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"Flower has hit it out of the ballpark with this series and continues to amaze with her knowledge of the Amish way of life."- 4 1/2 stars Top Pick RT Book Reviews about A Plain Disappearance

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A Plain Malice Details

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Mayda says

Tragedy strikes at the Troyer farm when two visitors from a tourist bus fall ill after drinking milk from the farm. Chloe and Timothy know that nothing his father did or didn't do caused the tourists to succumb, but can they prove it? Chloe is pressed into service to continue as the new tour guide, even while she is looking for clues. Being an undercover pseudo-cop fits her nature, and Chloe flourishes in the part. Well-developed and likeable characters in an intriguing plot make this novel in the series a real page-turner.

Beverly says

Trust

The end of a well written story of a young lady trying to find her own way with a fresh start. Chloe had lost her mother and father with different circumstances of life. She takes a job in amish country and her life takes on a spin of changes. She has to learn trust in God and be patient. She also finds herself in a few bizarre situations with life threatening issues. Start on page one book one on a interesting tale of suspense, love , friendship, and trusting in God to deliver her into the safety and arms of love.

D.J. says

Amanda Flower has done it again!

Since I've always considered this novel a gift to my readers, I have decided to donate all of my royalties for the novel that I earn through Thanksgiving Day to charity.

~~ quote from Amanda's personal blog, 9/3/2014

This sequel has garnered quite a lot of attention... what does an author do when her book isn't going to be published as planned?

Did a quirky turn of events slow down the author? Nope! Not for more than a hope and a jump...

That's how long it took for Amanda Flower to decide that this book did need to be published – even if she had to publish it herself – which she did!

And even more spectacular, she is donating her royalties earned from book sales through Thanksgiving Day to charity!

Buy a mystery and help feed a community!

Preorder or purchase any edition of A Plain Malice before Thursday, November 27, 2014, and 100% of Amanda's royalties will go to a local food pantry, The Landing, located in Akron, Ohio. Andrew and Nicole

Flower (Amanda's brother and sister-in-law) manage the Landing in the basement of Akron Christian Reformed Church with a group of dedicated volunteers. The food pantry feeds over sixty families in the church's neighborhood on \$200 per week.

A Plain Malice takes us back to Knox County, where Chloe is knee-deep in murder again!

When an unlikely murder occurs on the Troyer farm, Chloe and Timothy jump right in the middle of it and investigate every possibility... readers of the Appleseed Creek Mystery series will love this sequel... there are twists, turns, unexpected news... and a surprise ending!

I have to admit... whenever I read this series, I'm always hoping that Deacon Sutter is behind the mischief (or murder); he is such a thorn in Chloe's side... not to mention causing trouble for others (the Troyer family quickly comes to mind, not to mention Aaron, his own son). But alas, so far it's just a whim. [**possible spoiler: Deacon Sutter may cause trouble, but so far hasn't murdered anyone.]

If you've been following along with the An Appleseed Creek Mystery series, you'll love this sequel... so don't wait, but go ahead and order yours today!

Alisha says

loved this series, will look for more by this author

Mary Reed says

Great end to a Amish series. I enjoyed the last murder mystery for Chole to solve. She got herself into a few tight situations during the series, but she always helped solve the murders that haunted Appleseed Creek. Loved the ending.

Kara Prem says

In A Plain Malice, a bus full of tourists from the south visit the Troyer farm, and two drop dead from poisoning after drinking milk that Mr. Troyer provides. Of course he's a suspect, and of course the chief has Chloe get involved. She takes over as tour guide since the tour guide was one of those who died. There are plenty of other suspects, as the one thing that Amanda Flower does very well is create just horrid sounding peripheral characters. The plot is a decent one, and I didn't suspect the actual culprit right away, so it was a decent surprise. There were a lot of unresolved side stories in the series, but anyone who is a fan of Chloe and Timothy should be happy with the conclusion. There were some editing errors, but those didn't take away from my enjoyment of the story.

Jacqueline says

Extra 1/2 star

Alyssa White says

This book ended very emotionally for me. I knew what was going on throughout the book and mostly how it was going to end, I just didn't imagine how many of my heart strings it would pull. I'm sad it is the last book in this collection because I enjoyed it quite a bit. Chloe, Greta, Grandpa... they were all great characters.

Kav says

The final book in the Appleseed Creek Mystery series. You don't need to read the other three though in order to enjoy this one. Of course, if you have you'll be thrilled to be back in this lively Amish community among some truly memorable characters. (I squealed when Grandfather Zook showed up on the scene.) Love the combination of cozy mystery in an Amish setting.

We're back inside Chloe's head since this story is told entirely from her first person perspective. And that is definitely an entertaining place to be. As her friend observes, Chloe is "a magnet for dead people." Not the best way to win friends and influence people, especially among boyfriend, Timothy's Amish family. They are having a hard enough time coping with their son's departure from their faith, but now that he has an Englisher girlfriend (with a Nancy Drew flare), all hopes of his return are lost. She's trying to build bridges and clearing Timothy's father as a murder suspect seems a good way to do it. Cue the diabolical laughter and heavy-handed organ music. Da, da, da, da , duuummm....

Murder, mayhem and a crackerjack collection of suspects make this a rollicking read and stupendous conclusion to a stellar cozy mystery series.

Wendy says

BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB

(from Amazon.com)

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MY REVIEW

This has been such a great mystery series I had a hard time putting my kindle down so I could finish this story. I like the way Amanda has the police chief having to ask someone she 'appears' to not care for to help her out. Oh, and she does it in a demanding way that gives the impression, 'you will help me or you'll be sorry with the outcome of this investigation', leaving Chloe no choice so to speak. I would highly recommend this book, this series, to other readers who enjoy Amish stories or mysteries. Great job Amanda!

Crissy says

Love author Amanda Flowers! Appleseed Creek series is excellent! Highly recommend! Looking forward to the next series!

Cathy says

Another one of her books I really did not want to put down & go to bed. The person who i first thought was the killer wasn't. But when Chloe went to the bus to look at some pictures i was like wait i know who it is !! I'm hoping there will be another book to this set. Need to find out how Chloe's and Tim's wedding turns out..All so if Tim's sister get's to know the new neighbor next to her dads farm better...

Dharia Scarab says

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It has earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

Janice says

I read this on the Kindle

This is the 4th & final book in the Appleseed Creek Mystery series

I really enjoy this one & even guess the murderer this time before it was revealed

You have murders plus the Amish side of the story in that you have Becky who is sister to Timothy who is courting Chloe they left the Amish their family are still hoping that they will return to their faith

Grandfather Zook is a great character in this series, & Chloe gets on with him well, in this one Chloe wants to clear Timothy's father of murder when 2 people die which turns out to be poison added to the milk that he has for the tourist who are there for a old fashion milking demonstration (milking by hand)

my only thing was i would have liked the eulogy to have been at the end of the story then the eulogy be a year later so we could have known more about what is happening with the characters as this was the final book

Amanda Flower is a good author & have added her to my wishlist she has other books which are murder mysteries but not Amish setting & i look forward to reading those she also has written under the name Isabella Allan

Maggie Ensminger says

Enjoyed this book series. Great story and well-developed characters.
