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D.J. says

I LOVE THIS SERIES!

Annie Shirack has loved David Plank forever... but he's too determined to go his own way!

That boy . . . I just want to smack him!

David is fighting cancer — and I understand that he doesn't want to give his love to Annie, and start a life together, only to break her heart if something happens to him. But they're both miserable apart... can't he see that?

Read this story with a box of tissues...

This series continues with the same great characters we met in book one, To Love and to Cherish, along with a few new characters. And the story continues... I love reading books in a series; it's so great to follow along with families and friends as they grow together.

And if you haven't read the first book, you'll still enjoy A Heart Made New . . . but it can be even more fun reading the whole series.

Kelly Irvin writes amazing stories!

Happy Reading!!!

Janet C says

Loved this book. This book has many twist and turns that keep you "glued" to story. The characters are very real...sometimes you want to shake them and other times you want to hug them. This story also includes parallels that highlights the differences between the English and Amish culture. This was my first Kelly Irvin book. I did not realize I was reading them out of order but surprisingly I never noticed until I went to read another book and realized it was Book 1. Highly recommend this series.

Cheri Swalwell says

I just finished reading the second book in The Bliss Creek Amish series by Kelly Irvin. I was given the book, compliments of Harvest House Publishers, in exchange for an honest review.

A Heart Made New was just as great as the first book, To Love and To Cherish, and my only criticism is not of the book itself, but that I have to wait until January 2013 to find out what happens. I hate having to wait - that's how good it was! Ms. Irvin did a great job of tying up some loose ends in this book but she left enough strings hanging that I can't wait for the conclusion. In fact, she is such a great writer, I'm not sure I could tie up the loose ends in just one more book. Maybe she'll have to make it a four book series instead. I'm not sure I'll be ready to leave the Shirack family after only one more book.

A Heart Made New focused on Annie Shirack, one of Emma's sisters, while still allowing me to follow up with Emma and her new husband, Leah and Luke and their growing family, as well as answer some questions about Josiah's love triangle with Miriam and Sarah. I completely fell in love with Annie and the true goodness in her heart. She was filled with God's love and couldn't help but spread it to everyone around her. She saw good in all people she came in contact with, even those that were intent on doing harm.

Ms. Irvin started the book with a major incident and the twists and turns continued right through - in fact, so much so that I was completely disappointed when the book was over. I could have kept on reading about their many adventures. There were so many incidents that took me by surprise - from budding romances to suspenseful events. It is definitely an Amish love story with intrigue.

The book itself had the theme of faith interwoven throughout. Faith in God, faith that He is in control of our lives, and that even though worry is a common tendency to have, when we strengthen our faith muscle, the worry lessens. The message that bad things can still happen wasn't glossed over, but trusting God through the bad times instead of simply refusing to live life to the fullest was learned by the main characters. This was particular relevant to me as I continually choose to focus on choosing faith instead of giving in to fear on a regular basis when trials occur in my life.

I loved the new characters that were introduced in this book. I totally fell in love with Charisma, Grace, Kinsey, Willow, and Violet and the way that Ms. Irvin allowed them to help Annie and David in their own private struggles when dealing with faith in their own personal ways was so true to life. She showed that God uses people from different walks of life to point us to God's truths, if we are only willing to listen.

I would definitely recommend this series to anyone who wants to read a great book about a wonderful Amish family. I wouldn't call it strictly a romance as there is so much suspense and so many twists and turns; however, romance and deep love for family are still strong themes throughout. As I mentioned above, I can't wait until January 2013 to read the conclusion of this amazing family. It will be bittersweet, though, as I don't think I will be ready to say goodbye.

Once you read the first book, I'm pretty sure you will be hooked too.

Cindy says

Annie Shirack has loved David Plank since they were kids, but his illness is driving a huge wedge between them, in fact he has decided that it is best for them to not see each other. That way if he dies Annie won't be left a young widow. This makes Annie so upset, she feels like he is not giving it a chance. With the death of her parents and still living in her childhood home, she feels like she is an extra weight on her older brother Luke, and his wife Leah. Leah is always complaining that Annie is not helping enough around the house, but she works in town at the bakery with David's mom and gives her money to Luke to help with expenses. A

fateful day when a desperate young man walks into the bakery and pulls a gun, throws Annie's entire world into an upheaval. The young man is caught and taken to jail, leaving a girlfriend living in their van with their little three year old daughter. Annie takes them home, certain that helping someone in need is what she is to do.

What I loved about this book: Kelly Irvin is a wonderful storyteller and she brings these characters to life with her writing. Annie has a good heart and loves to help others, David also has a big heart and opens it to allow a little Englisch girl who is dying with leukemia into his world.

What I didn't like about this book: Leah, Annie's sister-in-law is so harsh, I just wanted to shake her good. I was happy that Luke straightened her up. It was hard to read the little girl's story too, it breaks my heart that little children have to suffer with diseases like cancer.

My final thoughts: This was a book I could not stop reading until the end of the book. I loved it! Kelly Irvin writes stories that make you feel like you know the characters personally! 332 pages US \$13.99 5 stars

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Ginger Solomon says

Beautifully written story. It started a little slow, but overall I enjoyed the Annie and David's tale. While this is the second book in the series, I have not read the first and did not feel as though I'd missed something vital.

I received this book from the publisher/author for purposes of review. The above is my honest opinion.

Susan says

I'm loving this series. Mrs. Irvin writes her stories in such a way that the characters and places come to life. Looking forward to reading the rest in this series and more by this author. A delightful, enchanting book.

