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Faith LARGE PRINT (The Amish Buggy Horse) (Volume 1)



Synopsis

Faith LARGE PRINT – Amish Romance – Book 1 of the Best-selling Amish Buggy Horse series. – For years, Nettie looked after her aged mother Elma, a demanding woman who did not want any involvement with the community. Now that her mother has died, Nettie is alone. She is regarded with suspicion by the local townspeople, and has had no visitors from her community for some years. Nettie's buggy horse has gone lame and has had to be retired, but Nettie cannot afford a new horse. Just as Nettie is despairing about not having any means of transport, a lost horse appears in her driveway, bringing with him far-reaching consequences. Daniel Glick is drawn to the lonely figure of Nettie, but Nettie wants to be left alone. However, when Jebediah Sprinkler tries to force Nettie to hand over her house, Daniel springs to the rescue. As Nettie's struggles mount, she has to decide whether to take the law into her own hands. And what will Daniel do when he discovers the secret that Nettie is hiding from him?

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Customer Reviews

Ruth Hartzler's father was from generations of what people refer to as "Closed Open" or "Gospel Hall" Brethren. Ruth's mother, a Southern Baptist, had years of struggle adapting to the cultural differences, and always cut her hair, which was a continual concern to Ruth's father's family. Ruth was raised strictly Brethren and from birth attended three meetings every Sunday at the Gospel Hall, the Wednesday night meeting, and the yearly "Conference," until she left the Brethren at the age of twenty one. Ruth still has close friends in the Brethren, as well as the

Amish, both groups having many similarities. Ruth's family had electricity, but not television, radio, or magazines, and they had plain cars. Make up, bright or fashionable clothes, and hair cutting were not permitted for women. Women had to wear hats in meetings (what others would call church meetings) but not elsewhere. The word "church" was never used and there were no bishops or ministers. All baptized men were able to speak (preach, or give out a hymn) spontaneously at meetings. Musical instruments were forbidden, with the exception of the traditional pump organ which was allowed only if played in the home for hymn music. Even so, singing of hymns in accompaniment was forbidden. Ruth Hartzler is a widow with one adult child and two grandchildren. She lives alone with her Yorkshire Terrier and two cats. She is a retired middle school teacher and enjoys quilting, reading, and writing.

I liked this book a lot. Nettie is a sweet girl who has been held a hostage from the world around her and any neighbor connections. Her Mother controlled Nettie until the Mother died. But even then, Nettie was so shy and nervous of speaking to people that she was hesitant to go out. But a surprise meeting with a strange horse named Blessing, soon changed her life. For Blessing led Nettie to meeting Daniel and his family. She found friendship and acceptance and strength to defy the sudden appearance of a man whom her Mother tried to force her to marry. He claimed he had inherited her farm. But, Daniel and his family's support helped her to overcome her fears and she defied any threats. And all the while, Blessing was proving he was a very talented horse. His story will continue in the next book in the series

Nettie was my hero as I read this book. She is so strong yet as delicate and fragile as can be. She has that pure heart, a calm and gentle spirit, she is not perfect and finds out about the true love of God and about forgiveness. I love this author very much.. highly recommended

Another great book by Ruth Hartzler! I couldn't put it down once I started reading it. Definitely going to continue reading the series!

This was a very good book. I enjoyed it very much. The end came far too soon! The book was well written. This was short, but I, as the reader, never felt it was rushed. I liked how Nettie's faith was very genuine.

Short story of Amish woman who is shocked to discover her recently deceased mother left her the

farm but no money, then discovers a second will with strange conditions.

An Amish Cinderella with a wicked mother who tries to protect her from the world breaks free from her home farm prison and acclimates to the outside world with dizzying speed. There's a wicked villain who almost convinces her to go against her principles. There's a handsome neighbor who has never yet met the girl he wants to marry but decides to marry this one in a couple chapters. And it all ends well, we assume. This story does not end with all the loose ends neatly tied. It's a short quick read with few surprises.

This was different than most Amish romances I have read previously. In some areas of the book, the Amish terms get a bit distracting.

A short story, that had a lot of heart. Could feel what it must have been like to have freedom at last. Not knowing what was going to happen to her, one could imagine what that would be like. Mystery, that was solved, ending was sweet, and "Oh, I am so glad," it turned out like that.

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