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Shari Larsen says

This story is based on the life of the author's grandmother. All the events that take place were true.

Lydia Lee was the oldest child of a poor Amish family and grew up during the Great Depression. Her family struggles to survive, but they never lose their faith in God. When tragedy strikes, Lydia's faith is tested beyond what any child should endure, but she remembers that all things in life have their seasons.

The spring of her life has been spent in sadness and heartache; will she see a summer of true love, and a harvest of happiness?

I really enjoyed this book, and I could tell the author wrote from the heart. I could picture her sitting and listening to her grandmother tell the story of her life. It was often heartbreakingly sad to read of what the children especially had to go through during the Depression, not just Amish children, but all children. Things like not having cups, and having to drink out of tin cans, and being happy at Christmas just to get a piece of fruit and a pair of socks. Reading Lydia's story really made me appreciate the life I had as a child, and the one I have now.

The story ends when Lydia is still in her twenties; I hope one day the author writes a sequel. I would love to learn about the rest of the "seasons" of her life.

Tricia Goyer says

I met Elizabeth over two years ago at ACFW when she approached and told me that she loved my radio show Living Inspired--and she listened to it while she did her chores. At the time I wasn't sure anyone listened to my show and so I loved her immediately. {She also has a sweet personality which is wonderful, too.}

Elizabeth gave me a copy of her book, Seasons. I read a little of the book and then I interviewed Elizabeth here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/l...>

It wasn't until last month that I remembered I'd only read a few chapters, so I picked up the book again and got fully absorbed in it. It's a TRUE story about Elizabeth's Amish grandmother who grew up during the depression. It reminded me of the Little House books, only different.

If you enjoy Amish novels, you'll enjoy this book. If you enjoy biographies, you'll enjoy this book.

Elizabeth also blogs with me at Not Quite Amish www.notquiteamishliving.com; we'd love if you'd join us there!

Ginger says

I enjoyed this very much. I just couldn't believe how much Lydia went through before she was even 20 years old. Heartbreaking to read at times. Made me realize again how fortunate I am and to not take anything for granted.

Cathy Cermel says

A beautiful and moving book. At times this story was heartbreaking but what a wonderful story it is. The author was new to me, but I've become a fan after reading this book.

Sandy says

Loved this book based on the true life of the author's grandmother. It was a very short book which left me wanting more....anxious for Ms. Younts to further her writing career!! A couple of parts of the story brought me to tears. I have always been intrigued by Amish life and customs and this book allows you to peer into the life of an Amish girl during the depression years.

Wendy says

BACK OF THE BOOK BLURB

(taken from Amazon.com)

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MY REVIEW

I have had this book on my Kindle for quite some time because I thought it sounded like one I would enjoy. The problem is I have a LOT of books, paperback and e-book, that I 'really' want to read, it's like sometimes I think I should close my eyes and pick out a book that way. I do wish I'd read this a lot sooner as it is a wonderful story that will pull at your heartstrings and find yourself wanting to help this family even though it happened a long time ago.

Lydia is such a strong little girl with unlimited faith. She goes through so much pain but always seems to have a smile and a big heart. Even when she is hurting you would not know it by looking at her or talking to

her.

This is the first book of Elizabeth's that I've read, and I really liked her writing style. I will definitely be reading some more of her books and I would highly recommend this book as a great read! Thank you Elizabeth for sharing this story.

cathy ostrowski says

Loved this!

Great story, well written. I read straight through it in one shot. What a beautiful way to preserve family memories.

Indiebrag says

We are proud to announce that this book has been honored with a 2012 B.R.A.G.Medallion - telling you that this book is well worth your time and money!

Amnitty Garrett says

Great read!

I liked this book so much I read it all at once! A good wholesome book for anyone to enjoy.

Carol says

Seasons is a book of memories of an Amish grandmother by her granddaughter. It is a fast read, only 173 pages long. The grandmother grew up an Amish family that was already poor but then the Depression came and things got worse.

Liddy usually had no shoes, not even in the winter and wore coats that didn't fit. She yearned for clothes that would keep her warm, never mind what they looked like. She wore feed sack dresses. That reminded me of my mother. Even though she doesn't mention it, the feed sacks did have pretty flower prints. I wore them when I was a toddler in the 1950s.

Also, she talks about the shortage of food. Here she had a little less than my mother's family had to eat as they were a farming family and much more than my father's family who grew up in town.

The best part of the book is the relationships between the family members. They had trials of sorrow and poverty but that was common to non-Amish families. What made their family different was less reliance on the law to protect them and having help from the Amish community.

I enjoyed this little book, I did not learn that much about the Amish or more about the Depression but I

learned more about the struggle to be the oldest in the family when you have lost your mother.

I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys stories about families.

Debbie says

"Seasons: A Real Story of an Amish Girl" by Elizabeth Byler Younts gets 5 stars from me.

It is a different type of story than what I was expecting when I first started reading it. It isn't like other Amish stories that I have read. This story is a true story about the authors grandmother. When I first started reading this book I wasn't sure I would like it but after finishing it I have to say I am disappointed that it wasn't longer. I want a sequel.

The book starts out with Lydia Lee being a young child of seven and finishes when she is in her twenties and her marriage.

Lydia Lee was the oldest child in a poor Amish family but she does her best and is thankful for all that she has. This book will make you thankful for what you. This story shows what love really is and what being poor is! Lydia Lee has her share of heartaches and I found myself hoping that things would improve for her. Like I have already said I am hoping for a sequel. I want to hear more about Lydia Lee.

Nan says

A sweet story!

Kathy says

This book was actually written by my daughters friend. I have known Elizabeth since she was five. She has written another book that my daughter also bought me, and had Elizabeth sign. Both books are about her Amish heritage. Seasons is a book based on her grandmothers life growing up Amish during the Great Depression. An okay book, but not something I would have chosen to read myself.

Laura says

Title: SEASONS

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Lydia Lee Was the oldest child of an improvised Amish family, having little but love, to see them through. She had ten younger brothers and sisters, and her father often moved them around, hoping for a new job, a better future. Liddie became used to going without food to feed her younger brothers and sisters.

Liddie grew up during the Great Depression, then World War II. The story is quite sad in places, but interesting to read about how the Amish lived during that time when most everyone had it rough.

The last few chapters of the book were enough to raise the book from a 4 star to a 5. I absolutely adored the story of Liddie's romance with Freeman Coblenz; it was so romantic.

Technically, this isn't a memoir, as a memoir is written by the author about the author, but it isn't as dull as some biographies. I'm going to have my daughter read it as a biography for a school report, but I'm labeling this a memoir though it technically doesn't fit in there either. Ms. Younts calls it creative nonfiction. \$10.00. 173 pages.

Ruth says

Unputdownable read of the life of a young Amish girl born early in the last century. This is an easy read in which we are given a glimpse of the life of her grandmother by the author and in which a simple trust in the Lord shines through