Dorrice says

This is the second book of a trilogy. I usually wait to review the three together but in this case #3 isn't published yet. I hate having to wait to see what happens to these delightful people. As often happens in Amish stories, there is action, unexpressed love, love that is finally consummated (after many challenges) and problems arising from faith. Or lack of it. These are well written stories by an author I was not previously aware of. I'm looking forward to the next and last book of the series, and to still more by Kelly Irvin.

Laura says

Title: A HEART MADE NEW

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In the second novel of Kelly Irvin's Bliss Creek Amish series, readers will be delighted to return to a town and a family they've already come to love.

Annie Shirack is trying to fight her feelings for David Plank, a young Amish man who's struggling with an aggressive case of Hodgkin's lymphoma. David loves Annie too much to let her into his life, only, he fears, to leave her.

When a homeless young woman named Charisma and her two-year-old daughter, Gracie, show up in Bliss Creek, Annie welcomes them into the Shirack household and tries to help them establish a new life. But all the good deeds in the world can't change the ache in Annie's heart...or help her forget the man she loves.

A HEART MADE NEW is the second book in The Bliss Creek Amish series, but it easily stands alone. This book starts with a bang—literally, as the Amish bakery Annie works at is robbed! Scary! I also sympathized with David, as I am a cancer survivor (not the same type he has) and I know about treatments and not feeling well, worrying about leaving those you love.

Fans will want to read the other two books in this series, Love's Journey Home and To Love and to Cherish. Both are all available for purchase. 336 pages. \$8.76 Kindle. \$9.22 paperback. Also available in hardcover with big print.

Abbie says

This book tells the story of Annie the sister to Emma from the first book. Annie cares for David but he is fighting Hodgkin's lymphoma and fears he will die and does not want to get close to Annie. One day at the bakery that Annie works at there is a hold up and they are robbed. This brings a woman and a little girl into Annie's life and she feels compelled to help them even though they are English. While David deals with his disease and what his future might or might not be he meets a little girl who is also dealing with cancer and just maybe he will start to see what God has planned for him.

This series is tied together and you must read book one to understand this book. This is a very somber series in my eyes as death never seems very far away.

What I liked: I like this family a lot and find myself very attached to them. Annie has a great heart and I liked how she was willing to help the girlfriend of the man who robbed the bakery.

What I did not like: I just wish David had opened up to Annie a little earlier. This book deals a lot with grief and death and feels heavy. Annie's sister Emma went through a rough time in this book and even though it was well written I just would like to see something good happen to this family! Also the ending felt a little abrupt and I wish David's outcome could have been made more clear. I complained about this in my review for the first book but I wish the oldest brother Luke could have some pages to see his point of view I just feel like he comes across as kind of rough around the edges but I know there is more to him and wish as a reader I could get to know him better.

Over all this was a good book. I am interested to see where the third book will take us and I hope it has some happy outcomes. I am enjoying the story-line this series is taking just wish it was not so sad at times. If you like Amish fiction you will enjoy this book just have some tissues close. Also you will need to read the first book in the series before you read this book.

<http://abbiesreadingcorner.com/2012/1...>

Jo says

This Amish story has twists and turns to keep you turning pages and also tangles to make you believe the characters are real. Several of the Amish in this story work in town where they are exposed to the local Englisch residents who don't understand Amish standards. This story gives the reader family, relationships, heartache, and forgiveness. A couple of the characters in the story you love at times and then at other times, you'd like to shake some sense into them. It's a good read with strong, memorable characters.

Melissa says

wow it's a good book I finished in one day ..couldn't put it down..you'll love it I don't give spoilers....

Kym McNabney says

A HEART MADE NEW by KELLY IRVIN is for those wanting a story about the life of a devoted Amish family, with a mix of faith, romance, suspense, and a few twists and turns.

Annie Shirack wants more than anything to marry David Plank, despite what he's going through. But David isn't so eager. He's been fighting cancer, and isn't willing to let Annie get too close. He fears hurting her if he were to die an untimely death, leaving her a young widow.

The characters in A HEART MADE NEW struggle with their faith, as often we do. Though bad things happen to good people, it's important to trust God through our trials and tribulations. A message worth hearing.

My Book Addiction and More MBA says

A HEART MADE NEW by Kelly Irvin is an interesting inspirational Amish fiction set in a Kansas Amish Community. Book 2 in "The Bliss Creek Amish" series, but can be read as a stand alone. See, "To Love and Cherish". While, struggles with Hodgkin's lymphoma, David Plank loves Annie Shirack, but refuses to commit to his feelings due to an uncertain future. Filled with emotional turmoil, Amish community, faith, love, fear, suspense, dreams, romance, and a few twists and turns you want see coming. WOW! What a emotional and amazing story with an intriguing plot and characters who will steal your heart. It will not take you long to come to love this family with all their tragedy and triumph and the community. I

enjoy Amish reads and this was no exception. This is my first my this author, but will not my last. She draws the reader into her characters lives and holds them there. A must read for anyone who enjoys community,faith, the Amish community,suspense,romance and an emotional story of faith,healing and heartwarming. Received for an honest review from the publisher and Wynn-Wynn Media. Details can be found at the author's website,Harvest House Publishers and My Book Addiction and More.

RATING: 4.5

HEAT RATING: SWEET

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PWRL says

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Jane Gruber says

I very much enjoyed this follow up story to, "Love and to Cherish." It reminded me that instead of trying to control things around me, that I need to realize that God is in control and just live the life He gave me every day!
