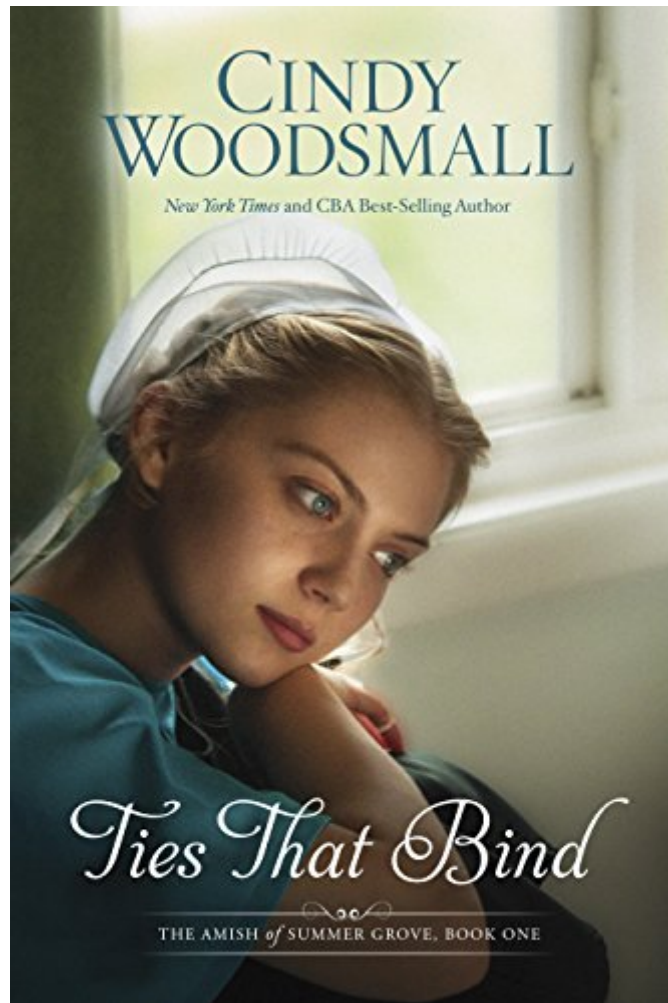




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Synopsis

Ariana's comfortable Old Order Amish world is about to unravel. Will holding tightly to the cords of family keep them together or simply tear them apart? Twenty-year-old Ariana Brenneman loves her family and the Old Ways. She has two aspirations: open a café in historic Summer Grove to help support her family's ever-expanding brood and to keep any other Amish from being lured into the Englisch life by Quill Schlabach. Five years ago Quill, along with her dear friend Frieda, ran off together, and Ariana still carries the wounds of that betrayal. When she unexpectedly encounters him, she soon realizes he has plans to help someone else she loves leave the Amish. Despite how things look, Quill's goal has always been to protect Ariana from anything that may hurt her, including the reasons he left. After returning to Summer Grove on another matter, he unearths secrets about Ariana and her family that she is unaware of. His love and loyalty to her beckons him to try to win her trust and help her find a way to buy the café because when she learns the truth that connects her and a stranger named Skylar Nash, Quill knows it may upend her life forever. Ties That Bind is the first novel in the Amish of Summer Grove series. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

This book is excellent as usual. Cindy never fails to write books that hold your interest. I love every book I've ever read by her, even if I don't like the twists and turns the story stories take, they always end well. This one looks to be just as enthralling as all the others. I can't wait to see what happens next. I definitely recommend this book. The only thing I wasn't too keen on, was that a lot of slang was used by the Amish in this book, and I'm not sure if they know all that slang, so I don't know if that part is authentic. And this is just nitpicky, but I hate how the author uses the word "get" in place of "understand". It was just nonstop, and it was annoying, but that has nothing to do with the story or anything else, it's just a pet peeve of mine.

20-year-old Ariana Brenneman loves her Amish heritage and is working hard to save money to open her own cafe. Her twin brother has been assisting her with saving money and making plans. Their mother, Lovina, loves all her children but can't stop the thought that there is something amiss with the fact that the twin's baby blankets originally had baby feet but now Ariana's doesn't. The birthing center had caught on fire the night the twins were born and an English woman also delivered a baby girl, was it possible that in the chaos the baby girls had been switched? One night, Ariana crosses paths with a friend from her youth whom she hadn't seen in five years, not since he left the Amish faith with another girl and broke her heart. Quill apologizes and hints at more heartache ahead for Ariana. With Ariana's realization that Quill has been the mysterious person helping Amish leave in the middle of the night, she quickly makes it her goal to discover which of her nine siblings must be considering leaving. After one of Ariana's brothers spots a young girl who resembles Salome their oldest sister, Ariana's parents, Issac and Lovina come to Quill for help in tracking down the girl who may be their biological daughter. Quill helps them despite the fact that he knows it could destroy the life of Ariana whom he still loves very much. Skyler Nash, an aspiring actress with big dreams and a habit of choosing men who get her into trouble, has no clue that her life is about to change. With her growing drug dependency, Skyler feels like her world is falling around her when her bad decisions catch up with her and her acting career is put on hold against her wishes. The Ties That Bind easily catches the reader's interest and hold tight and never lets go all the way to the final page. Cindy Woodsman has delivered with a great start to her new series which leaves you knowing that the second book will be a must read on your list.

Kept me wanting to know what happens next. Characters realistic. Good plot. I would like to read the next book

Love this book could not put it down. Very well written and keeps you interested. Would highly recommend this book to my fiends and family.

I found this book to be very interesting from the start to the finish. I just wish that there would be a second book so that I could findout what happened to some of the people that are involved. Please let me know if there will be a second book.

Written very well, interesting , felt as if you knew the families and you could feel all the emotions. This book had many twists and turns. Hope book 2 of this series will be available soon to follow up on all the happenings as readers are left hanging.

From beginning to end, this was a great story of lives lived and hopes and dreams shattered and ignited. It's also the story of one of a parent's worst nightmares. Entertaining to the very end. Can't wait to start the second volume.

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