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Rachel Beachy wants something she can't have-her sister Anna's boyfriend. Silas Swartley has been in love with Anna since they were children, and Rachel has loved Silas nearly as long. Rachel feels that her swiftly moving days are spent without hope, but when Anna unexpectedly leaves the Amish faith, Rachel's hope is rekindled. She begins filling her hope chest as she initiates a campaign to win Silas's heart. Can Silas set the pain of Anna's rejection aside and see Rachel as anything more than a child? Will Rachel be disappointed in Silas and in God, or will she learn the true meaning of hope? The Hope Chest is book 4 in the Brides of Lancaster County series. Other books in the series include A Merry Heart: Book 1, Looking for a Miracle: Book 2, Plain and Fancy: Book 3.

The Hope Chest Details

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Lynne Kravitt says

Great Book.

Pelican Rapids says

Very sad story but a happy ending.

Lynn Grier says

Brides of Lancaster County is a wonderful series. I have read books 2-4, somehow I missed the first book which I will read. I can not get enough of Wanda. Her books are amazing and can't get enough. This series is a keeper and to be read many times over.

Mom says

Amish life is interesting - I think it would be very hard to be shunned by your family and for the family to have to shun one of their own.

Sandy Duke says

This was a nice read, but kind of had an abrupt ending. I don't know if it was just me, but the last quarter of the book had me in tears so keep your tissues handy.

Abby says

no review yet :)

Shirley Dolin Snider says

Was saddened to realize the oldest daughter remained English and didn't return to her Amish upbringing. Great storyline, had me till the very last page.

Lennine says

Excellent.

Janet C says

#4 Brides of Lancaster.

Enjoyed this 4 book series. Rachel Beachy has been in love with Silas for many years. Silas was in love with her older sister Anna. Anna decided to marry Reuban and they leave the Amish life. This book was interesting because it explores how the family feels when a child decides to embrace the English life. It also shows how generations leave legacy's by tying the 4th book with the first in the series.

For thou art my hope, oh God: thou art my trust from my youth. Psalm 71:5

Tina says

Such and enjoyable story, I always learn something new about the Amish way of life when I read these stories. I highly recommend this to anyone who enjoys an easy read Amish romance.

Patricia Marvin Hilfiker says

Another great book. I loved the book and am sorry that this is the last of this series. When you finish reading one of Wanda's books you can't wait to start the next. Can't wait to start another series.

Gabrielle says

Rachel Beachy is in love with her sister Anna's boyfriend. Anna doesn't pay Silas any attention and doesn't act like she cares that he likes her. Rachel has fallen in love with the sweet Silas and doesn't know if she should tell her sister how she feels or not. When Anna tells everyone a secret she has been keeping the Amish community is flipped upside down and so is Rachel and her family. Anna decides to leave her Amish faith behind after secretly getting married. Now forced with the harsh reality of Anna leaving, Rachel now is alone and beginning to think more and more about the man Anna left behind. I enjoyed this book and I thought the characters came together nicely. If you enjoyed any others from the series then you will not be disappointed.

Joseph Bradley says

the series continues...not much new in plot

Louise E. says

Good story. I feel a little disappointed in this author. So much detail in her stories. But, when the end comes...it's blunt.

Lin says

I found the book very well written, I really felt the emotions of the family members, not just the main character Rachel. The scene where she found her father took me right into Rachael's panic. The fact that Anna gave Rachel her hope chest when she left and Rachel didn't open it, showed how much Rachael was convinced Anna would change her mind. I love reading about such a pure way of living, the Amish have a special reverence for living the way we all should. The scene on the back porch with Rachel and Anna caught my heart with theirs.
