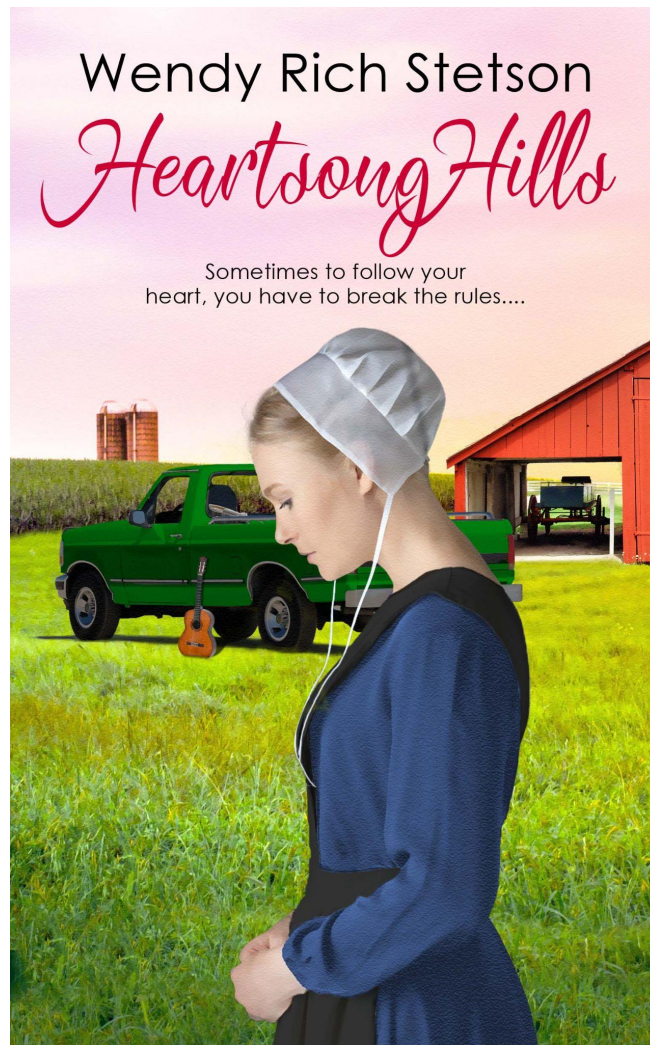


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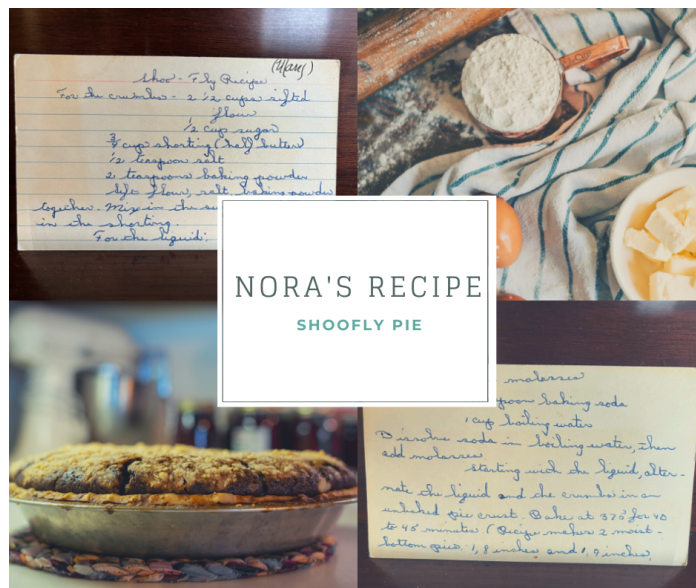
A BOOK CLUB GUIDE



