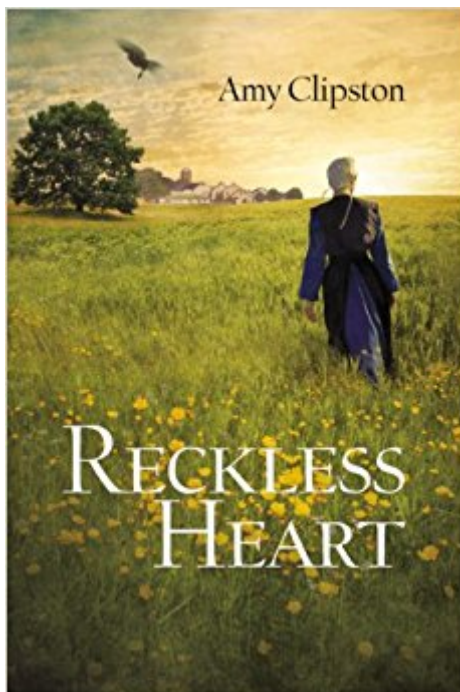


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Reckless Heart



Synopsis

Slipping. Lydia Bontrager's youngest sister is frighteningly ill, and as a good Amish daughter, it falls to Lydia to care for her siblings and keep the household running, in addition to working as a teacher's assistant and helping part time at her grandmother's bakery. Succumbing to stress, Lydia gives in to one wild night and returns home drunk. The secret of that mistake leaves Lydia feeling even more restless and confused, especially when Joshua, the only boy she's ever loved, becomes increasingly distant. When a non-Amish boy moves in nearby, Lydia finds someone who understands her, but the community is convinced Lydia is becoming too reckless. With the pressures at home and her sister's worsening condition, a splintering relationship with Joshua, and her own growing questions over what is right, Lydia could lose everything that she's ever held close.

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Amy Clipston is the award-winning and bestselling author of the Kauffman Amish Bakery series. Her novels have hit multiple bestseller lists including CBD, CBA, and ECPA. Amy holds a degree in communication from Virginia Wesleyan College and works full-time for the City of Charlotte, NC. Amy lives in North Carolina with her husband, two sons, and three spoiled rotten cats. Visit her online at amyclipston.com Facebook: [AmyClipstonBooks](https://www.facebook.com/AmyClipstonBooks) Twitter: [@AmyClipston](https://twitter.com/AmyClipston)

I LOVED this book. This was the first Amy Clipston book I read and I can definitely say it won't be the last. I won't spend time telling what the book is about because that is covered in the description. I

will tell you the story is so good and written so well I was pulled into it and was able to read this book in hours, not days. (In fact I had to force myself to do housework and have reading this as a reward!). This book is not your typical Amish fiction story. Amy writes about a serious health issue and how it affected the entire family, focusing on Lydia, the main character. The story was written in a way that I forgot I was reading about fictional characters. These characters became real to me and I couldn't wait to find out what would happen. This book made me tear up one second and smile the next. This book takes you on a roller coaster ride of emotions. I highly recommend this book to everyone who enjoys Amish fiction. I will be telling others about it. This definitely goes on the keeper shelf!!! Thank you, Amy, for writing such a great book.

Amy Clipston is by far one of my favorite authors. She has a way about her words and descriptions that truly draw you into the lives of the characters. As I read *Reckless Heart*, I was drawn into the home of Lydia and her family and the struggles there were met with in a severe illness. I could see the worry on each of the parents' faces. The frustration and concern and anger within Lydia as she tries to navigate this new life even if temporary and how permanent it felt for her in the moment. I had to fight back my own tears during some of the more intense conversations between different characters and could feel the warmth of Irma wanting so much to be her sister's confidante in the midst of the chaos. It was tied in well to the Kauffman Amish bakery series but also enough of a side story to read it without needing to read the Kauffman series first. (Though I strongly recommend you read those too!! They are also amazingly done.) Very few books truly bring me into the picturesque scenery where I can envision the homes and the fields around and how the community is laid out and the setting in such complete detail without making the majority of the story as "setting the scene." *Reckless Heart* was so well written, I would definitely suggest the read!

Amy Clipston knows her way around an Amish kitchen, a courtship, family obligations and community support. Her characters are true to life and charming and strong. Her plot is realistic and happens more often than we in the outside world know. Highly Recommend.

Faith, family, and young love are just a few themes explored in this beautifully woven YA novel by author Amy Clipston. When the youngest Bontrager child falls critically ill it's up to eldest daughter Lydia to assume the responsibilities of running a household in her parents' absence. While Lydia is resolved to take over her mother's duties of cooking, cleaning, and caring for her brothers while working part-time for the local bakery and community school, her obligations leave no time to be

young. The strain of her new responsibilities coupled with grief cause Lydia to engage in one reckless act at a youth gathering instigated by Mahlon Ebersol, the local heart-throb turned bad boy of their Amish community. Though Lydia has no interest in Mahlon or his wild ways she is fearful of how her one mistake will be interpreted by others especially Joshua Glick; the handsome teen whose won her heart. To complicate matters further, Lydia's budding friendship with the non-Amish neighbor Tristan has the community talking, her parents questioning her judgment, and Joshua wondering if she's a trustworthy "maedel." Can Lydia prove to those around her that her heart is not reckless? I received this book to review by Net Galley and Zondervan. This was the first book I've read by Amy Clipston and I found it to be a wonderful, thought provoking novel. I would recommend this book and author to any YA audience.

This book was amazing. I've read it over and over again i have a younger sibling who was very sick for many years, but he's better now. I learned at a young age how to take care of myself it taught me to be independent a plus and a minus for me. I had only a few friends that as time went on I felt I was losing them. Just like Lidia I was confused and angry my mom was always at the hospital and my dad had to work long hours to pay medical bills and I didn't get to see my friends often only one I saw on Sundays at church and i'm still friends with him today. Lydia grew up with Joshua i grew up with a friend and he and I have always gotten along at one point we didn't get to see each other for a long time but know were best friend again. I know I've done things that have upset him and him to me but we forgive each other. When Lydia drank with Mahlon and his friends Lydia lied to try to save her fragile friendship and me and my friend have lied to each other and when the other finds out we get mad at each other but it never lasts more that a day. Lydia and Joshua had a problem but made up quickly. Hope you read this book anyone who likes a challenge of friendship and love should read this.

This story pulls you in from the first page. I have to admit, I read it in a single sitting. Such a sweet story of life, loving, stumbling, and finding Redemption in the end.

Very good book.

This is my first book by Amy Clipston. I met her via facebook and look forward to reading something that she has put her heart and soul in to. Reading the story of the responsibilities thrust upon Lydia at such an early age was a touching and inspiring story. Today's young women have no idea what

life is all about. How fortunate Lydia was able to draw upon her strength and character to guide her through the obstacles presented. The simplicity of life is sometimes forgotten by all the pettiness of today's world. Loved the language dictionary and recipe at the end. I look forward to trying my hand in the kitchen. Thank you Amy.

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