



## Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center

### Books & Videos

#### Children's Books:

***Amish Cooking for Kids: For 6- to 12-Year-Old Cooks***, by Phyllis Pellman Good, Kate Good and Rebecca Good. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 1999.) 96 pages; color illustrations. Offers delicious and basic recipes, clearly outlined in easy-to-follow steps. Each recipe is tied to a particular event or occasion in Amish life: Wedding Food, The School Picnic, Sunday Lunch, Lunch Pail Meals, Family Reunions, and more. Includes information cooking and these particular people through stories and delicate watercolors. Paper, \$9.95. Ages: 6-12.

***Amos and Susie***, by Merle Good. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 1993.) 24 pages; color illustrations. Rhymed couplets follow two Amish children through the 12 months of the year. Children will love to follow the activities of the two youngsters through the colorful pages of this charming book: ice skating on a frozen winter pond; visiting a new baby, canning peaches in the summer, baling hay and going to school. Ages 3-6. Paper, \$4.95; hardcover, \$12.95.

***Henner's Lydia***, by Marguerite de Angeli. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1998.) 74 pages; illustrated. Lydia, a young Amish girl, lives on a farm near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. All summer long she has worked on a small hooked mat, her first piece that must be finished before she can go to market with her father. In spite of her best efforts, Lydia is much more interested in the wagon coming down the road; in the stories Granny tells, in stopping cousin Lavina's, who is making apple butter; in holding the new baby at cousin Kate's; and even in chasing Nate's run-away pig. Winner of 1999 Silver Angel Award from Excellence in Media. Ages 4-9. Paper, \$14.99.

***Rachel, a Hutterite Girl***, by Rachel Maendel. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1999.) 48 pages; illustrated. Rachel and her cousin, growing up on a Hutterite farm colony, find goose eggs hidden in the rushes by the river. Rachel borrows a broody hen from the colony's chicken barn, and her father helps her build a nest box. When the eggs finally hatch, everyone laughs to see the big geese following the little Amama hen. But the geese are always getting in trouble. One morning the worst happens, and Rachel finds them dead. But wait! Are they really gone? There's a surprise twist to the end of this story. Winner of 2000 Silver Angel Award from Excellence in Media. Ages 4-9. Paper, \$12.99.

***Reuben and the Blizzard***, by Merle Good and P. Buckley Moss, Artist. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 1995.) 32 pages; four-color artwork. When the biggest blizzard in years sweeps across their farm, Reuben and his five sisters, his parents and his grandfather all face new adventures and challenges. Reuben is worried about the five new pups. But the loss of electricity doesn't affect his family (since they've never had any). And when their neighbor man can't get his car out to take his wife to the hospital, Reuben and his father come to the rescue with their sleigh. Ages 4-8. Hardcover, \$14.95.

***Reuben and the Fire***, by Merle Good and P. Buckley Moss, Artist. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 1993.) 32 pages; four-color artwork. Reuben is an Amish boy who has five sisters, wants to drive the buggy and gives his animals names ending in Ashine. One day he and his friends Sam and Ben see his neighbor's barn on fire. Several days later the neighborhood gathers for a barnraising. Reuben and his friends get to participate in the community event. Ages 4-8. Hardcover, \$14.95. Teacher's Guide: 24 pages, \$3.95.

***Reuben and the Quilt***, by Merle Good and P. Buckley Moss, Artist. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 1999.) Reuben was ducking strawberries in the truck patch when his dad got the idea about making a quilt. The whole family would help (even Sadie, who threw the plump red berries). They would make it as beautiful as possible. Then they would sell it at the auction to raise money for an operation needed by their neighbor on the next farm. But the colorful Log Cabin quilt disappears before they have a chance to give it away. The hearty Amish family faces a new adventure! Ages 4-8. Hardcover, \$16.00.

***Reuben and the Balloon***, by Merle Good and P. Buckley Moss, Artist. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 2008.) Reuben loves to watch hot air balloons glide over his Amish farm. But he never imagined that a balloon might actually land in a nearby field. Adventure comes his way when Reuben is invited to come along for a balloon ride over the countryside. Ages 4-8. Hardcover, \$16.95.

