

# MURDER

*Freshly Baked*

AN AMISH VILLAGE MYSTERY  
BOOK 3

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## *Glossary*

- ach*—oh  
*boppli*—baby  
*bruder*—brother  
*danki*—thank you  
*dat*—father  
*Dawdy Haus*—grandfather's home  
*dochder, dochdern*—daughter, daughters  
*Englischer*—non-Amish person  
*freinden*—friends  
*Gotte's wille*—God's will  
*grandkinner*—grandchildren  
*grossdaddi*—grandfather  
*gudemariye*—good morning  
*gut*—good  
*in lieb*—in love  
*kaffi*—coffee  
*kapp*—prayer covering  
*kind*—child  
*kinner*—children  
*loblied*—praise song  
*mamm*—mom  
*naerfich*—nervous  
*narrisch*—crazy  
*nein*—no  
*Ordnung*—set of rules for Amish living

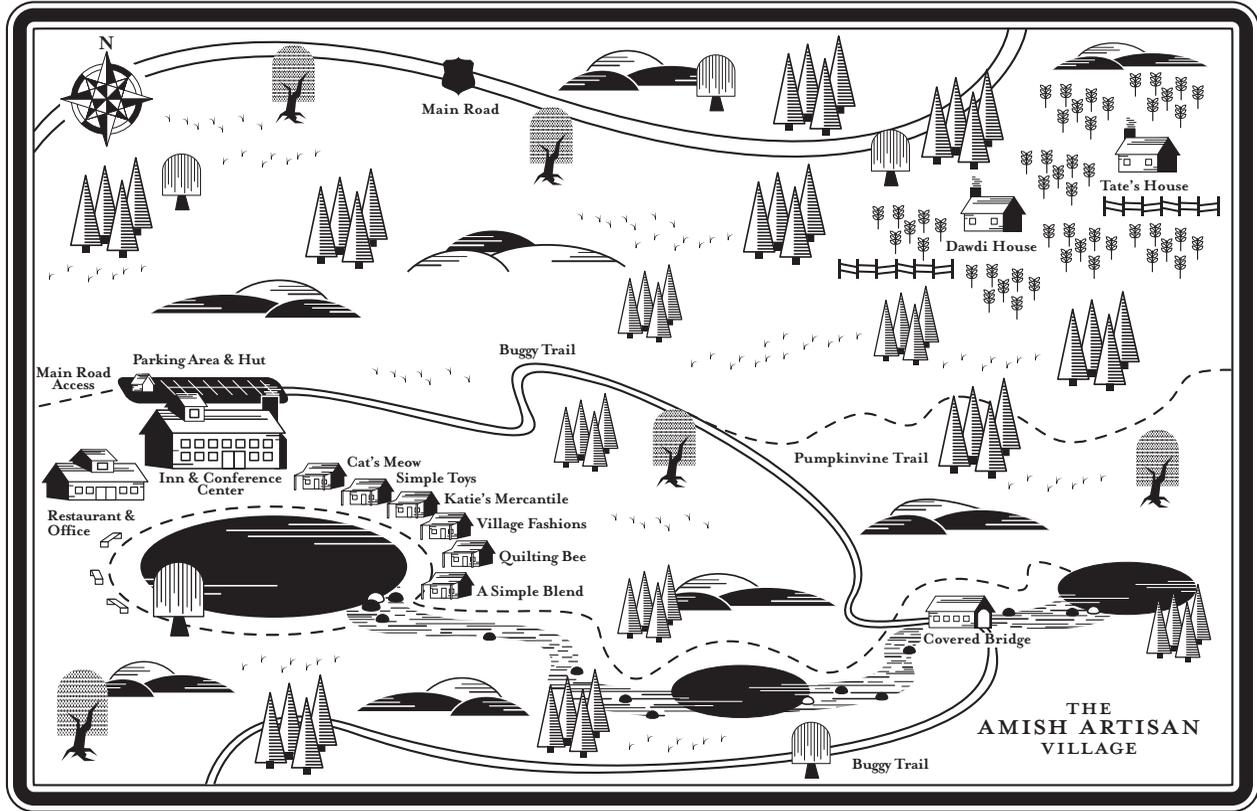
GLOSSARY

*rumspringa*—running around; time before an Amish young person has officially joined the church, provides a bridge between childhood and adulthood

*schweschder*—sister

*wunderbaar*—wonderful

*ya*—yes



## *Discussion Questions*

1. In chapter 2 Amber remembers the previous trouble they have endured at the Village. She reminds herself of the familiar words spoken by Joseph in Genesis 50:20: “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.” Discuss a time in your life—or your community’s life—when God brought good things out of an evil situation.
2. Preston is struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He wants to believe God’s promise of peace, but he’s having a hard time reconciling that with the struggle he faces day to day. If you had a friend going through a similar situation, how would you assure them of God’s love?
3. Hannah reflects in chapter 12 that she prefers the peaceful days of the last few months. She doesn’t want any more danger or drama. It seems that God does bless us with times of peace before trials. Share a verse about God’s peace.
4. In chapter 13 Preston offers a “foxhole prayer.” Sincere, from the heart, and desperately honest, he falls on the mercy of God. The Bible tells us to cry out to God in our time of need. Read Psalm 18:6. David was also crying out to God. Discuss a time when you prayed in desperation.
5. We see a lovely image in chapter 20 of an older man and woman walking through the rain into the furniture store. Their love for each other is obvious. What can we learn from older couples in our community about love and faith?
6. In chapter 25 Amber realizes, “Everyone needed help. A wise person realized it before disaster struck . . .” Discuss a time when

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- you had to depend on someone else. How did they come through with the type of help you needed?
7. Martha has her heart broken by Ryan Duvall. In chapter 30, her mother says, “Time will heal most wounds, and the ones not healed? Those we learn to live with.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and why? What does the Bible say about the brokenhearted? Start with Psalm 34:18.
  8. When Ryan Duvall shows up at Preston’s house, he is a rumpled, broken man (chapter 31). Strangely, Preston can relate to that, and perhaps that is why he shows mercy to this man who has caused so much trouble. Is this a wise or foolish thing for Preston to do? What does the Bible say about showing mercy to those who would harm us?
  9. Jesse reminds Hannah that “Sarah is still under *Gotte’s* care.” Sometimes we have to hold tight to the promises found in Scripture. Read the following verses and discuss how these words of encouragement affect your life: Matthew 10:29–31, 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 118:6. What other verses can you add to this list?
  10. Part of this story focuses on cancer, as well as its treatments. Has cancer affected your life in any way? If so, how? What can we do to help those afflicted by this disease?
  11. After Hannah is married to Jesse, Amber has the thought that she’d like to “draw her friends closer and protect them from any harm. She couldn’t do that, though. Only God had that sort of ability.” Have you had any experience with this? Are there folks you would like to protect but have to trust to God’s care?