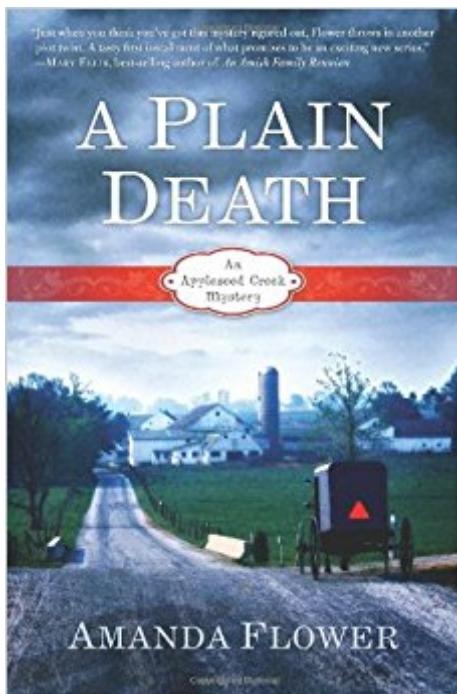


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A Plain Death: An Appleseed Creek Mystery



Synopsis

Welcome to Appleseed Creek, the heart of Ohio's Amish Country, where life is not as serene as it seems. While her Cleveland friends relocated to Southern California and Italy, 24-year-old computer whiz Chloe Humphrey moves with some uncertainty to Appleseed Creek to direct technology services at a nearby college. Her first acquaintance is Becky, an ex-Amish teenager looking for a new home. While driving Chloe's car, Becky collides with a buggy, killing an Amish elder. But what looks like an accident is soon labeled murder when police discover the car's cut brake line. Now, Chloe must take on the role of amateur sleuth to discover who the real intended victim was before the murderer makes a second attempt. Becky's handsome Amish-turned-Mennonite brother, Timothy, a local carpenter, comes in handy along the way. With God's help, they'll solve the mystery that's rocking this small community.

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Customer Reviews

I have a new author on my radar and I am not about to let her out of my sight! Amanda Flower has written a fantastic book! I must say I simply adored this book. It follows Chloe Humphrey, a twenty-four year old computer techy, who takes a job in the small quaint town of Appleseed Creek, Ohio. Right from the start Chloe realizes this small town may not be so small after all. As she is driving along a rural road she sees a young girl in distress. The girl is being accosted by two men who seem to want to do harm. Chloe intercedes and scares the men away. And so it begins....

Chloe finds out that the girl is Becky Troyer, who is Amish and is leaving home. Becky asks to stay with her and Chloe agrees for a few days. She seems harmless and Chloe likes her from the get go. Besides, she knows no one in town so this is a start. Becky promises to find a job and she is determined to do so. She gets an interview at a local greenhouse and decides to borrow Chloe's car without her knowledge to get there. Never mind that she has no license, she wants this job! On the way to the interview tragedy occurs. The brakes go out on the car, and Becky is unable to stop going down a hill and slams into a horse and buggy killing the beloved Bishop Glick. Shocked and horrified Becky manages to only receive a broken arm. Becky is in a heap of trouble. Chloe and Timothy Troyer, who is Becky's brother, rush to her defense. Chloe knows her car was in proper driving condition so what happened? After some investigation, it's discovered that the brake line was cut. Who would do such a thing? As the mystery deepens and I was drawn into the investigation, I quickly realized everything was not what it seemed.....

Amanda Flowers presents a twist on Amish fiction - a mystery that takes place in Ohio's Amish country, proving that life among the Amish community is not as peaceful as one assumes. A Plain Death: An Appleseed Creek Mystery finds Chloe Humphrey moving into Appleseed Creek. She has just accepted a position as the computer services director at a local college. Her plan is to be there for a few years before taking a promotion elsewhere. On her first day, she saves Becky, a young Amish woman who was being accosted by some "English" men. She left her Amish family and wants to pursue a career in art. Becky moves into Chloe's house and looks for a job. Her brother Timothy, another former Amish, wants to keep an eye on his sister. He befriends Chloe and helps her make repairs on her house. When Becky borrows Chloe's car without permission, she causes an accident, killing an Amish bishop. It is labeled murder when the police discover the car was tampered with. Meanwhile, Chloe discovers that she was hired to fire some of her staff and bring about some other changes. She faces dissension in her work environment. Could one of them be behind the murder? Was Chloe the intended victim? Or was someone targeting the Amish? Chloe needs to find out before the murderer strikes again. Flower writes a cozy mystery that engages the reader. Her book has interesting characters (Grandfather Zook is a charmer!) and several twists to the plot. A Plain Death ends differently than expected, which is how a mystery should end. Discussion questions are also included.

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