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In addition, he includes a new chapter describing Amish recreation and social gatherings, and he applies the concept of “social capital” to his sensitive and penetrating interpretation of how the Amish have preserved their social networks and the solidarity of their community.

The Amish
Steven M. Nolt 2016-05
Authoritative, informative, and illustrated, this guide provides a vivid introduction to a way of life many find fascinating but few truly understand.

An Amish Paradox
Charles E. Hurst 2010-04
An Amish Paradox captures the complexity and creativity of the Holmes County Amish, dispelling the image of the Amish as a vestige of a bygone era and showing how they reinterpret tradition as modernity encroaches on their distinct way of life.

The Amish Way
Donald B. Kraybill 2012-02
A sensitive and realistic look at the spiritual life and practices of the Amish. This second book by the authors of the award-winning Amish Grace sheds further light on the Amish, this time on their faith, spirituality, and spiritual practices. They interpret the distinctive practices of the Amish way of life and spirituality in their cultural context and explore their applicability for the wider world. Using a holistic perspective, the book tells the story of Amish religious experience in the words of the Amish themselves. Due to their long-standing friendships and relationships with Amish people, this author team may be the only set of interpreters able to provide an outsider-insider perspective. Provides a behind-the-scenes examination of Amish spiritual life Shows how the Amish practices can be applied to the wider world Written by authors with unprecedented access to the Amish community Written in a lively and engaging style, The Amish Way holds appeal for anyone who has wanted to know more about the inner workings of the Amish way of life.

Amish Confidential
“Lebanon” Levi Stoltzfus 2015-03
Go behind the beards in this daring insider’s look at the curious Amish subculture of Pennsylvania Dutch Country! Is the “plain and simple” life really so plain and simple? How do the Amish live without cars? Electricity? NFL football? The truth is, they don’t. More than fifty million people have watched “Lebanon” Levi Stoltzfus in Discovery Channel’s hit show Amish Mafia, where he dispenses justice and keeps the peace among the seemingly quiet, insular Amish people of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Now, he reveals what it’s really like to be Amish. Not the buggies, bonnets, and beards image the tight-knit community has portrayed for centuries. Not even for the most carefree of their youth. Instead, you’ll meet someone who is shunned. Or whether the Amish pay taxes? Do they ever try to “pass” as English (in other words, non-Amish)? How rampant is illicit sex in such a repressed society? Can individuals make themselves stand out despite the strict rules? Why would the Amish take such risks when the punishment is eternal damnation? “Lebanon” Levi blows the top off the buggy with this scandalous insider’s expose, proving that even the Amish don’t always practice what they preach.

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Children in Amish Society
John Andrew Hostetler 1971
20 Most Asked Questions about the Amish and Mennonites
Merle Good 2001-11

Writing the Amish
David Weaver-Zercher 2005
From the early 1980s to the late 1980s, John A. Hostetler was the world’s premier scholar of Amish life. Hailed by his peers for his illuminating and sensitive portrayals of this often misunderstood religious sect, Hostetler successfully spanned the divide between popular and academic culture, thereby shaping perceptions of the Amish throughout American society. He was also outspoken in his views of the modern world and of the Amish world—views that continue to stir debate today. Born into an Old Order Amish family in 1918, Hostetler came of age in an era when the Amish were largely dismissed as a quaint relic of the past. At a time when the new concerns of Amish communities throughout North America. Hostetler’s career, for not only did the Amish survive during these decades, but they demonstrated a stunning degree of cultural vitality—which Hostetler observed, analyzed, and interpreted for millions of interested readers. Writing the Amish both recounts and assesses Hostetler’s Amish-related work. The first half of the book consists of four reflective essays—by Donald Kraybill, Simon Bronner, David Weaver-Zercher, and Hostetler himself—in which Hostetler is the primary subject. The second half reprints, in chronological order, fourteen key writings by Hostetler with commentaries and annotations by Weaver-Zercher. Taken together, these writings, supplemented by a comprehensive bibliography of Hostetler’s publications, provide ready access to the Hostetler corpus and the tools by which to evaluate his work, his intellectual evolution, and his legacy as a scholar of Amish and American life. Moreover, by providing a window into the varied worlds of John A. Hostetler—his Amish boyhood, his Mennonite Church milieu, his educational pursuits, his scholarly career, and his vocation as a mediator and advocate for Amish life—this volume enhances the ongoing discussion of how ethnographic representation pertains to America’s most renowned folk culture, the Old Order Amish.
Shipshewana—Dorothy O. Pratt 2004-10-19 While most books about the Amish focus on the Pennsylvania settlements or on the religious history of the sect, this book is a cultural history of one Indiana Amish community and its success in resisting assimilation into the larger culture. Amish culture has persisted relatively unchanged primarily because the Amish view the world around them through the prism of their belief in collective salvation based on purity, separation, and perseverance. Would anything new add or detract from the community’s long-term purpose? Seen through this prism, most innovation has been found wanting. Founded in 1841, Shipshewana Amish community that shuns high school, computers, and the ownership of motor vehicles to manufacture and sell their own clothes. The book grew up in modern America and immersed in the Amish world, offering both a fresh view of a newcomer and the intimate view of an insider. The book presents the perspective of people who are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not have been limited. Crisis and abuse from the outer world have tended only to confirm the desire of the Amish to remain a people apart, and lends a special poignancy to this engrossing tale of resistance to the modern world.

