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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

As if to dare me, Lettie looked me in the eye. "Don't forget about *Aendi* Edna's canning bee tomorrow, Lucy. You promised to go."

The work frolic? I groaned audibly.

Lettie looked crestfallen as she took a swipe at the hay. "So you forgot again."

Faye gave a weak smile. "Between your chores and everything else, you don't have much time left for us."

"We're together *now*," I pointed out.

Faye looked sad. "Remember when we used to get up before dawn and go walkin' to the meadow overlook to watch the sun come up? Now ya rush off right after breakfast for parts unknown."

"You don't even have time for a beau, do ya?" Lettie said out of the blue.

Faye stopped working, as if waiting for me to respond.

Lettie pressed further. "Not even Tobe Glick?"

Tobe again . . . I kept my face forward. *What's the matter with me?*

From the Back Cover

Jah, Lucy thought. Tobe would have known what to say.

"But what would he say to *me* if he knew the truth?" she murmured into her hands, leaning on the desk.

Alas, that was something she could not afford to find out.

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"Yet another fine example of Lewis' skillful storytelling. Grief, volunteering and atoning for past mistakes are key themes in her latest novel. Lucy is a determined character with a huge heart, making her an enjoyable heroine to root for."--**RT Book Reviews**

About the Author

Beverly Lewis, born in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country, has more than 17 million books in print. Her stories have been published in eleven languages and have regularly appeared on numerous bestseller lists, including the "New York Times" and "USA Today." Beverly and her husband, David, live in Colorado, where they enjoy hiking, biking, making music, and spending time with their family. Learn more at www.beverlylewis.com.

Users Review

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Margaret Williams:

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