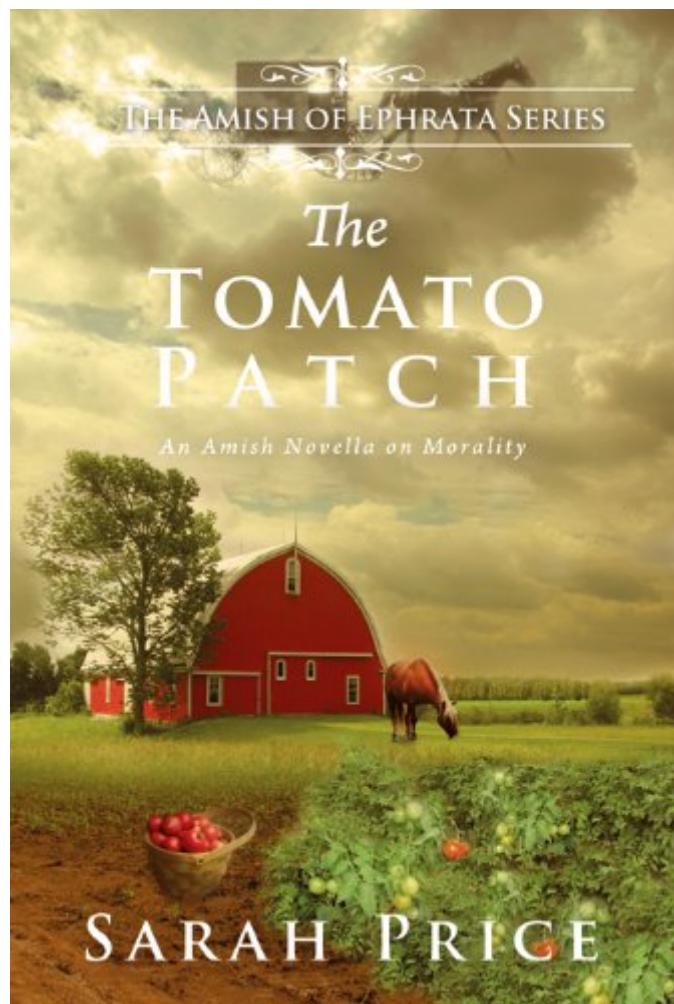


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# The Tomato Patch (The Amish Of Ephrata Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

Limited Time .99 cents Book 1 of the The Amish of Ephrata Series. Priscilla Smucker finds herself receiving unwanted attention in the community over an upcoming charity event at the local Mennonite church. When jealousy turns to bullying, how will she ever begin to handle it? This Amish novella is a perfect read for young adults and adult readers who love Amish or Christian fiction. Includes discussion questions for book clubs or just private reflection.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sarah Price has done it again . This is a should read book . Reminded me of a young friend that went through a lot of Bullying .Sarah Price has in all her books given us an insight into the Amish life of joys , sadness , hardships and good times . Through forgiveness their faith has brought them through .I hope to read more Sarah Price books soon .

This gifted author shows such talent as she presents a story I enjoyed from beginning to end. As I read The Tomato Patch I could see and feel the peaceful lifestyle she so beautifully shares as she

creates a story filled with heart and purpose. The story carries the reader into the world and life of the Amish and the beautiful simplicity that can become complicated even in a way that all can relate to as the story develops. The deep emotions and feelings the characters experience are vividly portrayed as choices and decisions must be made resulting in consequences they will live with.

Sarah has decided to do a series of "morality" novellas that target both Young Adults & Adults. All keeping with the Amish theme that she is noted for. In this particular book, Priscilla Smucker finds herself receiving unwanted attention in the community over an upcoming charity event at the local Mennonite church. When jealousy turns to bullying, Priscilla and her friends find themselves in some tough situations. In today's world, there is a large focusing on bullying. Most of that focus is on bullying via the internet. Sarah brings to light that bullying can happen anywhere. Even among the Amish. I've read Sarah's other books and consider her among the best of the Amish fiction authors. I am always anxious at the news of an upcoming new novel she has written. When Sarah approached me to provide book discussion questions for this book, I was honored. After reading the book, the material and content of it made compiling the questions an easy task for me. Her knowledge of the amish way, her compassion in caring for those who are bullied, and her flare for romance is all wrapped up in this small book.

Sarah Price's books are so full of first-hand Amish experiences and it shows. If you follow her blog or postings on Facebook, you'll see pictures of the places she stays in Lancaster, hear about her Amish friends, etc. I can't say enough "wunderbar gut" things about Sarah Price. And now she's at it again with novellas on morality, something really needed. Not many have the time to read full-length books, but novellas, books approx. 70 pages long, are an easy read for a busy person. And the subject of bullying needs to be addressed in all genres. Thank you Sarah for another great read!

I enjoyed this story, but I think I would have liked it better if I had read this one in the correct sequence. I bought and read it after I'd already finished a couple of the others in the series. The story does a good job of starting up the rest of the series, and you learn the characters that you will encounter in the rest of the stories. I love learning about the Amish lifestyle, and have a great deal of respect for their ability to follow their beliefs and maintain a strong family bond.

My husband has relatives in the Amish Faith. I've always found them to be very open, loving, and giving. In this book for read about bullying from a girl in the faith made me stop and think why not.

Even though they live a very giving life and jealousy doesn't fit into their life style. This does open our eyes to realize no matter what walk of life you're in there can always be some bully going on. I'm glad that this author took a look at this side of life even in an Amish setting. It shows how the bullier can win people over to their side but how a person should act and never bend down to that level. MY hope is that many young people will read this and see just how petty bullying can be. I know at the time it seems like it life or death, but as I say high school ends sometimes. This is a lesson that should be taken with you all through your life.

"The Tomato Patch" was short but sweet. I liked it very much and would like to have read it as a longer story. I have read only two stories based on the Amish life and found them interesting. Perhaps we should adapt our own lives to the morality of the Amish, at least to a degree. That is, helping each other more, a strong Faith and Belief in our family, friends, ourselves and God. The simplistic life of the Amish through hard work and little technology allows them to grow strong as a community. This is evident in "The Tomato Patch." I will read more books based on the Amish. I did notice that many of the offerings are centered around females, what about stories focused on the male gender or the family and community in general. I would like that.

This is well written story of an Amish girl turning sixteen, learning about truth, being courted and to appreciate family and loyal friends. When the tomato patch gets more attention than it should, there is a lesson to be learned about what a cruel tongue can do to a young Christian girl. This story is way to short, but knowing there is another continuing book is good. I love the good well written stories of the Amish, how the family learns to turn the other cheek. This also includes a sweet budding romance of young love. I bought this book, and its follow up. I hope for more in the future.

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