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Melanie says

[I need to know what happens with Luke and how hurt he got from the attack! (hide spoiler)]

Mwinchester97 says

Wanda Brunstetter is one of my favorite Amish authors. I was introduced to her writing via my mother.

Goodbye to Yesterday is the first of a six-part series.

In Goodbye to Yesterday, a young couple, Luke and Meredith, are facing financial trouble after Luke lost his job. Meredith then finds out she's pregnant.

Then things seem to turn around! Luke gets a job offer from his uncle. Luke then goes to learn the trade from his uncle but then tragedy strikes!

This is a good start to a new series.

Babetta says

Another serial...sigh.

Ruth Hill says

I am quite surprised that this book's rating is not higher because I found it quite amazing. I have become a true lover of Amish fiction, so I jumped at the chance to read this first installment of the author's "Discovery" series. I love the fact that the couple is already married. And they are experiencing things that other couples can relate to. From the moment I picked up the book, I did not want to put it down.

This is a short book, and it will leave you hanging. I can hardly wait to read the second installment! I loved the characters and the story. It takes a great author to be able to write the characters in such a way that I feel I know them and care about them--especially in a short book.

I am so glad that Christian values are displayed and emphasized even amongst the evil of the outside world. There is nothing better than reading about people who truly trust in God, especially in this day and age.

I highly recommend this book. It's a quick read, but it is worth it!

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all

opinions are 100 percent mine.

Janice says

Part 1 of 6. LOVE this Format. Sometime you want a quick easy read instead of being tied down to a long book. Nice change.

Lynnda Ell says

As I opened the package and pulled out the free review copy of Wanda E. Brunstetter's latest "book", I knew I was due to be disappointed. *Goodbye to Yesterday* was only 121 pages long. In a small oval on the front cover were the words "*The Discovery Part 1 of 6.*"

I had been hearing rumors that publishers were experimenting with serials. (Long ago, prior to the development of paperback books, newspapers and magazines routinely published books as serials in their publications.) I presumed that the slim volume I held was evidence that the rumors were true.

At this point, anyone who is a faithful fan of Wanda Brunstetter can stop reading. If you will wait for six "parts" to be published and will pay US\$6.99 for each "part," then the rest of this review is a waste of your time. However, for the rest of you, here are my thoughts on "part 1"—*Goodbye to Yesterday*:

An episode of a serial has a different flow than a book. Instead of a beginning, middle and end, an episode introduces some characters, sets up a situation, ratchets up the suspense and stops when something bad is happening. (The outcome of the "something bad" is left unfinished until the beginning of the next episode.) Everything I just described is all you get in *Goodbye to Yesterday*.

In order for a serial to work, the reader must care about the characters. She has to wait until the next episode to find out what happened, so unless she cares a lot, the serial fails. In my opinion, the characters in *Goodbye to Yesterday* were so bland that I cannot tell you anything about them less than 24 hours after reading the "book."

So that's it: no plot, lackluster characters, and a few pages of imitation suspense building. I think the publishers should rethink this strategy. It didn't work for me with *Goodbye to Yesterday*.

April Wood says

Goodbye to Yesterday, by Wanda E. Brunstetter is a short but sweet Amish romance set in modern times. It is the first in the six book Lancaster County saga.

If you think Amish romances are boring, you couldn't possibly be anymore wrong. There is a reason Brunstetter is a NY Times Best Selling Author... Her stories are interesting, intriguing, and even a bit

suspenseful.

Luke and Meredith are off to a rough start as newlyweds... They should be experiencing newlywed bliss, but instead they are struggling to meet ends meet since Luke was recently laid off from his job at a furniture store. When Luke gets a phone call from his uncle offering him ownership of his business, he happily accepts it, and heads out to Indiana. Is this an opportunity of a lifetime? Or should Luke have listened to his wife's reservations and stayed home?

Luke crosses paths with a drug addicted drifter and his life changes forever. His wife's concern turns out to be well warranted. But was there a bigger reason for them to have crossed paths? And what will become of Luke and Meredith when the truth hangs in the balance, and reality is not real at all?