***School Days With the Millers***, by Mildred A. Miller. (Mifflin, Pa.: Green Pastures Press, 1995). 160 pages; illustrated. A set of stories that apply Biblical truths to everyday living. Children enjoy and learn from this true-to-life, character-building set of 24 stories. Ages 6-12. Paper, \$6.95.

**Test of Faith; The Jacob Hostetler Story**, by Vera Overholt. (Sarasota, Fla.: Christian Hymnary Publishers, 2007.) The heroic true story of a pioneer Amish family during the French and Indian War. A family living on the frontier in Eastern Pennsylvania was attacked in a raid in 1757. True to their principles, the family refused to allow their excellent marksmen sons to defend them against the Indian attack. Illustrated with pencil sketches and color plates. Ages 6-12. Hardcover, \$17.99.

**Thee Hannah!** by Marguerite de Angeli. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2000). 112 pages; illustrated. Catch a glimpse of pre-Civil War Quaker life as Hannah and her family go to meeting and to market, host a gathering of Friends, and enjoy ice skating and other pastimes. It seems that nine-year-old Hannah is always getting into scrapes. She finds it so hard to wear a plain bonnet that pinches her ears, and plain dress with no lace! Hannah yearns for the flowered bonnets and hoop skirts her friend Cecily wears and often sneaks away to Adress up.@ Will Hannah ever understand the value of plain dress and learn to be contented as a Friend? Find out in this picture storybook. Ages 7-11. Paper, \$15.99.

**Yonie Wondernose**, by Marguerite de Angeli. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1997.) 48 pages; illustrated. Seven-year-old Yonie is a Awondernose@ because he can't keep his nose out of anything, especially kettles cooking on the stove. It seems that his nose is always getting him into trouble. When his parents go away overnight, he's left as the man of the house and promised a special reward if he can keep himself and the farm out of trouble. But that night a bad storm brings trouble C the kind that not even a full-grown man could handle easily. A Caldecott Honor Book. Ages 7-11. Paper, \$14.99.

## Books for Older Readers & Adults:

**Amish Children**, by Phyllis Pellman Good; photos by Jerry Irwin. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 2000.) 153 pages; color photographs set in Pennsylvania. What is like to be an Amish child? Unforgettable photos show children flourishing within the Amish community and at activities such as barnraising, schools, fishing expedition, hosing down the buggy, pitching watermelons. Good provides interpretive text on topics of children and family life. Paper, \$19.95.

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**Amish School Hostage Shooting: On Monday morning, October 2, 2006**, a lone gunman burst into the one-room school in Nickel Mines, Pa. In front of 25 pupils, the intruder ordered the boys and the teacher to leave. After tying the legs the 10 remaining girls, the gunman prepared to shoot them execution-style. The oldest hostage begged him to "shoot me first and let the little ones go." He refused her offer and opened fire on all of them, killing five and leaving others critically wounded. He then shot himself as police stormed the school building.

### **Three titles that deal with the tragic events and how the community dealt with the experience:**

**Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy**, by Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt, David Weaver-Zercher. (Somerset, N.J.: Jossey-Bass/Wiley, 2007.) Explores the many questions raised by the story of the 2006 shooting. Addresses the religious beliefs and habits that led the Amish to forgive so quickly. The surprising act of forgiveness begs for deeper exploration. Addresses question from perspective of sociologists involved in the communication with the Amish community in the midst of tragedy. Hardcover, 256 pages, \$24.95.

**Forgiveness: A legacy of the West Nickel Mines Amish School**, by John L. Ruth. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2007.) Mennonite minister, author and film-maker John Ruth presents a thoughtful meditation on the horrific events that called out expressions of shock and sympathy worldwide. Considers the extraordinary forgiveness offered by the Amish community in the midst of their grief. 151 pages, paper, \$10.99.

**The Happening; Nickel Mines School Tragedy**, by Harvey Yoder. (Berlin, Ohio: TGS International, 2007.) A recounting of the tragic events and how the families dealt with them. The story is told through the eyes of an imaginary character, who is a compilation of the survivors. Although based on actual research into the true events, the character and her feelings and emotions are fictitious. Photos, 170 pages, \$11.99.

**The Amish School**, by Sara E. Fisher and Rachel K. Stahl. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 1997.) 96 pages; 60 black & white photos. The Old Order Amish believe that school prepares children for the Amish way of life, for the responsibilities of adulthood and for eternity. Most communities conduct their own schools, usually taught by Amish teachers. Sara E. Fisher, and Old Order Amish woman, taught a one-room school for seven years. This is her fascinating insider's view of a typical Amish school. Includes A Diary of an Amish Schoolgirl.@ Revised edition. Paper, \$6.95.