A History of the Amish—Steven M. Nolt 2015-01-27 The Amish, one of America’s most intriguingly private, unique, and often misunderstood religious communities, have survived for three hundred years! How has that happened? While much has been written on the Amish, little has been revealed about their history. This book brings together in one volume a thorough history of the Amish people. From their beginnings in Europe through their settlement in North America, the Amish have struggled to maintain their beliefs and traditions in often hostile settings. Now updated, the book gives an in-depth look at how the modern Amish church continues to grow and change. It covers recent developments in new Amish communities, the community’s conflict and negotiation with government, the Nickel Mines school shooting, and the media’s constant fascination with this religious people, from reality TV shows to romance novels. Authoritative, thorough, and interestingly written, A History of the Amish presents the deep and rich heritage of the Amish people with dozens of illustrations and updated statistics. Skyskorch Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history—books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

The Amish of Lancaster County—Donald B. Kraybill 2008-02-25 Primer to understanding Amish life for visitors. Captivating color photography. Insight on recent media events.

The Amish Struggle with Modernity—Distinguished College Professor and Senior Fellow Emeritus Donald B Kraybill 1994 A distinctive American subculture responds to the forces of social change.

Becoming Amish—Jeff Smith 2016-06-16 A family living in one of America’s wealthiest communities steps away from mainstream society and joins the horse-and-buggy Amish life. The family of Bill and Tricia Moser are seeking wealthiest communities steps away from mainstream society and joins the Amish world. They Enchant Us Many elderly Amish live in a Grossdawdy communities. In a lively text, Donald B. Kraybill, a leading scholar of Amish religious communities, have survived for three hundred years! How has that happened? While much has been written on the Amish, little has been revealed about their history. This book brings together in one volume a thorough history of the Amish people. From their beginnings in Europe through their settlement in North America, the Amish have struggled to maintain their beliefs and traditions in often hostile settings. Now updated, the book gives an in-depth look at how the modern Amish church continues to grow and change. It covers recent developments in new Amish communities, the community’s conflict and negotiation with government, the Nickel Mines school shooting, and the media’s constant fascination with this religious people, from reality TV shows to romance novels. Authoritative, thorough, and interestingly written, A History of the Amish presents the deep and rich heritage of the Amish people with dozens of illustrations and updated statistics. Skyskorch Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history—books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

The Amish—Donald B. Kraybill 2003 The Amish are one of America's most fascinating and colorful religious communities. But how does a traditional group that shuns high school, computers, and the ownership of motor vehicles survive amid a high tech society? This concise and authoritative overview describes both the diversity and common practices of the Amish of North America as well as some of the changes underway in their communities. In a lively text, Donald B. Kraybill, a leading scholar of Amish culture, explains many of the puzzling practices and shows how the Amish flourish in the midst of modern society. Some interesting facts from The Amish: Why They Enchant Us Many elderly Amish live in a Grossdawdy (grandparent) house or apartment adjacent to the homes of one of their adult children. Children in most Amish communities dress in similar styles to their parents. Amish churches have been established in some 200 communities in about 25 states as well as in Ontario, Canada. In some ways, the Amish trouble us, even torment us. We worry that without modern technology, higher education, the latest fashions, and unfettered freedom, they might, in fact, be just as happy, if not happier than the rest of us. And so the Amish enchant and trouble us at the same time. They prod us to reflect on the sources of meaning and purpose, on the roots of human happiness.