Find this out and more, in *Goodbye to Yesterday*.

Kalyn says

The writing seems very childish, and not well thought out. I would honestly recommend these more toward tweens and teens, as their first dip into more adult Christian Fiction. The scenes are very clean, and not the least bit edgy at all.

Read the rest of my review here: [http://wordswithbooks.com/2013/02/28/...](http://wordswithbooks.com/2013/02/28/)

Rhonda Gayle says

Wanda Brunstetter is one of my favorite authors and this book was a wonderful one. I quickly fell in love with the story of Meredith and Luke. They are dealing with the loss of Luke's job and my husband is currently in the same position so this is a dilemma I can definitely relate to. The anxiety related to the financial stress causes arguments between the young newlyweds, and Meredith is pretty sure that she is expecting their first baby. She does not want to tell Luke until she has it confirmed by the Amish midwife, and so he leaves for his trip to his uncle's home before she finds out for sure and certain. I also am a proud mom to a fur baby and their dog, Fritz, keeps Meredith company while Luke is gone.

Then a new and ugly twist enters the story's plot: the drug addict, Alex, who has already stolen drugs and money. Alex now seems to threaten the happiness of Luke and Meredith. In fact, the end of Part 1 leaves us wondering if Alex kills Luke, or does he seriously harm him instead? Will Luke ever get to his destination? Will Meredith receive a call that he has safely arrived? or will she hear that her beloved is never going to return home at all? I was hanging on the edge of my seat by the end and already wondering what happens next. I will eagerly wait for Part 2 to be published so I can find out what the verdict is.

Momma Frugal says

I was very excited to be able to read one of Ms. Brunstetter's books! I have seen many of her books before and I know she is a very accomplished author.

This particular book is actually part 1 of a 6 part series. It's more of a serialized novel. Think of it more like your favorite tv show where you are left waiting for the next episode.

The Overview

Join Meredith and Luke Stoltzfus, an Amish couple who are faced with the greatest challenge of their young lives. Financial struggles. Arguments. A suspected pregnancy. A last-minute trip to Middlebury, Indiana. A deadly encounter at a Philadelphia bus station. Will their love and faith be enough to bring them back together again, against all odds? Book 1 of the 6-part serial novel--The Discovery-A Lancaster County Saga.

My Review

At the beginning, you learn about Luke and Meredith Stoltzfus who are a young married Amish couple living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

We are introduced to Luke, who is an unemployed carpenter, and to Meredith, who is a homemaker. At first that surprised me that he was unemployed and concerned about money. I live near an Amish community and most of the Amish also farm so they do have the income from that. And they are excellent craftsmen and make money that way as well. Many women also are crafts'women' as they sell the quilts and other items they make, such as baked goods, for the area stores.

Something else that struck me as odd is the front cover in the book. I don't know if the Amish in Lancaster County are different, however, I thought it was tradition that once they were married, the men let their beards grow?

The story starts off talking about the struggles Luke and Meredith are facing financially. Then Luke receives a call from his Uncle who has a business proposition for him. Luke jumps at the chance, but it means taking most of their savings, as well as leaving Meredith, while he goes to Middlebury, Indiana. And unbeknownst to him, Meredith feels that she may be pregnant.

I was really hoping I would be clinging on to each word while reading this novel, but unfortunately I wasn't. When the author starts discussing the first night Meredith is left by herself and when she lets Luke's dog outside, I thought there may be something happening when she heard the dog thumping against the door,

however, I was left disappointed as the author went into great detail on how the dog circled around, left muddy footprints on the floor, and then settled down and went to bed.

I was able to receive a complimentary copy of the first series but I honestly don't know if I will continue on with the remainder of the series. I have a feeling it will be very predictable. I don't want to go into any spoilers, but I'm hoping I'm wrong.

I'm not sure a lot of people are going to be willing to pay over \$24 for a 6 part novel. Her true fans might but as a first time reader of her works, I don't think I would. Especially after reading the first series.

