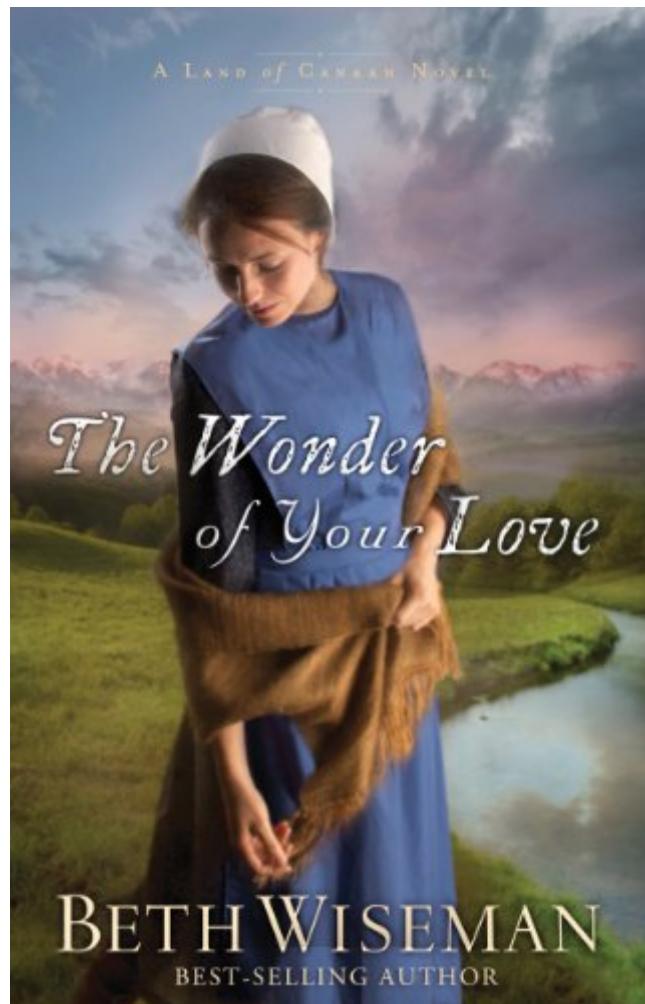


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The Wonder Of Your Love (A Land Of Canaan Novel Book 2)



Synopsis

Katie Ann lost the love of her life. Then God offers her a new beginning in Colorado. Katie Ann Stolzfus lives in the small Amish community of Canaan, Colorado. At forty she is widowed and raising her first child. But baby Jonas will never know his father, and Katie Ann wonders if her Heavenly Father hasn't forgotten about her as well. Is it really God's plan for her to be a single parent? Eli Detweiler has come to Canaan for a wedding and a long vacation. Having raised six children following the death of his young wife, Eli is finally an empty-nester. He's enjoying the slower pace of having no one to care for but himself. When Katie Ann and Eli meet, there is an instant connection. Yet as strong as the attraction is, they both acknowledge that a romance would never work. He is done parenting, while she has just begun. But as their friendship slowly blossoms into feelings that are as frightening as they are intoxicating, Katie Ann and Eli question if the plans they made for themselves are in line with God's plans. Can Katie Ann entrust her heart to another man, and rediscover the wonder of God's love?

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Customer Reviews

My Thoughts: The Wonder of Your Love is book #2 of the Land of Canaan series by Beth Wiseman. It puts closure to the unhappy circumstances in the life of Katie Ann Stolzus, due to the infidelity of her estranged husband in book # 1 of the Land of Canaan series. Katie Ann gives birth to a baby boy after so many years of thinking she would never have a child of her own. But her estranged husband dies before the child is even born. Katie Ann finds much joy and peace with her baby boy and is determined with God's help to build a life for her and her fatherless child. While attending a family wedding she is introduced to Eli, a widower with 6 grown children and several grandchildren, whom is on his own now and planning to do some traveling. Katie Anne and Eli are well aware that they have become pawns in a matchmaking game by friends and family. Besides he is a miracle worker with Katie Ann's fussy baby. To throw everyone off their game the couple decide to do some site seeing and spend a few meals together even though they knew they were not a match and that they had other plans for their life. But God has big plans for them. When I review a book I like to see if there is anything I didn't like about the book. I am glad to say the book is perfect just like it is. I fell in love with the characters and was sad for the book to end. It was like saying goodbye to old friends and not sure if you would see them again. Beth has a true gift for bringing the characters and their feelings alive and God is there leading them all through the book. I highly recommend this book! I give this book a rating of 5 out of 5. Blog tour schedule: [...] Disclosure: I received a copy of this book from Litfuse for review. I was in no way compensated for my review. This review is my very own honest to goodness opinion.

