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Love Still Stands (The New Hope Amish Book 1)



Synopsis

Readers of Kelly Irvin's Bliss Creek Amish novels will be overjoyed to discover her new series for lovers of Amish fiction: The New Hope Amish. In the first installment, Love Still Stands, a group of dedicated families leaves Bliss Creek to establish a new community in Missouri. Among them is Bethel Graber, a beautiful young woman with a passion for teaching. But after being disabled in a terrible accident, overseeing a classroom is out of the question and romance seems a long-lost dream. Bethel begins physical therapy, determined to make a fresh start. But that won't be easy in the town of New Hope, where the locals seem anything but eager to welcome their new Amish neighbors. Amid growing intimidation from the community, Bethel must find the strength to face her many challenges and the faith to believe that God still has a plan and a love for her life.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this story. I understood Bethel's struggles and fears and how she wanted to be able to walk without her crutches (I walk with a cane due to bad arthritis). I liked Elijah, too. Nice plot twist with Leah's post partum depression, and Luke getting the job as the bishop. I liked Bethel's doctors and the characters in her therapy group--I liked Shawn a lot. It was interesting that the people in town

didn't understand the Amish and didn't want them there. Loved the descriptions also! This is a new author to me and I'll be reading more of her books.

Vandalized flame-yellow paint sprayed message awaits the Amish family at their NEW HOPE, Missouri, fresh start farm. "Go Home" it threateningly read. This delightful Amish family from the Bliss Creek series will indeed be starting over. Gott's will? New Hope is a 7 family district start. Blessings and thank you to author Kelly Irvin for providing a page listing each family; heads, offspring, and extras; households vary from 8 to 12 with a total of 65. A very helpful genealogy. If you were a reader of this author's Bliss Creek series, you will know many of the characters that have moved from Kansas. They even have a short reunion in Kansas as they travel back for a wedding near Thanksgiving. Especially interesting in this first book of "The New Hope Amish" series are the processes of development for a new Amish district. A Bishop's role is for life and the selection is pure Amish style. Of course with marriage-age prospects so limited in the New Hope group, romance begins twirling like a Missouri cyclone. Likewise, the big move can take its toll on current relationships. Even Christians hurt. Even Amish cry. A full hen's nest of relationship issues mingle in this new beginning overshadowed by bigotry. The search for remedies proves Amish & Englisch face similar woes regardless of technology use. Many new Hope struggles are met with determination and faith, leaving the new Amish district in Gott's will and "A promise for the spring." (A book quote). Ja, it is Christian fiction but not preachy. I enjoyed Kelly Irvin's Bliss Creek series, and this represents more of her solid Amish genre text.

WOW KELLY HAS DONE IT AGAIN. I LOVE HER STORY LINES AND THE FACT THAT ONE CAN'T PREDICT THE ENDING. the characters involved are variety. They are sometimes so different you wouldn't think they would like each other. Kelly's story line holds your attention. And you won't want to put it down. That is why I read them in just a few days. Whenever I see a book by Kelly I get it. Knowing I am in for some relaxing reading and cups of tea. Praise the Lord for her stories. They don't need all the unchristian things in them. For God has blessed her with just what to say. Get a copy you won't be disappointed. God Bless

Kelly Irvin's first book of the New Hope Amish series takes us on a journey of new beginnings. A group of families is about to embark on the exciting task of creating a settlement in a new state. From the moment they arrive they are beset with difficulty and unforeseen challenges. The group hasn't had to deal with many of these challenges before and it will stretch their faith in places they

never expected. I admire Irvin's ability to capture the reality of Amish life vs. Englisch, comparing the different belief sets in a way that is compassionate to both sides...I read the first two books of this series out of order, and I didn't find it mattered. The books deal with different families. I definitely recommend this series, and plan to continue reading more of Kelly Irvin's books!

As the Amish believe, GOD has a time for everything big and small. I can truly say that HE had had a hand in me reading this book when I did. I needed to read the message that was in this book for my own better good. GOD having a plan is one of the many messages in this book. Along with admitting when one needs help and not to feel bad that you have asked for help. Asking for help is not a weakness. Change takes time for everyone involved in those that are not your immediate family members but community members as well. Fight for what you want within reason. My first time reading anything written by Kelly Irvin and I am ever a happy reader for reading this book. I am looking forward into reading the rest of this series by Kelly Irvin and her other Amish books too.

Love Stands Alone by Kelly Irvin is about the ups and downs of a Amish family, forced to move to New Hope MO, they were not welcome, Go home was painted on their barns, Elijah was run off the road and hurt, the horse had to be put down,, with forgiveness in their hearts the teens were coming around and a few others, Bethel who was hurt bad when a storm hit the school now has to have therapy, here she meets Shawn who was injured in the war, Shawn has many problems but also a strong liking for Bethel, making Elijah very upset as he too has a strong liking for her, love, patience forgiveness is shown through out the book, This book has a great plot, a page turner for sure, a very clean book, Christians and non Christians will truly enjoy reading this book, I'm looking forward to other books in this series, and I give it a 5 star rating.

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