Thank you to Barbour Publishing for providing me with a complimentary copy for my review

Patricia Kemp Blackmon says

Luke Stoltzfus has lost his job, with no offers of another on the horizon in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He has become depressed, distant and on more than one occasion a little snappy at his wife Meredith. What will they do they do not want to ask their parents for assistance. Their parents need what money they have coming in to support their families. Then when things look hopeless Luke gets an offer from his uncle to learn a new trade and take over his uncle's business. But that means leaving his wife and going to Indiana for a few weeks. Meredith does not feel comfortable about him leaving because there is a bad winter storm moving in and she does not want him traveling by bus until the storm passes. Luke makes the final decision to make the trip anyway. Meredith will have to pray and put her faith and trust in God to protect Luke.

This is a good story but I felt it was written for middle grade rather than adult. If that were the case it would then be a good read for that age level. I do not like that is only 128 pages and part one of six. In my opinion if it had been in one book not six it would have met with better reviews and an older readers. Like I said before the story seemed to be a good read but was very frustrating to get to a climax in the book and then you have to wait for the next book and the next. Sorry this was a bad idea splitting it in parts!

Buying each of the six parts make an expensive book to read. I don't see too many people unless they are just die hard fans spending that kind of money.

This was difficult for me to give my honest opinion because I very rarely give negative reviews. Put it all in one book then I will more likely to have a good review.

I do not recommend this book the way it is presented in parts 1-6.

With a heavy heart I rated this book a 3 out of 5.

Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book from Barbour Publishers/Handlebar Central for review. This is my honest opinion.

Looks like Amazon is not open for reviews on this book or I would have you vote on my Amazon review.

Tima says

Luke and Meredith are newlyweds. Luke recently lost his job and tensions are high as he looks for a source of income. Then an offer comes along that seems to be a dream come true. But Meredith has reservations and can't shake her worries.

The story seemed to speed forward without much character or plot development. The clues given made the ending very predictable. Before my attention could be captured the story was over. With only 114 pages (in a 1/2 size book) the book seems more of an excerpt than an actual book. This is a regular book that has been broken into six pieces. I would not have agreed to read the book if I'd known this. I certainly wouldn't pay the \$6.99 that Amazon is asking. Sadly, the part 1 did not interest me enough to want to read the rest of the book.

I received this book free of charge from Handlebar in exchange for my honest review.

Megan says

This book is short, but it packs a lot into it and is perfect if you are looking for something to read in one sitting. I was actually surprised by how much I enjoyed the book, because in the past I haven't exactly loved other books by this author. The story was so sad and the ending made me pick up the next installment immediately. Definitely would recommend this series of books if you enjoy Amish fiction.

Grace says

I gotta admit, I love Amish fiction and this one was no exception! This book is the first in a six part series, so the author uses this book to set up the characters and the situations/backstories of said characters. The book ends somewhat on a cliffhanger, so I will probably be reading the next one soon! If you're a fan of Amish fiction, check this one out!

Jessica says

I was pretty disappointed with this one actually. It's a tiny book with large print that in reality is only the first few chapters of a "real" book. I would have been pretty disappointed had I bought this book. There is nothing that is resolved in this part of the story. It sets up for continuing the series but in no way can be read on its own. It honestly felt like a rip-off- a way to make money by forcing people to buy different parts of the same book. I'm not sure what the publisher or author's goal is for doing it this way, but I really didn't like it at all. With regards to the story, as I said before, this booklet introduces the reader to Meredith and Luke, a newly married Amish couple dealing with the stress of a lost job. I can't say that I enjoyed this too much either. It seemed to be dragged out too much, and the adding of Dutch words or phrases then explained by an

awkward repeating by the second person in the conversation drives me nuts. This part of the story shows the stress of the couple as Luke lost his job a few months back, then his excitement and her misgivings as he goes to Indiana (from Pennsylvania) to learn and buy a business from his uncle only to experience "tragedy" as the back flap puts it. Which is exactly where the "book" ends. I was so annoyed by that that I really cannot recommend this book at all. I honestly would not bother unless you LOVE Amish fiction, and are willing to buy multiple books to get one story.

I received a copy of this book for review from the publisher.
