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The Betrayal and *The Sacrifice*

In *The Betrayal*, Leah Ebersol and her beloved Jonas Mast are separated by hundreds of miles when he accepts an apprenticeship in Ohio. They are confident their love is strong enough to survive, but more than time and distance are conspiring to keep them apart.

In *The Sacrifice*, Leah Ebersol has no choice but to believe the worst: Her older sister, Sadie--and Leah's own beloved Jonas--have betrayed her. Now, two years later, Leah still misses them both, though loyal neighbor Gid continues to bide his time. But when tragedy befalls the Ebersols, Leah must make a difficult choice.

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Pat Bettis says

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Lola says

Book 2 of Abram's Daughters...

Leah and Jonas have set their wedding date. Then Jonas is offered an internship in carpentry but it means he'd have to be gone away for several months. The two agree that he should take the opportunity & plan to keep their love alive by letters. Jonas will return in 3 months to be baptized with Leah. Unbeknownst to them, it was Leah's father who set up the internship, hoping the time apart would break them apart & she'd be free for Gid to have a chance to court her.

Leah made it possible for her sister, Sadie, to go also so she would have a chance to get away & get herself together. Leah didn't know that Sadie had no plans to return home & consequently she would be shunned.

Due to misunderstandings & interference by others, Leah & Jonas have a major falling out. Their relationship is over. There will be no wedding. Meanwhile, Sadie is setting her hooks to entice her sister's man, Jonas. Also, Leah is finally told that her real mother is her Aunt Lizzie who had her when she was young & unmarried. All her life she was raised by her mother who was really her aunt.

I was ready to throw this book at one point because I didn't like the way the story was going and how Leah was betrayed. But, all of the author's books have been good ones.

Now onto Book 3!

Maren says

My pet peeve is lack of communication and misunderstandings...and that's what this book deals a lot with. Because of this, I found myself angry and on edge when I was reading it (If only one thing was said differently or a question was just asked instead of assuming, things would have turned out so differently!!) I was also disappointed with the lack of closure at the end of the book (I think this one had even less closure than the first in the series.) But even with all of these complaints I am already reading book three! It's a compelling series...I just hope I have some closure by the end of book #5!

Beth Pearson says

The Betrayal is #2 in the Abram's Daughters series about an Amish family in Pennsylvania. You should

definitely read #1, The Covenant, first. In the beginning of the book, my heart ached for Sadie's pain and depression while it soared with Leah and Jonas's love. There are several lines to this story that are hinted at but not explained or really explored. So much Betrayal in this book.....Sadie, Abram, Leah and others each have a part. I was frustrated and annoyed in this story but was compelled to keep reading.

Julie Ruch says

Christian Fiction *Just as good as the first one*

I am so glad to have found this author!

I don't normally read Christian Fiction, the quality is just not up to snuff. But from what I can see, Beverly Lewis is the exception to the rule.

Also, see my review of the first book in the series for how this book differs from typical Amish fiction.

The book is clean, although I still wouldn't recommend this series for teens due to the heavy subject matter. The books must be read in order.

Megan says

I still have a couple of chapters left but I wanted to have this added before it possibly stormed tonight.

Anyway I love this one a little more than the first one. There is so much going on that I don't know which to process first. In the first book I really want to feel bad for Sadie when she got pregnant and her baby died but after she threw Leah's letter to Jonas away I wanted to slap her. She could be happy like Leah and Jonas if she would just go to the bishop and repent for her sins. Yeah she may not be able to marry unless it's to a widower, like her aunt Lizzie, but she made her choices and now she has to live with it. I remembered that Leah was actually Lizzie's daughter, it was a little bit of a shock that it was revealed in the second book. I thought it had come later.

Anyway I am going to go so I can finish this one before I go to bed. I don't know if I can sleep without knowing how this one ends for sure.

Kerry says

The Betrayal by Beverly Lewis tells the story of Leah Ebersol and her close family. Leah lives with her parents and four sisters in an Amish community.

The Ebersol family is old-fashioned and very religious. Leah is a loving and obedient daughter. Sadie had become pregnant and had given birth prematurely. The baby had died, and now Sadie is listless and depressed.

We follow Leah as she is missing her boyfriend Jonas, who has gone off to a carpenter's apprenticeship. Leah's loyalty to Jonas is tested. She also explores other life choices as she does chores for a local "English" family.

This is a satisfying tale of life in an Amish family. It is entertaining to read of Leah discovering new options in the world around her. We see Leah maturing as she sees the choices others have made, which helps her to come to some hard decisions in her own life.