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***Driving the Amish***, by Jim Butterfield. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1997.) 112 pages, photographs. Simplicity! Eighteen chapters tell how the Amish trim birth costs, raise their children, plow with horses, build a barn, buy a new buggy, cool food, choose a bishop, observe communion, teach eight grades at once, marry for life, pay for a farm, butcher hogs, and welcome in the New Year. Come along with the author as he takes Amish folks on typical drives across Ohio's large Amish Country. Share their neighborly life, closeness to nature, sustainable homesteads, good humor, and peaceful outlook. Winner of 1998 Silver Angel Award from Excellence in Media. Paper, \$14.99.

***House Calls and Hitching Posts***; Stories from Dr. Elton Lehman's career among the Amish, as told to Dorcas Sharp Hoover. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, 2004.) Medical technology meets rural values of simplicity, home health remedies and unwavering faith in divine providence. Author captures the joys and dilemmas of a family practitioner among a rural, predominantly-Amish community. Dr. Elton Lehman's 56-year career of medicine earned him the Country Doctor of the Year award. 358 pages, paper, \$11.95. (Also available as audio book, approx. 6 hours. \$29.95.)

***A History of the Amish***, by Steven Nolt. (Intercourse, Pa.: Good Books, revised 2003.) 380 pages; photos, illustrations. This book brings together for the first time in one volume a thorough history of the Amish people. Presents the history of the Amish since 1525. Paper, \$9.95.

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***Our People, The Amish and Mennonites of Ohio***, by Levi Miller. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, third edition 2004) 64 pages; color photos. Who are the Amish? The Mennonites? Why do they think, believe and live as they do? Why horses and buggies instead of cars? Why the plain clothing? Miller answers such questions often asked about the Amish and Mennonites. He looks at their common roots within the Anabaptist tradition and explores their differences as well as the similarities. Persons interested in visiting Amish and Mennonite areas in Ohio will appreciate the guide to specific communities and activities listed here. Paper, \$8.99.

***On the Backroad to Heaven: Old Order Hutterites, Mennonites, Amish, and Brethren***, by Donald B. Kraybill and Carl Bowman. (Baltimore, Md.: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.) A unique guidebook to the world of Old Order Anabaptist groups. Provides an overview of their culture, growth, and distinctive ways of life. The authors show how each uses different strategies to create and sustain its identity. Annotated, indexed. Illustrated with line drawings, photos; 331 pages, \$20.95

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***Who Are the Anabaptists?*** by Donald B. Kraybill. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2003.) Short sketches to review the heritage, social settings and faith communities of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites and Mennonites. Introduces reader to the four church families, distinctive practices and beliefs. Author is distinguished sociologist and authority on these religious cultures and communities in North America. Color photos, 48 pages, paper, \$8.99.

***The Amish; Why They Enchant Us***, by Donald B. Kraybill. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2003.) Author reviews the values embodied in the Amish home and community and describes their growth, diversity, heritage and social practices. Color photos; 48 pages, paper, \$8.99.

## Videos

**1. Video: *The Amish: How They Survive*** (2005, 49 mins.) DVD \$19.95; VHS, \$10.00.

How do the Amish maintain a lifestyle rooted in the past? How do they survive in a society that is ever more complicated and dependent upon technology? Have you ever wanted an inside look at Ohio Amish life and culture? Award-winning filmmaker Burton Buller attempts to answer these questions as he provides an unprecedented look into the lives of the Amish of Holmes County, Ohio, home of the world's largest Amish settlement. Listen as members of the Amish community talk openly about their faith and lifestyle. You will discover how rapid growth and economic pressures threaten their community.

**2. Video: *Amish Values & Virtues .... Plain & Simple*** (1997, 60 mins.) \$19.95

Faith, persistence, self-responsibility, charity, honesty, friendship C these are the 'Values and Virtues' held dearly and practiced by the Amish. Researchers say the Amish are the happiest group in America. Has our fast-paced, technologically advanced, information age left many of us unfulfilled and unhappy? Do the ways of the Amish offer insights and examples for our contemporary society?

