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Volume one of the new and exciting Mountain Lake series. In this tale, the life of Samantha OBrien, a young woman running from an abusive past, intersects that of the Klaassen family of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. The loving acceptance extended to her turns her world upsidedown as she learns, through them, that God doesn't care where she's been; He loves her exactly where she is. Samantha, by virtue of her fractured childhood, sees herself as less than lovable, and it is a hard battle for her to accept that love. But when it does, it's as if a rainbow bursts through Samantha's seeking heart.

## **A Seeking Heart Details**

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## Becky Fenn says

The beginning of this book grabbed my attention but then the pace got slow in my opinion. This happened many times during this book. I'm glad I read it but I probably won't be on my re read list. I loved the characters in this book. Adam & Samantha were both like able characters. I just wish they had more scenes together. I guess I wanted more romance.

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## Margaret Makewell says

Loved this book and couldn't wait to get to part 2. A page turner.

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## Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

*“A rich, heartwarming story about discovering God's love, acceptance, and healing--for even the most damaged hearts. It's 1917, and Samantha O'Brien, seventeen years old, runs away from Wisconsin to Minnesota to escape a drunkard father and broken home. She is accepted with open arms into the Klaassen family, German-Mennonites who show both love and patience to this lonely and defensive girl. Samantha's fractured childhood and its devastating losses make it very difficult for her to accept the Klaassen's genuine care and concern, because she's sure nobody can love the likes of her. But with prayer, time and love, the family--including the young and handsome Adam Klaassen--begins to break through Samantha's walls.”*

Series: Book #1 in the “Mountain Lake Minnesota Trilogy”.

Spiritual Content- Scriptures are quoted, mentioned, read, & talked about; Bible reading; Many Prayers; Church going & sermons; Witnessing & Being witnessed to; Many Talks about God, Jesus, His love, & prayers; ‘H’s are not capital when referring to God; Mentions of God & wanting to witness to someone; Mentions of prayers, praying, & blessings over food; Mentions of Bibles, Bible reading, & Scriptures; Mentions of those & events in the Bible; Mentions of churches, church going, ministers, services, sermons, & hymns; Mentions of (Christians) Mennonites & their beliefs; A few mentions of blessings & being blessed; A couple mentions of sins;

\*Note: A mention of an evil grin.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a ‘what in tarnation’, four forms of ‘darn’, seven forms of ‘dumb’; Mentions of curses (said, not written); A bit of eye rolling; Seeing a dead body (boarder-line barely-above-not-detailed // semi-detailed); Hitting, being hit, & fighting; (up to semi-detailed); Being hit/beaten, pain, & tasting blood (up to semi-detailed); Samantha ran away from home; Samantha attempts to steal some food (but it doesn’t work); Many mentions of Samantha’s drunk father & his rages (it’s said that he would



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**Laura Michelle says**

I really loved the story of Samantha. I found her relateable and I loved how the Klassen family shows her the love God has for all who seek Him. I can't wait to read the second book in the series.

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**April Suter says**

Samantha is running away north from her abusive father in the early 1900's. She ends up in Mountain Lake, Minnesota pretending to be a boy until she tries to snatch some food from Uncle Hiram's store and is tackled by Adam. He takes her home to his family and she learns how a family can be loving and kind but does she really deserve it? So does she stay and help the family or does she move on?

274 pages

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**Sara says**

What a beautiful book!! I absolutely loved it!!!

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**Arnetta says**

I loved it. It's a great story of how a person's life can be transformed by meeting new people who are willing to accept, love and forgive.

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**Christal says**

Lovely story about a runaway girl meeting a Mennonite family in Minnesota, really enjoyed the familiar cultural references.

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**Lynne Young says**

This title was originally released in 2002 but I had never read it or any of the books in the series. I loved this book from the first page. It grabbed my attention and held it all the way through the book.

16 year old Samantha O'Brien, in an effort to escape an abusive home life, finds herself in Mountain Lake, Minnesota using the name Frances Welch and reluctantly becoming part of a family that not only shows love but gives love. Can Samantha learn to love from these people? Can she learn to trust and forgive?

Ms. Sawyer has never disappointed in writing an engaging, emotional, page turning, faith filled book. This book has all the elements - a young girl in trouble, a loving family, lots of emotional conflict, grace, forgiveness and faith.

I cannot wait to read the other two books in the Mountain Lake, Minnesota Trilogy. This book, while complete and stand alone, left me wanting to know more about the people of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. They are funny, compassionate, loving, faith filled (well most of them) and interesting people.

You will not be disappointed in this book! I highly recommend it!

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### **Darlene Wilson says**

Samantha O'Brien - 17 - escaped a terrible home situation - hitched rides to Mountain Lake, Minnesota - disguised as a boy. She finds herself with the Klaassen family - whose concern for her is genuine and lasting. Can anyone really love her - break down the walls she's built around herself?

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### **Margaret Makewell says**

I loved this book by Kim Vogel Sawyer who as usual writes a good tale that you don't want to put down.

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### **Jan says**

Not an indictment of the writer; I have enjoyed other books by this author. Though I certainly uphold Christian values and a simplistic lifestyle in any people cannot relate to the way of life depicted here.

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