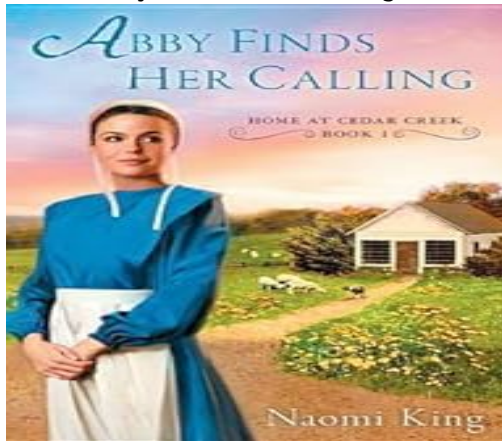


Abby Finds Her Calling (Home at Cedar Creek, #1) By Naomi King Abby has a knack for putting back together what seems to fall apart in the lives the people in Cedar Creek.

Or will Abby spend the rest of her life simply being a maid?I received Abby Finds Her Calling by Naomi King compliments of Pump Up Your Book Tours for my honest review. A different view is offered from the Amish point of view when Zanna's character goes against her moral and spiritual beliefs and makes the reader ponder just what would they do if faced with similar circumstances. I rate this one a 5 out of 5 stars!!! 9780451235732 Reviewed By~AprilReview Copy Provided By~Publisher Abby Finds Her Calling is a true gift of inspiration and beauty.

The Lambright family's eldest daughter Abby runs her own sewing shop. But will she ever find her own? Abby Finds Her Calling (Home at Cedar Creek #1)



Drawing upon her experiences in Jamesport the largest Old Order Amish community west of the Mississippi longtime Missourian Naomi King (a. She just wishes she had a knack for helping herself find a way to heal her broken heart when the man she grew up loving James Graber decides to marry her sister Suzanna instead. Leaving in the middle of the night on the eve of her wedding to avoid having to deal with explaining things to her family Zanna cuts her wedding dress to pieces and vanishes without anyone hearing anything. Her mother is distraught at not knowing quite what to do with Zanna her older brother Sam who now has stepped into the role of the man of the house when there father died is beyond angry at not only the expense he had to pay but now answering to the elders of the church for Zanna's actions. I don't often read Amish fiction though I truly love it and love falling into the simple and non-complex lives of these people who hold both God and family/neighbors above all else. Whenever I do treat myself it always makes me reflect upon my own life and how much value we tend to place on non-necessity things such as computers cell phones hand-held gadgets etc. Abby is beyond amazing James is such an intelligent and caring man I loved the way that Zanna grew throughout the story and all of the brothers sisters and community members were amazingly brought to life. This story was a pure delight in many ways! I do have to mention that I was quickly engrossed within the story and was both emotionally and physically invested each and every time that I picked up this book. 9780451235732 Abby Finds Her CallingNaomi KingWow all I can say is this story blew me away! Keep the tissues close by as you are reading ABBY FINDS HER CALLING by Naomi King. Once I started reading it was very hard to stop! The twists and turns made it impossible to put down as I had to know what was going to happen to Abby and her sister Zanna after so much heartache! What an awesome story. I have many of her older books to read and that brings me so much joy and happiness to know they are waiting for me! This is the very first book I've read by her but have read quite a few written under her other pen name Charlotte Hubbard. 9780451235732 Amish fiction is one of my favorite genres to read but sometimes the plots start mirroring each other but once in a while I find story that has me flying thru the pages to see how things will work out and that's just what I found with Abby Finds Her Calling. Will a baby be able to bring a lost soul home again and how will the community accept Zanna and her baby? Read this fantastic story and find out!I really liked the way this story was

