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Shunned in his late teens, Joseph Bender has lived a difficult life the past few years. He's convinced he's finished with the Amish and God, until he meets kindhearted Anna Smucker. Life on the streets is a stark contrast to the comforts of an Amish community. Will Joe be able to overcome the trials set before him to find a new life of love? Can a secret encounter change his life forever? Inspirational Christian Fiction, Approx. 225 pages

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Christa says

“A Secret Encounter,” the second book in the series, Amish Secrets, by J.E.B. Spredemann is a must read!

Anna Smucker passes Joseph (Joe) Bender, a homeless man, on the street one day. He’s piqued her curiosity and she feels that God is leading her to take lunches to Joe and his friend every day in the alley. Joe and Anna become friends quickly.

What happened in Joe’s life? Will Anna and his relationship continue to blossom? Aaron, who wants to marry Anna, will do anything he can to make sure Joe is out of Anna’s life, even if that means uncovering Joe’s past.

I would highly recommend reading this book. The author does a great job bringing the characters to life. You feel like you are right there with them, cheering them on! You won’t want to miss this one!

Beverly Lytle says

What do quilts, an old barn, online marketing, some missing money, and a homeless man have in common? Pick up a copy of A Secret Encounter and see how this author can combine those things to bring about a touching story that reminds us that we are an extension of God’s love. I enjoyed the fearlessness of Anna. She was confident of God’s call and His protection. I like the way the author incorporates scripture into the story and how she sometimes uses the least likely of the characters to make some of her strongest points. The plan of salvation is simply demonstrated within the story making understanding clear and uncomplicated. I would recommend this book to those who love Amish fiction and to someone who is looking for a story that is sure to touch your heart.

Janice says

I read this on the Kindle

This was another different one having read the first book in this series i read this one very quickly as i wanted to know what happens

The author does write so people are not all you expect in that some even being Amish are not nice i can recommend this one also the previous book in this series, would say that it best to read the 1st one first or you know what happens to one person if you read this one 1st

Diana Montgomery says

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I love J.E.B. books they are wonderful. I have read I think about all of them and they never disappoint. I really like they all have a Godly message in them. shows God's grace , mercy and forgiveness. Joseph and Anna meet again, but Joseph has been shunned can they get back together after all these years? I think this book is more for adult read. Mainly because of the topic of what goes on in the story. Great read though.

Rachel says

This is the second book in J.E.B. Spredemann's Amish Secrets series and I have enjoyed each immensely. These books are very different than the typical Amish romance and A Secret Encounter even more so as it deals with the Swartzentruber Amish and the dramatic differences between them and even the Old Order Amish. Ms. Spredemann treated it very respectfully while pointing out the differences. And it was a lovely romance story as well - thoroughly enjoyable.

Linda says

Good.

Debbie says

"A Secret Encounter" by J.E.B. Spredemann is book two in the Amish Secrets series. It was a great story and I loved it but I liked "An Unforgivable Secret" better! "A Secret Encounter is about 2 homeless men who are helped by An Amish woman named Annie.

Joe and Harvey are two homeless men that Annie has taken to bring food to because of a chance encounter while out with her boyfriend Aaron. From that time on Joe and Annie have a pull toward each other. Aaron is being pressured to get married from his father and he wants Annie because of her looks.

Joe and Harvey are invited to stay in the barn of Annie's grandmother's farm because Harvey becomes sick and Joe tries to help them save the farm but is he really the good guy or is he a thief and a liar as Aaron says.

Joe is an Amish man but he was shunned in his teens! The reason will be explained in later chapters but the reason will have you not agreeing with the Bishop's decision. These books pull at the reader's heartstrings and you will want to cheer for the heroes who do the right thing.

I had to keep reading to see which version of Joe was the real one, the one he portrayed or the one Aaron tried to make people believed he was!

Joe did have a past but sometimes the past isn't always a true account of things!

I believe any reader that likes a clean love story, yes this book is of the Amish genre but I find it to be more of a love story, will like this story.

Make sure to read the part in the back of the book to find out how this story come to be and how you can help homeless people.

I was given a pdf copy by the author for my honest review and it is receiving five stars!

I am looking forward to reading Book 3 "A Secret of the Heart " .

Brenda says

I love this book it drew you in . It felt like you were right in the town with them, on the farm or in the shop helping the customers. I am glad someone got caught in their sneaky ways and the punishment he got and that true love and faith worked it all out .

A great read .

Penelope A May says

Excellent Christian Book

Amish Secrets is about a young who helper two homeless men. She gets more than she bargained for. You need to read this. Want to read the full series. God and the plan of salvation ..

Janet says

How much can you trust homeless men if you are truly living the life of Christ?

Kathryn says

This book was a great read. Some of it was a tad predictable, but at the same time had a bit of suspense mixed in with the romance. This is a book that I would definitely read again. I thank you J.E.B. for the privilege of reading it. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes or loves reading stories about the Amish. Now I would like to back-track and read the first book in this series.

C. says

The author does it again!! Super storyline and message about trusting in God.

This is a must read for anyone who enjoys Amish fiction. It's also a great reminder that we need to trust in God and his will for our lives. Very clear message about salvation.

The characters in the story are well developed and likeable.

I didn't think I could like this novel better than the first in the series, by this author, but I was wrong. I highly recommend both books.

I received an audio version of A Secret Encounter from the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you J.

Ann says

I really enjoyed the first book in the series, and this one is another good one from this author. It is a story that addresses the plight of the homeless in a very touching and compassionate way and is a wonderful story of God's love and forgiveness. It was another story about the Amish community that pulled me in from the first pages and kept me reading until I finished it. I definitely recommend it and I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Sunnie says

I received this book in an "Audible" format. I loved it. It was a really interesting read. I loved the fact that I could just plug in my earphones and listen as I went to and from work and relax and just enjoy this book. I really loved the very unique and different storyline of this book. Not like so many others that I have read. This one was different and so very interesting.

Anna Smucker is the female heroine of the story who takes on a personal calling to help two down-on-their-luck street men. Not your ordinary Amish tale. The book is about more than just one Secret encounter, but you will have to read or listen to the book to find out what those are.

I enjoyed how the author incorporated some very good scriptures which fit so wonderfully in the plot format. It really was touching and moving at times. The author also talks about her "Project Vagabond" and explains how she wants to help those less fortunate in a safe yet caring manner. I think she has some great ideas and is

very compassionate.

The narrator, Lisa Larsen, did an excellent job of telling the tale with lots of expression to add interest to the book and the characters that were portrayed.

This is definitely a 5 star book that readers of Amish fiction will enjoy very much. The Audible version was a really nice bonus!

Disclosure: I was given an Audible copy of this book from the author for my honest review which I have given.

Gail says

Anna befriends 2 homeless men as she takes lunch to them daily. The story also delves into difference in 2 Amish sects. Very interesting reading . Different than other Amish stories,