I admire Leah's determination and enjoy having a better view inside an Amish community and their many lifestyle differences.

Yvonne says

Not a very happy book, but the story was interesting. I'm hoping that the next book in the series gets happier.

Lynne says

To much negative drama for me. Very painful to read!!

Sterlingcindysu says

A quick read for the second book of the series that ties up a couple of loose ends. Good writing style, I wish there were more details of Amish life and traditions. Lewis keeps writing about celery at Amish weddings, so I finally had to google it.

(copied review) Book 2 of Abram's Daughters. Spanning three generations, the Abram's Daughters series paints a powerful family portrait of four Amish sisters growing up in Gobbler's Knob, Lancaster County. In Book One, The Covenant, when oldest sister Sadie is beguiled by a handsome, dark-haired "Englischer," it is younger sister Leah who suffers from her sister's shameful behavior. In Book Two, The Betrayal, Leah and her beloved Jonas are separated for half the year when he accepts a long-desired carpenter's apprenticeship in Ohio. They are confident that by letter and heart-felt promises, their love is strong enough to survive the temporary separation. But never could they have foreseen the bitter test facing them and their families.

Sandy says

I absolutely loved this book. It was much better than the first book in the series which I truly enjoyed. The Betrayal continues the story of Sadie's grief and Leah's anticipation of her upcoming wedding to Jonas. It grabs you immediately and continues to pull you in until, by the end, you are just heartbroken with Leah. I can't wait to read the rest of the series.

I'm glad that this book also developed the storylines involving Hannah and Mary Ruth. I'm sure we'll learn more of them as the series continues.

I did wish that Beverly Lewis explained the purpose of the celery at weddings as she mentioned it over and over. I finally looked it up on my own to discover that it is a major ingredient in the marriage feast; and while the announcement of the couples engagement comes only two or three weeks before the ceremony, it's

likely that surrounding families are already aware that there is a wedding pending since there is much more celery being raised than normal.

Angie says

I understand that this is a book in a series... I picked it up after being frustrated with all the open-ended questions from The Covenant, the first book in the series. I'd hoped that those questions would be answered and I'd be satisfied.

That was SO not the case. Not only were my questions NOT answered, several more were heaped on the pile.

There are 5 books in this series and I cannot subject myself to the torture of adding more mysteries that may or may not get solved.

Beverly Lewis should write for soap operas instead. I'm not impressed.

boekverslaafde says

I have tried reading other authors who write about the Amish, but I have only found Beverly Lewis to be worth my time and interest. I love her writing style, and the little twists she puts in the books. This book is a wonderful addition to the 5 part series. In this book we learn of the consequences that take place if one breaks the Old Order Amish rules (or Ordnung). It shows how it affects the family members of those who are punished, and the sacrifices they make. Even though I've read this book a number of times (my son says 'I feel like you're ALWAYS reading these books!') I still cry through almost the whole darn book. The consequences and how they affect the family members is quite harsh, and definitely something I'm glad I never had to go through in my life.

Excellent books, a definite to read if you are at all interested in the Amish faith.

Stacey Blanton says

If you like inspirational books, this one is Okay. The book is part of a series, and the characters are likable and you want to know what happens to them. It is a very light read and is refreshing sometimes to read a book without a lot of foul language and vulgar scenes. Not a real strong book, but it does have some surprise endings.

Danna says

Most of Beverly Lewis's books are way too slow for me. My brother in law and sister in law gave me the first of Abram's daughters as a gift. I dutifully read it several years ago. I was out to lunch on whether I really liked it or not. I bought the second book in the series during a super sale at Mardels a few years later. Not reading it but feeling I might if the need arose. I was looking for something to read during a snowstorm

because I have exhausted my reading material and found the book on my shelf. I read the book falling asleep quite often since the pace is very slow and redundant. I finally finished it this morning and I am quite sure I will not continue the series. The Amish life is very slow paced which I find fascinating but reading about it in a fiction story is even more slow paced and not to my liking.

Jerry says

As usual, Beverly Lewis' account of Amish life was very eye-opening. For someone who was raised around technology, it's hard to imagine life without computers, televisions, or even landline phones...but that's how they live.

Poor Leah's troubles broke my heart; I know exactly how she felt. Here's hoping she will fare better in the next book.

Beks says

This was ok for me. though I am most likely going to read the next one in the series, I want to see how everyone ends up, I doubt that I will remember it come summer.

