilled with the efforts but she loves and respects her dear Mammi so she grudgingly goes along with the many trials, meals, tests, and setups. Felty has hired Noah to do so home repairs while Mandy is there visiting in their home and Mandy is there to cheer her best friend, Kristina, up after having her heart broken by none other than, NOAH! What Mandy never planned on doing happens in the midst of all this turmoil.....she falls in love with Noah. Noah, of all people, the one she never cared for.....grumpy, downcast NOAH!

I have read the entire series in order and I just adore Anna and Felty and the dear unsuspecting victims of their matchmaking efforts! Anna is so cute that everyone loves her, even though her cooking is simply atrocious! She loves knitting potholders, scarves, and sweaters with very bright and vivid colors! Mandy is forced to help her knit the many potholders to give to the parade of young men coming to pursue her own hand in marriage.

This book could be read as a stand alone, but I personally love the feel of growing along with the characters, especially in this series. The characters are interesting, fun, lively, and just feel like some of the readers' very own relatives or friends.

I rated this book 5 stars and am simply thrilled to recommend it to readers. There is lots of humor and romance as well as the tackling of a very big issue. (No spoilers)

I received a free kindle version of this book from netgalley in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are my own.

Gail says

I really enjoyed this book but was very tense regarding what happened between Mandy and Noah - I didn't think they would ever get their relationship healed and get together - I was so impressed how Jennifer Beckstrand, the author, brought about the lesson of humility and how important that is in our life and that we don't have to carry burdens by ourselves. We also learned how important it is to not jump to conclusions, give people a chance to explain and listen to the other side of the story. We can save ourselves a lot of heart ache if we would do that. Great story - I learn a lesson from every book and continue to look forward to the next one.

Audrey says

Not a fair rating since I only read the first chapter or so. I wasn't amused at the idea of having relatives trying to matchmake.

Karen says

I got so aggravated at the best friend's activities and absolute childish behavior, it was hard to finish the book! Overall the story was pretty good, , and I love the Felty's but I will be relieved when this series staggers to an end.

June Jacobs says

MY REVIEW: FIVE STARS * * * * *

The publisher granted me digital access to this book through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review. I received no compensation for reading the book or for posting this review here or on any other site.

I have previously read three of the books from this Amish fiction series called ‘The Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill’. I absolutely adore the delightful core characters in this series! Anna and Felty Helmuth are octogenarian grandparents on a mission to find marriage matches for each of their grandchildren.

Anna and Felty’s antics are hilarious. Felty, called Dawdi by his grandchildren, is known for his humorous renditions of old hymns and songs. He enjoys playing the license plate game when he’s out and about on the road, and he thinks his wife of sixty-four years, Anna, can do no wrong—even when it comes to her crazy cooking adventures.

Anna, called Mammi by her grandchildren, is known for her prolific knitting projects and her poor cooking and baking skills. She makes potholders to give to eligible suitors for her granddaughter, Mandy, in this book. The other girls in the community call the boys with the potholders The Potholder Club.

Anna has decided to find a husband for Mandy (visiting from Ohio) during her four-week summer stay on their farm. Mammi concocts various muscle tests and questionnaires to rate the local young men in an effort to find Mandy the best possible match.

All kidding aside, Mandy and Noah, the main male character in this story, must deal with some serious issues surrounding his father’s alcoholism and Mandy’s take-charge personality. Noah, especially, goes through some heart-wrenching events during the book. The author does an excellent job of guiding her characters through these circumstances in a realistic manner.

The final few chapters of the story are touching and exceptionally well-written. I loved the final chapter—which I won’t spoil for you by revealing its contents. Suffice to say this book provides above average laughter and enjoyment in the Amish fiction genre.

I highly recommend this book to fans of Amish and Christian fiction, clean romance, and humorous fiction. I can’t wait to read the next installment in the series, ‘Huckleberry Hearts’, scheduled for release in December, 2015!

Tina Watson says

Anna and Felty Helmuth are at it again! They’re matchmaking their grown-up granddaughter, Mandy, to a suitable husband.

Mandy’s first day in Bonduel, WI, she is taking care of business for her broken hearted best friend Kristina, by visiting the young man who broken Kristina’s heart. What Mandy does not know is that Noah Mischler will be at her grandparents Helmuth’s house the next morning to switch cooking stoves along with group of young men, who are bachelors.

Noah Mischler is a young handy man in Bonduel area of Wisconsin. He has a secret that he is hiding from the rest of his Amish community, except the bishop and Felty Helmuth who both know what Noah is handling at home.

Will Noah's hidden secret send Mandy running to the other Amish suitors that her grandmother has had her entertaining?

Will Noah learn to trust others and accept help for him and his family?

If you want to be entertained while reading then "Huckleberry Harvest" by Jennifer Beckstrand is the book for you to read and you won't be disappointed. And if you are like me and have not read the whole series, don't be alarmed each book is a stand alone with a few characters over lapping from the previous books before. I plan to read more books by Jennifer Beckstrand in the near future.

I received a free copy of this book through both the author and NetGalley for an honest review. No money was exchanged. This is my honest review in my own words.

J.C. Morrows says

I can not believe I'm late reviewing THIS book! Jennifer - you should smack me.

But seriously... I thought I had already reviewed it. It was only when I went looking for the review that I realized why it wasn't there.

OOPS!

I know I literally say this about every book Jennifer puts out but I seriously think this is my favorite so far!

And... Oh my word how do I write this review without giving anything away...

I don't know how Jennifer does it – I mean she comes up with these wonderful stories that are full of such life and good humor and faith – and there are no two alike!

I especially like the new direction Jennifer took with this one! It's the first time Felty has gotten into the act (I'm not spoiling anything ... it's in the sneak peek in the back of Huckleberry Spring)

One other thing I LOVE about Jennifer is that she is not shy at all about tackling serious issues! She brings them to light and shows her readers just how dangerous these things can be!

AMAZING!

So... not only will Huckleberry Harvest make you laugh, it will make you think. It will also make you

frustrated at how thick-headed some people can be and sigh over how exciting love can be!

In short, it's great, it's humorous, it's exciting, it's REAL!

I did say it's the best one yet right... ? Yes, I thought I did! So, what are you waiting for? GO... get your copy! Don't miss it!!!

And, as usual, I can hardly wait to start the next one! Especially since I read the sneak peek!

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