Puzzles of Amish Life—Donald Kraybill 1998-12-01 Revised edition! People's Place Book #10. A sociologist provides a way to understand the Amish people's intentional way of living in a world far different from their own. Fun to read. How do the Amish thrive in the midst of modern life? Why do the Amish separate themselves from the modern world? Why do a religious people spurn religious symbols and church buildings? Why is humility a cherished value? Why do a gentle people shun disobedient members? How do the Amish regulate social change? Why is ownership of cars objectionable, but not the use? Why are some modes of transportation acceptable and other forbidden? Why are tractors permitted around barns but not in fields? Why are horses used to pull modern farm machinery? Why are telephones banned from Amish homes? Why are some forms of electricity acceptable while others are rejected? How is modern machinery operated without electricity? Why are some occupations acceptable and others taboo? Why do Amish youth rebel in their teenage years? Are the Amish freeloading on American life? Are the Amish behind or ahead of the modern world?

Serving the Amish—James A. Cates 2014-10-15 From the police officer dispersing a party full of Amish youth to the social worker staffing a child protective services hotline, professionals who work with the Amish will benefit from this one-of-a-kind guide.

A Peculiar People—Elmer Schwieder 2009-04-01 Now back in print with a new essay, this classic of Iowa history focuses on the Old Order Amish Mennonites, the state’s most distinctive religious minority. Sociologist Elmer Schwieder and historian Dorothy Schwieder began their research with the largest group of Old Order Amish in the state, the community near Kalona in Johnson and Washington counties, in April 1970; they extended their studies and friendships in later years to other Old Order settlements as well as the slightly less conservative Beachy Amish. A Peculiar People explores the origin and growth of the Old Order Amish in Iowa, their religious practices, economic organization, family life, the formation of new communities, and the vital issue of education. Included also are appendices giving the 1967 “Act Relating to Compulsory School Attendance and Educational Standards”; a sample “Church Organization Financial Agreement,” demonstrating the group’s unusual but advantageous mutual financial system; and the 1632 Dortrecht Confession of Faith, whose eighteen articles cover all the basic religious tenets of the Old Order Amish. Thomas MorScan’s new essay describes external and internal issues for the Iowa Amish from the 1970s to today. The growth of utopian Amish communities across the nation, changes in occupation (although The Amish Directory still lists buggy shop operators, wheelwrights, and one lone horse dentist), the current state of education and health care, and the conscious balance between modern and traditional ways are reflected in an essay that describes how the Old Order dedication to Gelassenheit—the yielding of self to the interests of the larger community—has served its members well into the twenty-first century.

Renegade Amish—Donald B. Kraybill 2018-03-01 Built on Kraybill’s deep knowledge of Amish life and his contacts within many Amish communities, Renegade Amish highlights one of the strangest and most publicized sagas in contemporary Amish history.

New York Amish—Karen M. Johnson-Weiner 2017-05-02 In a book that highlights the existence and diversity of Amish communities in New York State, Karen M. Johnson-Weiner draws on twenty-five years of observation, participation, interviews, and archival research to emphasize the contribution of the Amish to the state’s rich cultural heritage. While the Amish settlements in Pennsylvania and Ohio are internationally known, the
Amish population in New York, the result of internal migration from those more established settlements, is more fragmentary and less visible to all but their nearest non-Amish neighbors. All of the Amish currently living in New York are post-World War II migrants from points to the south and west. Many came seeking cheap land, others as a result of schism in their home communities. The Old Order Amish of New Yorkiver communities and religious practices. Johnson-Weiner traces the origins of the Amish in the religious confrontation and political upheaval of the Protestant Reformation and describes contemporary Amish lifestyles and religious practices. Johnson-Weiner welcomes readers into the lives of Amish families in different regions of New York State, including the oldest New York Amish community, the settlement in the Conewango Valley, and the diverse settlements of the Mohawk Valley and the St. Lawrence River Valley. The congregations in these regions range from the most conservative to the most progressive. Johnson-Weiner reveals how the Amish population in New York, the result of internal migration from those more established settlements, is more fragmentary and less visible to all but their nearest non-Amish neighbors. All of the Amish currently living in New York are post-World War II migrants from points to the south and west. Many came seeking cheap land, others as a result of schism in their home communities. The Old Order Amish of New York are relative newcomers who, while representing an old or plain way of life, are bringing change to the state. So that readers can better understand where the Amish come from and their relationship to other Christian groups, New York Amish traces the origins of the Amish in the religious confrontation and political upheaval of the Protestant Reformation and describes contemporary Amish lifestyles and religious practices. Johnson-Weiner welcomes readers into the lives of Amish families in different regions of New York State, including the oldest New York Amish community, the settlement in the Conewango Valley, and the diverse settlements of the Mohawk Valley and the St. Lawrence River Valley. The congregations in these regions range from the most conservative to the most progressive. Johnson-Weiner reveals how the Amish in particular regions of New York realize their core values in different ways; these variations shape not only their adjustment to new environments but also the ways in which townships and counties accommodate—and often benefit from—the presence of these thriving faith communities.

