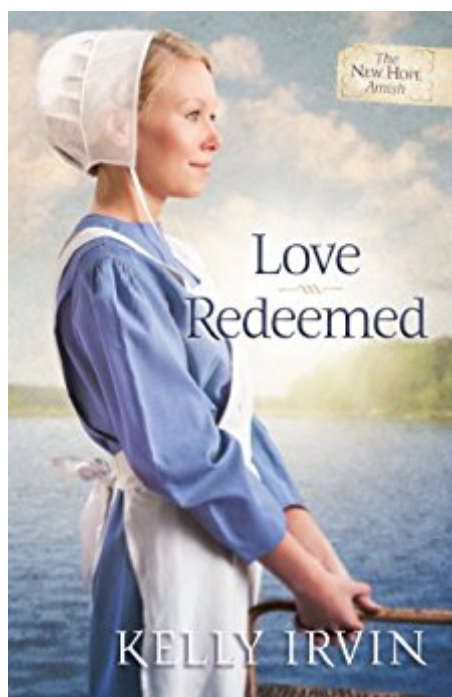


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# Love Redeemed (The New Hope Amish Book 2)



## Synopsis

In the second book of the New Hope Amish series, acclaimed author Kelly Irvin spins a tale of romance, grief, and redemption deep in Amish country. Phoebe Christner is thrilled when the families of her close-knit Amish community decide to spend a week at the lake. She feels she's earned a break and it doesn't hurt that Michael Daugherty will be coming along. They'll find ways to spend time together—she's certain of it—and their romance will have time to blossom. But when tragedy strikes, Phoebe and Michael are torn apart by their pain and the knowledge of their guilt. As they both cope with the loss of a loved one, they will come to discover that they are worthy not only of each other's love, but God's love. A tender novel of faith and family set in the heart of Amish country.

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## Customer Reviews

Love Redeemed (The New Hope Amish) is an excellent novel centering around Phoebe and Michael. Both yearn for love and a family of their own, but have insecurities of obtaining both within their close-knit Amish community. Michael isn't a talker and feels courting will be uncomfortable since the girls seem to have their own foreign language between their sisterhood. I liked this take on

Amish life because I, having attended a Plain church, off and on, for over two decades, had never thought about how the menner see us womenfolk. We do, indeed, chatter with each other about canning, recipes, and such, and this may make the menner think we are unapproachable, especially if one is as shy as Michael. Phoebe secretly likes Michael, although, at the beginning, all she gets is scolding looks when she is restless sitting in the hard bench during instruction class. I, too, have sat in a similar class, learning The Mennonite Confessions of Faith, and so this sparked my interest. One coming in from Rumspringa's late-night activities is restless, even sleepy-eyed. Kelly did a fine job showcasing the mental battle one faces when deciding to join the church. When tragedy strikes, after Michael and Phoebe finally create chit-chat, get to know each other better, they are torn apart. Did Rumspringa's activities and mindset cause this? Can God forgive them. Better yet, can they forgive each other? Buy Love Redeemed and find out. I was given an advance copy of the book for my honest review. Sicily Yoder #1 Best-Selling Author Also recommending "The Bliss Creek Amish" series.

I liked reading the second book in this series and am looking forward to reading the third. I liked Phoebe and Michael, and how they changed after a family tragedy. I liked the contrast between Phoebe's Plain world, and Michael's new life in the city working in a diner until he finds his way back to New Hope. I liked the secondary characters like Oscar, Sophie and Crystal and was glad to see characters from the first book make a re-appearance.

I am only a third of the way into this book and love love love it. I've cried, I've rejoiced and cannot put it down! I hate to see books like this come to a close. Always holding out for the next book!

This is not an easy book to read. But then, none of Kelly Irvin's books are easy to read. The way she writes about the Amish shows a deeper understanding of life and Plain living that you don't see in every Amish fiction novel. She does not present a happy little fairy tale with tiny problems and silly obstacles. She shows us serious problems and tremendous obstacles - in other words, real problems and obstacles. There is no easy path for her characters. It is a rocky and slippery slope they walk and the way through is not always clear - even to the reader. The books AND the stories are definitely NOT predictable! They are real stories about real people and, as difficult as it is to read - and please understand that when I say that, I mean that it's a difficult experience, not that it's difficult to get into or understand. Reading Kelly Irvin's books are an incredibly emotional and wearisome experience - is incredibly rewarding and uplifting. Even though her message is

presented through great difficulty and tragedy, it is always a lesson we need! Everyone needs to learn the lessons she presents and going about it this way is much better than experiencing the tragedy for yourself. Although, you kind of feel like you do experience it. Her writing is THAT good! Have a box of tissues handy and make sure you don't have anything pressing to do for a while but READ IT! It's TOO good to miss! Disclaimer: I received this book free in exchange for an honest review.

Kelly has outdone herself in this book. I just could not put it down. It was so interesting and very unpredictable. The people are so interesting and you feel like you are living it. WHAT A RELAXING BOOK.

I have to start with a couple of confessions. First, I'm not an Amish fan. Second, I have read few Amish authors or Amish books. Now that you know the facts, I can reveal LOVE REDEEMED by KELLY IRVIN is the best Amish fiction to date I've read! No other Amish novels I've read have come close to LOVE REDEEMED. They didn't keep my attention the way it did. In part, that had to do with the storyline. They were mystery centered, rather than romance, and the plot - for me - weak. I also had a hard time with the use of "Amish words". Phoebe Christner desires to have a family of her own, but the boy she has her eyes on doesn't seem to be interested. Shy, Michael Daugherty, is in love with Phoebe Christner. When he decides to make his feelings known, tragedy strikes, tearing Michael and Phoebe apart. LOVE REDEEMED is a light romance, with a heavy dose of forgiveness. The faith element is subtle, yet strong. The writing superb. Though there were words associated with the Amish, it didn't overpower or pull you out of the story. The plot was unique. The pace, just the right speed to keep you turning the pages, wanting more. There was a sense of romance throughout, without taking over the story. I loved what MS. IRVIN did with the characters. They're three dimensional, and likeable. So many things happened, yet woven together in a believable and natural way. MS IRVIN takes the story to places you wouldn't expect. As an aspiring fiction author, I tend to rewrite lines in my mind as I read. With LOVE REDEEMED, there was no cause to do so. MS IRVIN might just make an Amish fan out of me after all. \*Please see my profile for more information on this review.

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