The Amish illustrate a way of life that is outwardly simple, yet inwardly rich. By witnessing their simple tenets of voluntary simplicity you too will learn what it's like to live 'plain and simple'.

**3. Video: *An Amish Barn Raising*** (55 mins.) \$19.95

The thrill of watching several hundred Amish men working side-by-side with their friends and neighbors is hard to put into words. They accomplish in a day what would normally take a week! The Amish call a barn raising a frolic. The English definition of frolic is to behave playfully, to engage in merrymaking. Merrymaking is to participate in a festive celebration. That's what an Amish barn raising looks like C a festive celebration.

This video contains extraordinary footage of not merely barn construction but also the history, scenery and detail of many Amish farmsteads. Plus several musical selections that enhance the mood and emotion of the entire experience.

**4. Video: *The Hutterites: To Care and Not to Care*** (1984, 58 mins.) \$19.95

While other utopian societies die, the Hutterites have grown in North America to 30,000 people, living in over 300 self-sufficient villages. They are a society where faithfulness to Christ's teachings is more important than self-advancement or worldly comforts. By yielding themselves completely to community, the Hutterites have rid themselves of poverty, homicide and anxiety about the future.

Surviving incredible harassment from those around them, they have lived strict communal lives based on the teachings of the Bible. In their schools they continue to teach their children eternal values, in German, despite government regulation of education.

**5. Video: *The Amish, Mennonite & Hutterite Story as Presented through Behalt*** (1998, 60 mins.) \$19.95

In the beautiful rolling hills of Holmes County is the largest Amish settlement in the world. The lifestyle of the Amish is serene, peaceful and unaffected. In the midst of this pastoral simplicity stands Behalt, an exquisite work of art in the form of a circular mural. At its inauguration in 1992, Congressman Ralph Regula proclaimed it a new national landmark. This 265-foot wide and 10 feet high masterpiece, researched and painted by Heinz Gaugel, depicts the history of the Anabaptists from the resurrection to the present in a unique and impressive manner. Behalt has enriched thousands of visitors from all over the world. @ Available as DVD, \$24.95.

**6. Brochures: *Who Are the Amish?/ Who Are the Mennonites?*** \$ .35 each.

Short brochures published by the Amish and Mennonites discuss the essential characteristics of the respective groups.

**7. Book: *America's Amish Country II; Revisiting America's Amish Country***, C by Doyle Yoder and Leslie Kelly, professional photographers (2000, 138 pages of text and color photos) \$24.95

Many Americans ... commonly believe that the majority of the Amish are concentrated in and around Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where they first settled in the United States about 1720. While Lancaster remains home to the second largest group, there are major settlements in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, and New York. The largest group is located among the hills and valleys of Holmes County, Ohio.

Because of their strongly held religious beliefs, they have elected to live as close to their founding principles as possible while resisting many aspects of technology so common to the modern world. The Amish have not rejected modern society and its comforts but instead have chosen their conservative way of life with its simple conveniences.

**8. Book: *HOLMESPUN: An Intimate Portrait of an Amish and Mennonite Community***, by Amanda Lumry & Loren Wengerd, professional photographers; text by Laura Hurwitz (Bellevue, Wash.: Eaglemont Press, 2002). 174 pages of color photos and text, \$14.95. Through intimate interview and candid photography, Holmespun delves into the heart and soul of the community of Holmes County, Ohio, home of the world's largest community of Amish and Mennonites. From watching a thousand men raise a barn to sitting with a Mennonite woman as she stitches a quilt to life, a common thread emerges. Whether on a grand or small scale, the Amish/Mennonite community believes that one's life should be dedicated to God and helping others.

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**Quiet Shouts, Stories of Lancaster Mennonite Women Leaders**, by Louise Stoltzfus. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1999. 247 pages.) Lyrically tells the moving and sometimes haunting stories of 20th century Lancaster Mennonite women who amid constraints nevertheless found ways to share leadership gifts. Reflects the experiences of women in many other Mennonite communities as well as other Christian denominations. \$12.95

**Real People; Amish and Mennonites in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**, by A. Martha Denlinger. (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1993. 89 pages.) Explains the beliefs and practices of both the Amish and Mennonites in Lancaster County, Pa. Answers many of the questions visitors to Amish country ask. \$6.99

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