



The Tempted Soul
The Whinburg Township Amish
Book 3



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Book Group Discussion

In the Amish community, children are viewed as a blessing from God, to be given in God's time. At the same time, there is some social pressure on a woman to have children. Do you see these as mutually exclusive? Does Carrie?

Have you ever been in a situation where you were under social pressure to conform to expectations?

What were these expectations like? What did you do?

Carrie does everything she can to be a mother, including skirting along the edges of the *Ordnung*. Do you feel she was right or wrong to push the boundaries?

What might you have done the same or differently as Carrie?

Do you think the Bontragers should have taken baby Rachel in, since they were her blood family?

What do you think makes a family—is it the blood relationship or something else?

What do you think caused Lydia Zook to refuse the role of motherhood?

Do you think Lydia was right or wrong to give up her baby?

As Carrie, Amelia, and Emma look to the future, what do you see for them?