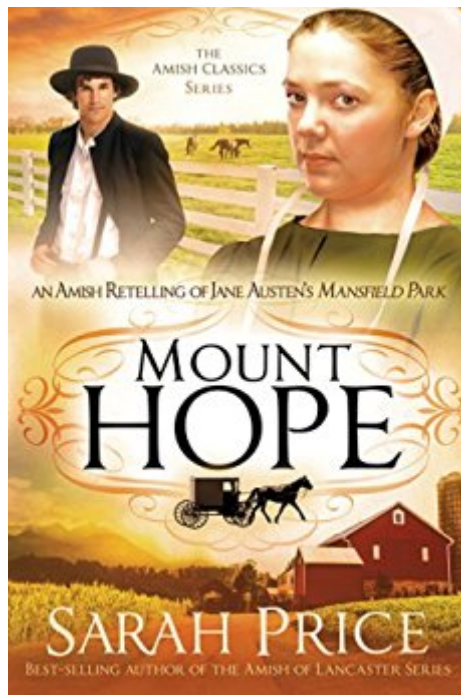


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Mount Hope: An Amish Retelling Of Jane Austen's Mansfield Park (The Amish Classics)



Synopsis

When her father can no longer provide for his large family, Fanny Price is sent away from her small Amish community in Colorado to live with her aunt's family in Mount Hope, Ohio. Fanny immediately feels out of place at the Bontrager farm but finds a friend in her aunt's stepson, Elijah Bontrager. As time passes, Fanny begins to long for their friendship to blossom into something more, but her hopes are dashed when Elijah starts to court someone else. With her uncle pressuring her to marry a man who can take her off his hands, Fanny must learn to rely on God for her future.

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Customer Reviews

"Mount Hope: An Amish Retelling of Jane Austen's Mansfield Park" starts out in a small Amish community in Colorado, that morning Fanny Price finds out that she and her brother will be leaving the family, and each will be living with different family members back east. In less than thirty-six hours, Fanny is living with her aunt and family in Mount Hope, Ohio. Feeling out of place at the Bontrager farm, Fanny finds a friend in her older cousin, Elijah Bontrager. As years have passed,

Fanny has not overcome her shyness, preferring solitude, but is very observant. Her relationship with Elijah takes a shift in a different direction. Fanny finds herself conflicted as to what to do about it. When her uncle presses her to marry a guy she doesn't feel is worthy of her hand, Fanny can't seem to find it in herself to tell her uncle the whole truth. It's what her uncle does and the events afterwards that the eyes are opened! Sarah Price writes with ease, that makes the story flow smoothly, and not missing a bit of details. Her characters take on human-like persona. Sarah stays true to the Amish culture and faith of the area she's writing about, but most importantly of Amish districts and people. I have nothing but good comments and praises to say about Sarah Price's books. I have read all of her work beginning with "Fields of Corn" to her current book "Mount Hope: An Amish Retelling of Jane Austen's Mansfield Park". I must admit I haven't read Jane Austen's "Mansfield Park", but I can't imagine that it could be any better than Sarah Price's Amish twist on the story. I think Sarah Price is very skilled at illustrating how well Jane Austen's world can translate to Amish culture in her stories.

Eloquent and masterful storyteller, Sarah Price, pens a unique Amish tale superbly blended with Jane Austen's classic, Mansfield Park, and distinctly makes it her own! In this timeless tale we perceive that the road to love is oftentimes very rocky and appearances can be very deceiving. When her father can no longer provide for his family he sends Fanny Price to live with her aunt's family in Mount Hope, Ohio. Never feeling a part of the Bontrager family, Fanny is basically a loner "not taking part in the young people's activities and singings" but choosing instead to stay at home and do whatever work is needed on the large prosperous farm. Befriended only by her aunt's stepson, Elijah, Fanny so yearns for their special friendship to turn into something deeper. However, when two strangers visit their Amish community "the lovely, Mary Coblentz and her charming, flirtatious brother, Henry" Elijah's attentions are swiftly diverted, much to Fanny's dismay. What ensues are plenty of twists and turns as the roguish Henry causes plenty of jealousies to arise, Elijah becomes besotted with Mary, and the heartbroken Fanny finds herself with a suitor as well. Will he help her to forget the only man she has ever loved? Author Sarah Price has written a fascinating tale of deceit, betrayal, and unrequited love that finely parallels Jane Austen's classic masterpiece! I literally could not put it down except out of necessity. Fanny is truly a stick-in-the-mud, but with good reason. She tries so hard to gain acceptance from her new family by doing everything for them, that she loses herself in the process. She so seldom laughed or had fun, that when she did it brought a smile to my face as well. I so wanted her to find her mouth even if I had to shake her to bring that about!

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