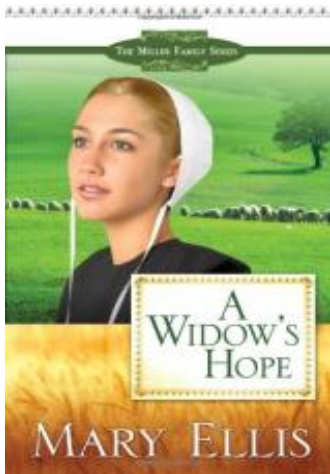


# A Widow's Hope: The Miller Family Series

by Mary Ellis

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## About the Book

A bright new voice shares a tender love story set in the rolling green fields of Ohio Amish country.

After the death of her husband, Hannah Brown is determined to make a new life with her sister's family. But when she sells her farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and moves with her sheep to Ohio, the wool unexpectedly starts to fly. Her deacon brother-in-law finds just about everything about Hannah vexing. When his widower brother shows interest in the young and beautiful widow, the deacon turns to prayer for guidance.

Hannah thought she could never love again, until she meets the strong, gentle farmer. Unfortunately, Seth Miller's only interest is in Hannah's sheep. He is content in his bachelor state and slow to recognize his daughter's need for a new mother. Yet God offers Seth the perfect solution to their problems if he could only open his heart again... and love.

## Discussion Guide

1. What will Hanna miss the most when she leaves Lancaster County, Pennsylvania behind?
2. How is remaining childless a more troubling possibility for an Amish wife than for an Englisher?
3. Why is Seth so fearful of his family's attempts at matchmaking?
4. Why hadn't Seth noticed his daughter Phoebe's shyness before Hannah arrived?
5. Why is he so reluctant to admit his child has a problem?

6. Emma is fascinated by her aunt --- how do Julia and Simon's opinions differ on Hannah's influence?
7. Does Simon hold Hannah to a higher standard of behavior than other members of his district?
8. Why is it easier for Hannah to help her brother, Thomas, with courting problems than herself?
9. Why is Hannah angered by Seth's idea to move her sheep to his farm?
10. Why is Simon really afraid if Seth and Hannah fall in love?
11. Why isn't Hannah honest with Seth about her shunning warning?
12. Why is Hannah reluctant to talk about her growing affection for Phoebe and the success she is having with the child?
13. Why does Julia eventually lose patience with her sister?
14. How does Simon grow as a Christian from the book's beginning to the end?
15. What must Hannah overcome to find happiness and contentment?

## Author Bio

Mary Ellis is the bestselling author of many books, including *A WIDOW'S HOPE*, *AN AMISH FAMILY REUNION* and *LIVING IN HARMONY*. She and her husband live in central Ohio, where they try to live a simpler style of life.

## Critical Praise

"This is a gentle tale of renewed hope that puts readers in the middle of Amish life, and genre fans will certainly love it."

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