Amish Enterprise—Donald B. Kraybill 2004-04-19 Amish culture has been rooted in the soil since its beginnings in 1693. But what happens when members of America's oldest Amish community enter non-farm work in one generation? How will hundreds of cottage industries and micro-enterprises reshape the heart of Amish life? Will traditional eighth grade education still prove adequate? What about gender roles, child-rearing practices, leisure activities, and growing ties with outsiders? Amish Enterprise was the first book to discuss these dramatic changes that are transforming Amish communities across North America. Based on interviews with more than 150 Amish entrepreneurs, the authors trace the rise and impact of businesses in Lancaster's Amish settlement in recent decades. In this new edition, the authors update demographic and technological changes, and also describe Amish enterprises outside of Pennsylvania in a new chapter.

When the English Fall—David Williams 2017-07-11 A riveting and unexpected novel that questions whether a peaceful and non-violent community can survive when civilization falls apart. Again, all are asleep, but not for long. I need some rest before the morning. I feel the need for a good night's sleep. The Old Order Amish in the state. So that readers can better understand where the Amish come from and their relationship to other Christian groups, New York Amish traces the origins of the Amish in the religious confrontation and political upheaval of the Protestant Reformation and describes contemporary Amish lifestyles and religious practices. Johnson-Weiner welcomes readers into the lives of Amish families in different regions of New York State, including the oldest New York Amish community, the settlement in the Conewango Valley, and the diverse settlements of the Mohawk Valley and the St. Lawrence River Valley. The congregations in these regions range from the most conservative to the most progressive. Johnson-Weiner reveals how the Amish in particular regions of New York realize their core values in different ways; these variations shape not only their adjustment to new environments but also the ways in which townships and counties accommodate—and often benefit from—the presence of these thriving faith communities.

Seasons of Lancaster County—Don Shenk 2019-06-03 From barn raising to haymaking and buggies kicking up snow, photographer and lifetime resident Don Shenk captures the uniqueness of Lancaster County, writes from her years of extensive research.
Pennsylvania, in more than 100 extraordinary photographs and four seasons. Lancaster County is home to the world’s largest population of Amish, a Pennsylvania community, religiously and culturally distinct. Evocative photographs of work and play, spring’s preparations and fall’s harvests, reveal the character of a people who lead simple lives in tune with the changing seasons. In the midst of this idyllic countryside are Lancaster City, an artistic hub of nearly 60,000; Lützow, voted the smallest town in the country, and many other charming towns. This realistic portrait of an iconic county, and the hundreds of thousands of visitors who pass through each year.