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Nora shares that as a girl, she never dreamed of violating the laws of Amish culture. As *Heartsong Hills* progresses, she finds herself breaking more and more rules. Is she wrong to do so? Or are rules really made to be broken?
2. Nora expresses frustration over the behavior of her English customers and neighbors, who she feels are selfish and believe the world is theirs for the taking. Are her views about modern American culture accurate?
3. After decorating the Christmas Tree, Nora looks at all the empty boxes and tissue paper and comments that, “English Christmas sure is messy.” Hank replies, “Don’t be afraid of messiness, Nora. Messiness is where the good stuff lives.” What do you think he means?
4. At the end of the book, Tucker joins the Amish community, giving up his career and everything he’s ever known. In addition to love, what does Tucker gain with this choice? Is his decision believable? Why or why not?
5. Could you forsake modern conveniences for love? What would you miss most if you decided to become Amish? What would you gain in return?
6. Nora’s story is in many ways a journey to forgiveness. Who does she most need to forgive? Do you believe forgiveness heals? How?

A RECIPE FROM *HEARTSONG HILLS*



NORA'S RECIPE
SHOOFLY PIE

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Makes 2 moist bottom pies, one 8" and one 9"

For the crumble:

2 ½ cups sifted flour

½ cup sugar

¾ cup shortening (half butter)

½ tsp salt

2 tsp baking powder

Sift flour, salt, and baking powder together. Mix in the sugar and cut in the shortening until crumbs form.

For the liquid:

1 cup molasses

1 tsp baking soda

1 cup boiling water

Dissolve baking soda in boiling water, then add molasses.

Starting with the liquid, alternate pouring liquid and crumbs in an unbaked pie crust.

Bake at 375 degrees for approximately 40 minutes until filling is just set (with a little wiggle) and crumbs are lightly brown.

***HEARTSONG HILLS* PLAYLIST**

“Shut Up and Dance” by Walk the Moon

“Slow Dance in a Parking Lot” by Jordan Davis

“I Get to Love You” by Ruelle

“Anti-Hero” by Taylor Swift

“Little Bit More” by Suriel Hess

“This Love” by Taylor Swift

“Glittery” by Kacey Musgraves

“This One’s for You” by Luke Combs

“Ghost” by Justin Bieber

“Where the Adventure Begins” by Tim Halperin

“Your Smiling Face” by James Taylor

“Slow Dance” by AJ Mitchell and Ava Max

“Dancin in the Country” by Tyler Hubbard

“I’m Yours” by Brent Anderson

“I Don’t Know About You” by Chris Lane

“Prayed for You” by Matt Snell

Listen to the playlist on Spotify

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3ycQDmukKuHdpyuMuAtZGs?si=473176ee97054ed8>



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMISH

The following are some wonderful resources to deepen your knowledge of Amish life and culture

To Read: [Amish Women](#) by Louise Stoltzfus

To Listen: [What I Learned from the Amish Podcast](#) by Donald Kraybill

To Watch: [The Amish](#) by PBS American Experience

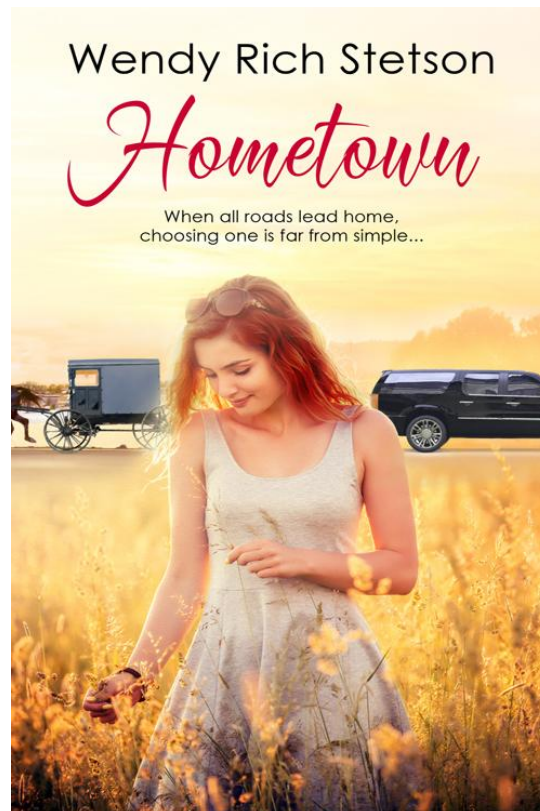


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