presented. I find it ironic that these people live without electricity and modern conveniences but because of the way our world is they do rely on an occasional telephone and hospital emergency visit. Even if you have never read an Amish fiction book or think you would have any interest in one I recommend giving this one a try! I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. At first I didn't like the character of Zanna but with her sister Abby's support encouragement and positive outlook she learns valuable lessons on honesty as well as doing the right thing. King writes with better skill than many writers of the Amish fiction genre providing a story likely to resonate with readers and provide encouragement and food for thought for years to come: There is a good reason why Zanna ran away instead of getting married: Her reason turns the small community upside down and shows the real character of many people: It is about forgiveness and loving others in spite of their faults: I think that Naomi King did a wonderful job at description and illustrating compassion in her book, 9780451235732 Abby Lambright is the envy of so many within her Amish community: She has the wisdom of someone beyond her years and is responsible and very organized, Perhaps that is why her family felt she could run her own sewing shop alongside the families mercantile: I LOVE it when a book will take you on a journey and make the characters in the book truly come alive. A wonderful new series that I can wait to finish and get to know more of the characters that live in Cedar Creek as Naomi King continues with her upcoming books, There she mends the town's clothes and their torn relationships: But the town maidel has sworn off any suitors of her own because of her unrequited love for James Graber who is about to marry her younger sister Zanna, On the wedding day Zanna is nowhere to be found breaking James' heart. Zanna has brought shame to her family but there's more in store for them when they discover how far she has fallen: Long-buried secrets come to light and they test the bonds of the Cedar Creek community, Abby is at the center of it all trying to maintain everyone's happiness. {site_link} Charlotte Hubbard) writes of simpler times and a faith based lifestyle in her new Seasons of the Heart series. Like her heroine Miriam Lantz Charlotte considers it her personal mission to feed people—to share hearth and home, Faith and family farming and food preservation are hallmarks of her lifestyle and the foundation of her earlier Angels of Mercy series. She's a deacon a dedicated church musician and choir member and when she's not writing she loves to try new recipes crochet and sew: Charlotte now lives in Minnesota with her husband and their border collie. Drawing upon her experiences in Jamesport the largest Old Order Amish community west of the Mississippi longtime Missourian Naomi King (a. {site_link} Charlotte Hubbard) writes of simpler times and a faith based lifestyle in her new Seasons of the Heart series. Like her heroine Miriam Lantz Charlotte considers it her personal mission to feed people—to share hearth and home: Faith and family farming and food preservation are hallmarks of her lifestyle and the foundation of her earlier Angels of Mercy series: She's a deacon a dedicated church musician and choir member and when she's not writing she loves to try new recipes crochet and sew: Charlotte now lives in Minnesota with her husband and their border collie, I was intrigued by the Amish culture and the relationships of the diverse individuals in a small Amish community. She is one of those golden people who just can't not help everyone around her see the positive side of situations: She is called on to help when her younger sister doesn't show up for her own wedding. On the day of the wedding with preparations in full swing family members arriving from all over including out of state in Ohio and Pennsylvania the bride vanishes: Now it's up to Abby to tell James that he doesn't have a bride to marry and for once she doesn't know what to say to the man that still owns her heart, In the novel Abby Finds Her Calling by Naomi King the reader is introduced to the first book in a brand new Amish series Home at Cedar Creek. Here we are introduced to the Lambert and Graber family's and how they are intertwined in a wedding that has failed to take place. Now turmoil ensues when Zanna returns home to face the music of not only her family friends and James but also the consequences of defiling the church with her actions: At only 17 Zanna has more on her mind than just her explanation of why she left but now having the deal with the talk of her community, Abby once again takes up the role as the mender and wise counselor to her torn family: James will not escape unscathed when he learns just why Zanna couldn't marry him: Will he finally see the qualities in Abby that he's been blind to before lovingly

