



# The Amish Groom

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1. The pond at his grandparents' farm holds a special place in Tyler Anderson's heart. What are some of the reasons he is drawn to it?
2. What do you think the pond symbolizes? Is there a place or object at your childhood home that affects you in a similar way?
3. Was Duke's decision to leave his son in the care of his grandparents the right thing to do? How might Tyler's personality and character been different had his mother not died? How about if Duke had kept him instead of sending him away?
4. Tyler's little brother felt cheated of a relationship with his big brother. How valid are Brady's feelings? Would you have felt the same way? What has been the influence of sibling relationships in your life?
5. When Tyler arrives in California, he is intent on fitting in and masking his Amish upbringing. Why do you think he felt the need to do that?
6. Tyler made a list of distinctions that were true of the *Englisch* world as he saw it. If you were to make a similar list about the non-Amish world, what would you include?
7. Had you been in Sadie's shoes, would you have told Sarah the full truth about why you left Lancaster County? Why or why not?
8. What was Rachel afraid of when Tyler returned to Lancaster County? To what degree do love and trust work together?
9. Do you think Tyler's *Englisch* family will visit him in Lancaster County? If, so what do you think will be result of that visit? Do you think Tyler will continue to have an influence on them even after he takes his membership vows?
10. Where do you see Rachel and Tyler in ten years? Do you think Tyler will still be drawn to visit the pond, or has he found peace at last?