



THE AMISH BRIDE

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Book Group Discussion Questions

1. Ella is hurt that her mother didn't tell her who Zed's birth mother and father were sooner. Was Marta right to withhold the information from Ella as long as she did?
2. Ella describes herself as "boy crazy." What has made her that way? What about Ezra is so attractive to her?
3. Sarah's book resonates with Ella. Are there documents, artifacts, or stories passed down through your family that have impacted your life?
4. Why is Rosalee willing to take Ella into her home? What does the Home Place come to mean to Ella?
5. In what ways is Luke different than Ezra? How does Luke view his father? How does Luke respond to his father? How does Luke view his future?
6. Freddy's return to Lancaster County turns Ella's world upside down. Why doesn't she want any contact with him? What happens later in the story that leads her to change her mind? What changes in Freddy make reconciliation between the two a possibility?
7. What does Ella learn from her relationship with Ezra that helps her to become a more mature follower of Christ? What changes within Ella as far as her desire to join the Amish church? Which characters influence her decision?
8. How does Ella's relationship with Luke differ from her relationship with Ezra?
9. Ella realizes that her mother and two aunts were each molded in very individual ways by their grandmother, Sarah, and her interests. Are there ways that your grandmother impacted you?
10. Ella has a rocky relationship with her mother throughout most of the story. What assumptions does she make about her mother? Did you identify more with Ella or with Marta? Why?