I liked Leah and how devout she was, and Sadie presented a wonderfully complex character.

The mis-communication kind of drove me nuts though. Had everyone sat down and talked things through, I doubt there would be much of a story because a lot of pain could have been avoided. Also why must everyone assume the worst of everyone else.

Those were just plot musings, when it came to the writing, I would say that at times it was too confusing. The point-of-view constantly shifted and normally it was easy to determine when that shift took place. Unfortunately, more than once, I found myself confused as to who was speaking and where in the story we were. Sentence structure was also confusing at times as well.

Overall, it was ok, just that - ok.

Kristin says

The Betrayal is book two in the Abram's Daughters series and continues where The Covenant left off. The storyline picks up in the midst of Sadie's grief following the premature birth and death of her illegitimate child. A burden she is mostly carrying alone as the only ones even aware that Sadie had given birth is her sister, Leah, her aunt, Lizzie and the doctor who helped with the delivery. Ironically, Doctor Schwartz also happens to be Derry's father and he pieces together that the child that he has delivered is actually his grandson. There is a mystery surrounding the baby's birth (and death) but for now that has not really been explored in the storyline.

When Jonas gets a chance to go learn carpentry in another state, he jumps at the chance, begging Leah to go with him but she politely declines because she fears leaving Sadie alone in her depression which is becoming

more apparent to her family with every passing day. Eventually, she gets the idea to send Sadie in her stead and then confesses to her parents about the awful secret she has been hiding from them. The secret of Sadie's pregnancy and that the poor babe died before he ever had a chance to live. It's around this time that we find out some shocking news about Leah and her father spills his own secrets to Jonas in an attempt to drive a wedge between them.

Once Sadie arrives in Ohio she learns of Leah's confession, her sins have been found out and the church is demanding a kneeling confession from her or she will be shunned. Sadie is furious and refuses to repent and is of course, shunned. Bitter at her sister, she steals letters written by Leah to Jonas and plants the seed of doubt in his mind. Making Jonas question if Leah is cheating on him with Smithy Gid. Leah is heartbroken and confused by the turn of events as Sadie also intercepts Jonas' letters and Leah is left in the dark about why Jonas has given up on their relationship. As Leah learns secrets about her own life that have been hidden from her and with her love life in shambles, she turns to God. Seeking peace from the turmoil and strife that threatens to tear her world apart.

With Sadie gone and Leah grieving the loss of greatest love, we start to learn more about the younger Ebersol girls, the twins, Mary Ruth and Hannah. Hannah is quiet and a lot like Leah while Mary Ruth is outspoken and dreams of being a schoolteacher and out from under the confines of the Amish faith which just adds insult to injury given all the problems the family is enduring over Sadie. More of their struggles will be explored in the next book which I will be reviewing soon.

I cannot put these books down! I think this is my new favorite series by Beverly Lewis and I cannot wait to finish reading them although I am going to be a little sad to say goodbye to Abram's family when the time comes! To see my review of Book one in the Abram's Daughters series, [Click Here](#)

Tiana Freeman says

The Betrayal is the second book in the Abram's Daughters series. You have to read The Covenant to truly understand this one. Secrets and truths will be revealed in this book. Each character becomes more crucial to the plot and you'll begin to truly love or hate them. Your heart will ache with the betrayal that takes place. You'll question your own beliefs over and over. The characters have to find out how strong the family bond is and what matters more. You'll definitely shed some tears.

Rachel Brand says

This was such a heart-wrenching read! Yet I still want to read the rest of the books in the series. Beverly Lewis's books are incredibly readable and I finished this in two days. I was engrossed in the descriptions of the land and the food of Lancaster County and truly would like to visit it some day. As for the characters, I was taken in, yet again, by Abram's daughters. Sadie's grief and Leah's desire to settle down with her betrothed were just as engaging as in the last book and I was pleased to see that Hannah and Mary Ruth's characters were developed further. I'm looking forward to discovering whether she joins the Amish or leaves to become a teacher. As other reviewers have pointed out, many issues in this book could have been prevented if only the characters had communicated. But wouldn't this have been the situation a hundred or two years ago? In a sense, Amish novels are like historical novels. You have to suspend disbelief a little and

accept that crisis often develop out of small problems that snowball out of control. As much as I felt sorry for Leah at the end of the book, I can only hope that Lewis has something better planned for her life that will appear in the final three books in this series. I have to say that this book was probably better than the first in the series as I felt that I got to know the characters more, so this is a 10/10.