The Land of Canaan series has got to be one of my favorite Amish series...ever. If you don't believe me, I dare you to compare them to some of the other Amish books on the shelves and see what you think. If they don't have you glued to the pages like they do me...well then, we might have to have a little chat to change your mind (just kidding, I promise). :o) I don't know how she does it, but Beth Wiseman has got this incredible way of getting me emotionally invested with all of her stories. I find myself cheering for their successes, and empathizing with their heartbreaks like they were real people. And if those things weren't enough, then she goes and writes these stirring romantic scenes between her male and female lead characters that literally set my heart to pounding...as in out-of-my-chest pounding! There are only a handful of authors that are truly gifted when it comes to writing romance into any story, and by golly, Beth is at the top of the list! But now that this visit back to Canaan has come to an end, it's like anguish...horrible, gut-wrenching anguish. I know I make it sound like my dog just died, but I usually feel this way after I read one of Beth's books. How in the world can I make it until I know what happens next in this close-knit community?! I want to know

what will happen with Danielle--is something on the horizon for her and Levi? Will Eli's children be happy with the changes they are about to make? Will Martha continue to be her ornery old self now that her relationship status has changed? See what I mean...there are just too many questions!!!So, while I patiently wait, I guess I'll have to be satisfied that this particular story ended just how I wanted it to--not a cliff-hanger in sight. :o) Still, a return trip to Canaan is on my radar, and I hope Beth won't make us wait too terribly long before we can go back.

Set in the small Amish community of Canaan, Colorado, a recent widow Katie Ann Stoltzfus struggles to raise her baby, Jonas. Prior to her husband, Ivan, death, Ivan had left Katie for an English woman, Lucy Turner. Katie receives a letter from Lucy, just before Katie meets Eli Detweiler at a wedding. Eli is also a widower, has been several years. He's come to Colorado for a long, much-needed vacation. All of his children are now grown, and a few even have children of their own. Eli is enjoying the simple life, but that changes when he meets Katie. There is an instant attraction between the two. Katie is still grieving over her husband's affair, and now has a wonderful baby to raise, while Eli is done with raising a family. As their friendship gets closer, they both wonder if God has other plans for them. The Wonder of Your Love is a fast, clean-cut, romantic tale. I was instantly emotionally connected to Katie Anne by the end of the first chapter. Amish people live in a small religious community, but they have problems just like everyone else. In this case, Katie's husband was having affair with an English woman and eventually left Katie for Lucy. I'm a fan of Amish fiction and I was surprised by this little twist, but the plot kept me flipping through the pages. I recommend the book to all readers.

As always, I enjoyed reading this Beth Wiseman book. I like the connection between this series and the Daughters of Promise series. I love the familiar characters as well as the new ones that are introduced in this series. I know a lot of people complain about the predictable endings of her books but I enjoy the happy endings. Wiseman's books are always clean and share a message of inspiration. I love that she writes a romance novel without "smut", I only gave it four stars since I don't think it's a great work of fiction. However, it's still an enjoyable read and a great way to pass a rainy afternoon. In this book we finally see a happy ending for Katie Ann Stoltzfus, a single mother and widow. In the Daughters of Promise series we learn that Katie Ann's husband was shunned for cheating on her with an outsider. She moved to Canaan for a fresh start along with her brother-in-law and his family. In the first of the Land of Canaan books Katie Ann is shocked to discover that she is expecting a baby shortly after being abandoned by her cheating husband. She

and her husband tried for years to conceive and she thought she would never have child of her own. In The Wonder of Your Love we find Katie raising her baby on her own. With the help of friends and family she finds hope again and learns to trust God as well as her fellow man. She learns to forgive her husband and even reaches out to his mistress, who is in a surprisingly similar situation. A few new characters are cleverly introduced leaving lots of options for more books in the series.

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