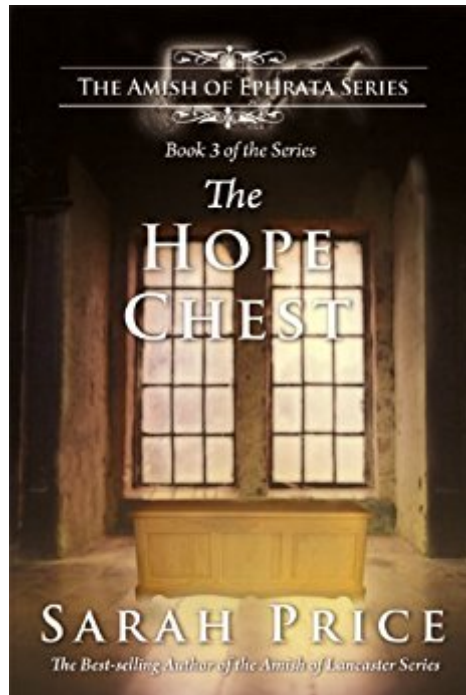


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# The Hope Chest (The Amish Of Ephrata Book 3)



## Synopsis

Book 3 of the The Amish of Ephrata Series. When an accident leaves the local school without a teacher, the bishop asks Priscilla Smucker to fill in for the remainder of the school year. When the community begins to praise Priscilla for her teaching ability, she finds herself receiving unwanted attention from a small group of women. Once again, jealousy turns to bullying against not just Priscilla but Stephen Esh, too. Is it possible to handle such a situation and remain faithful to God's wish to "love thy neighbor"? This Amish novella is a perfect read for young adults and adult readers who love Amish or Christian fiction. Includes discussion questions for book clubs or just private reflection.

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## Customer Reviews

The entire Ephrata series is so refreshing! We live in a world of madness and evil. It is comforting to read of godly women who have morals and are willing to stand up for their beliefs and choose not to air it with the world. I would recommend any of Ms. Price 's books to young women looking to live godly lives. Thank you, Sarah. Keep writing. I'll certainly keep reading.

The Hope Chest is part three of Sarah Price's series involving Priscilla Smucker and her nemesis Susie Byler. Just when Priscilla thinks all is well in her life Susie starts in with her malicious rumors. The bullying is taken to a much higher level and Susie sets her sites not only on Priscilla but also Stephen, Priscilla's beau. That girl just will not play nice! Priscilla will not stoop to her level and call her out on her slander which I think only infuriates Susie more. Over the course of the book you really see a difference in Priscilla. She seems stronger and more confident. I highly recommend The Hope Chest because bullying is a tough subject that needs to be discussed and Sarah does a wonderful job writing Priscilla's story. I can't wait to see what is around the corner for these characters!

Bullying affects all corners of any society. Just when things seem to be calming down, the bully strikes again but, this time, the strike is beyond anything ever done before in the Amish community. The price of bullying is extremely high for the bully and her family. The possible reason for such self-loathing is revealed and certainly brings more questions to mind. I strongly recommend this book for anyone who has ever suffered at the hands of a bully, was a witness to bullying or knew someone who was bullied.

This is a beautiful story of how a young woman learns how to appreciate the treasure of a Hope Chest for her upcoming marriage, and how family means so much in the process of young people growing towards adulthood. The challenges faced by the couple, their families, and the community as a result of a jealous woman in their church family create difficult dilemmas, but the characters find ways to find to meet those challenges. I love learning more about the peaceful ways of the Amish people, and appreciate their strong family devotion and commitment.

Once again Sarah Price has captured my heart with another story of Priscilla. Priscilla learns through her being bullied by another young Amish woman that her faith in God, her family, fiancée and friends she could endure most anything. Also with all this gossip about her she learns to pray for this other young woman. Priscilla finds God is faithful in exposing the truth to her community.

I really enjoyed this book. I can't explain my interest in the way the Amish live, other than the fact of how they live so closely with families and their religion. Anxious to read the next book. Will it take up where this left off or begin a new story? I am disappointed that most all are such short stories. I like

to feel I get my moneies worth and this was so good I wanted it to go on. Thank you Mrs. Price, I'm waiting for more. I believed I'll go shopping!

This was a very good book and end to this series. Was hoping this book wouldn't be the last one. Would have liked to read more of Stephen and Priscilla's lives and read that Susie Byler had made piece with herself and the people in the community that she had wronged.

With her deep belief, Priscilla turned her problems over to the Lord and continued with her life. By ignoring the constant harassment from Susie and continuing on with her life, she was able to move on and plan her future.

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