Amish Grace—Donald B. Kraybill 2010-03-11 On Monday morning, October 2, 2006, a gunman entered a one-room Amish school in Nickel Mines, a Pennsylvania. In front of twenty-five terrified pupils, thirty-two-year-old Charles Roberts ordered the boys and the teacher to leave. After tying the legs of the ten remaining girls, Roberts prepared to shoot them execution with an automatic rifle and four hundred rounds of ammunition that he brought for the task. The oldest hostage, a thirteen-year-old, begged Roberts to “shoot me first and let the little ones go.” Refusing her offer, he opened fire on all of them, killing five and leaving the others critically wounded. He then shot himself as police stormed the building. His motivation? “I’m angry at God for taking my little daughter,” he told the children before the massacre. The story captured the attention of broadcast and print media in the United States and around the world. By Tuesday morning some fifty television crews had closed the small village of Nickel Mines, staying for five days until the killer and the killed were buried. The blood was barely dry on the schoolhouse floor when Amish parents brought words of forgiveness to the family of the one who had slain their children. The outside world was incredulous that such forgiveness could be offered so quickly for such a heinous crime. Of the hundreds of media queries that the authors received, the overwhelming question was about forgiveness rose to the top. Forgiveness, in fact, eclipsed the tragic story, trumping the violence and arresting the world’s attention. Within a week of the murders, Amish forgiveness was a central theme in more than 2,400 news stories around the world. The Washington Post, The New York Times, USA Today, Newsweek, NBC Nightly News, CBS Morning News, Larry King Live, Fox News, Oprah, and dozens of other media outlets heralded the forgiving Amish. From the Khaleej Times (United Arab Emirates) to Australian television, international media were opining on Amish forgiveness. Three weeks after the shooting, “Amish forgiveness” had appeared in 2,900 news stories worldwide and on 534,000 web sites. Fresh from the funerals where they had buried their own children, grieving Amish parents accounted for forty-five people who attended the killer’s burial. Roberts’ widow was deeply moved by their presence as Amish families greeted her and her three children. The forgiveness went beyond talk and graveside presence: the Amish also supported a fund for the shooter’s family. AMISH GRACE explores the many questions this story raises about the religious beliefs and habits that led the Amish to forgive so quickly. It looks at the ties between forgiveness and membership in a cloistered communal society and ask if Amish practices parallel or diverge from other religious and secular notions of forgiveness. It will also address the matter of why forgiveness became news. “All the religions teach it,” muses an observer, “but no one does it like the Amish.” Regardless of the cultural seedbed that nourished this story, the surprising act of Amish forgiveness begs for a deeper exploration. How could the Amish do this? What did this act mean to them? And how might their witness prove useful to the rest of us? 

Crossing Over—Ruth Irene Garrett 2013-02-26 A work Booklist called “*young and life-affirming. Crossing Over is the true story of one woman’s extraordinary flight from the protected world of the Amish people to the chaos of contemporary life. Ruth Irene Garrett was the fifth of seven children raised in Kalona, Iowa, as a member of a strict Old Order Amish community. She was brought up in a world filled with rigid rules and life—affirming, Crossing Over is the true story of one woman’s extraordinary flight from the protected world of the Amish people to the chaos of contemporary life. Ruth Irene Garrett was the fifth of seven children raised in Kalona, Iowa, as a member of a strict Old Order Amish community. She was brought up in a world filled with rigid rules and

Pedagogy Plain and Fancy—Vincent J. Kloskowski 2009 This present study is concerned with the problem of Special Education in the Amish communities of North America. It tries to ascertain whether this religious denomination has provided any facilities for the schooling of mentally retarded children, and whether its general resources in the field of education are equipped to handle slow learners. The comparisons with other religious sects in the United States are included. The recommendations are of a somewhat conservative nature, trying to avoid any unwanted innovation to be dictated by the Federal authorities, and suggesting compromises and moderate reforms enacted by State or local agencies in agreement with the Elders of the Sect, so as to avoid doing more harm than good. The facilities provided by the Amish for the education of the retarded would be definitely inadequate, the limited nature of their social fabric and the particular system of schooling prevailing within this group makes these inadequacies less obvious or disturbing. This Historical Analysis is based on all major sources available about the topic and the author has been granted the privilege to consult some unpublished sources written by recognized authorities. 

The Amish and the State—Donald B. Kraybill 2003-07 In this new edition of Thomas Jefferson’s The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, with an introduction by Steven M. Nolt, and notes by Zachary D. Robinson, this book revisits this landmark 1786 legislation to draw from it a broader understanding of religion and government. Written in the twilight of the old world and the dawning of the new, this statute is about liberty, about freedom of religion, and the profound challenge of reconciling them. From the 1865 founding of the American Civil Liberties Union to the 1967 desegregation of public school in Brown v. Board of Education, from the 1978 Roe v. Wade decision to the 2003 这个结论是基于所有主要来源的可用性，关于这个话题，作者已经获准获得一些未公开的来源，由公认的权威所撰写。
daughter and a sister, temporarily exiled, Emma finds a way to be free. Education becomes her priority as she finds her place in this “English” world. This true story is a rare glimpse into the life of a brave young woman.”—Page 4 of cover.