



Balm of Gilead
The Whinburg Township Amish
Book 6



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Book Group Discussion

Have you enjoyed getting to know Sarah Yoder and her family?

Do you think Sarah has grown as a person and as a child of God as she treats the members of her community?

What do you think Henry's greatest difficulty was in this book? Have his conflicts changed since we met him in *Herb of Grace*?

One of the themes in *Balm of Gilead* is that real friends tell each other the truth, even when it might not be what the other person wants to hear. This is based on Psalm 51: *Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.* Have you ever been in a position to do this? What kind of experience did you have?

If friendship is a balm that can heal life's hurts, can you share a time when you experienced this?

In the unwritten period between the last chapter and the Epilogue, when Henry was taking baptism classes and before he joined church, do you think that Sarah allowed their relationship to be public?

Can people put conditions on love? What happens when they do?

Amanda Yoder has had a hard time in the relationship department. What might she do now?

If Silas Lapp comes to visit his friends in Oakfield, and decides to court Amanda, should she settle for being second best, if it means having a home and family of her own?

Has God been able to speak to you through books, nature, and reading about the Amish? What lessons have you appreciated the most?