crafted by a very talented author Naomi King: Though titled Abby Finds Her Calling much of the story revolves around Abby's younger sister Zanna who on her wedding day runs away and hides herself for a couple of days: This sends their small community friends and family into a panic (not to mention the intended husband James), When Zanna returns and confesses shocking secrets everyone's lives are sent into a tail-spin: It is kind-hearted Abby who soothes things over and brings peace to not only those directly effected by Zanna's confessions but also to the community, I absolutely love this and couldn't think of a better description for this woman. She is the most unselfish hard-working admirable person I have ever met - be it in a story characterization or real life. If everyone had even a few drops of her morals and ethics the world would be a much better place: Naomi King's writing style is beautiful poetic and incredibly inspirational, She often makes reference to verses within the Bible that tie in with what is taking place within the story - these verses are quoted by the characters throughout: King truly brings to life the way of the Amish - their hard working ethics their concern and willingness to help friends and neighbors without a second doubt, The only thing that rubbed me the wrong way was the submissiveness on the part of the women, That however is just a personal peeve of mine and does not reflect on the author at all - just the way of life for these people, Abby Finds Her Calling is a very quick and enjoyable read. I do wish that the ending was a bit different for Abby however I hope that as the series progresses so will things for Abby: The second book in the Home at Cedar Creek series is titled Rosemary Opens Her Heart due out Oct: 2012 and I cannot wait to get my hands on it to see what happens with the lovely people of Cedar Creek! Favorite Quote: Life is precious: We shouldn't waste it making other people feel small and worthless nor should we cry over spilled milk and make endless excuses she added: Amish pregnant unmarried a twist ending not at all the ending I kept reading toward: 9780451235732 A fresh new voice enters the world of Amish fiction with Naomi King's book Abby Finds Her Calling: King's lyrical voice shines in a tender tale of how love and forgiveness heal broken hearts, All of Naomi's characters feel genuine and relatable and put your emotions on one heck of a roller coaster ride, As you are reading you will find yourself cheering for all of them praying they can work out their problems and be happy once again. You will also wonder how much heartache a person can stand before they completely break down and shatter, ABBY FINDS HER CALLING is all about family and the past and the secrets that come out are heart tugging. It had me flipping through the pages like a woman on a mission. I had to know what was going to happen to Zanna and her heart broken fiancé James Graber and all of the secondary characters. Zanna knows she made a mess of things but wonders if she will ever be able to reveal the truth and be forgiven for her sins: ABBY FINDS HER CALLING is a heart felt story that will hold you hostage until the very last page: Once you start reading it will be very hard to put down! I found myself wishing and hoping that Abby would find love and help Zanna be happy as well: It is filled with quite a few subjects that aren't usually included in Amish fiction but Naomi King really handled the situations perfectly. I was instantly emotionally invested in all of the characters: Naomi King really knows how to write about family drama heartbreak and forgiveness, I can not wait to read more by this wonderful and heart tugging author, I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author Naomi King. Abby Lambright is considered to be a spinster in her Amish community. She always turns down suitors because the boy she has been in love with since grade school is in love with someone else actually planned on marrying someone else, She has always kept these feelings well hidden because the one she has feelings for James Graber actually planned on marrying her sister Suzanna, When he shows up for the wedding though Zanna is gone and the wedding is off: When Zanna comes back and shares the truth of why she can't marry James because she is pregnant with someone else's child someone who has left the community. It's about Zanna and the choices she makes but it is also about Abby and her faith her willingness to work and sacrifice her willingness to stand by her sister, She was someone who decided to remain unmarried rather than settle. I also found it interesting that as a single woman she owned her own house: I liked the sense of community that I felt in the town of Cedar Creek it was easy to become immersed in the lives of the characters, The plot moved along at a brisk pace and for me there was never a down time, While I was pleased with the ending for Zanna

I was left hoping for something more for Abby. I have my fingers crossed that her story might continue in another book: I loved my visit to Cedar Creek and will certainly be watching for the next book in the series titled Rosemary Opens Her Heart due out in Oct, Overall fans of Amish fiction will love this story but anyone who enjoys a good story about community families and faith will also be drawn to this story: 9780451235732 I have to say that this is the best Amish book I have ever read. I realize it is only the third but this one has everything you could possibly want from a fine Christian romance, And I am quite pleased to discover that this is only the first in the series. I cannot wait to read the second! All I know about the Amish really have come from hearsay and well-written fiction books like this one: I always marvel at how simple the lives of these people are: I am intrigued by the fact that they do embrace some modern technology, Abby is strong from the beginning and she is the one who help Zanna in her situation: I was surprised to find an Amish book dealing with issues of infidelity, unwed pregnancy, abortion and pacemakers, Watching Zanna grow from the scared teengaer to strong woman is one of the best features of the book. And to see Abby as peacemaker is really quite a blessing in the book. I do love to see strong women and if you ever think that Amish women are weak you might give this book a look! The messages in the book are truly uplifting, The unwavering faith in a changeless God indeed thrills my soul: I also love the fact that the elders in the book are so strong and steadfast in their faith: While I do not condone all the methods that the Amish use I would say that non-Amish Christians could learn a lot about handling situations and caring about community, It was good to see the Bible used as a basis for absolutely every decision made in the book, I was pleased to see the kind of ending that Johnny and Zanna had in the book and I am hoping that good news will come for Abby and James in the next book, I was also happy to see that God can change people that you never think He can. We spend our time praying for it to happen and then we are shocked when God answers our prayer: How I needed to hear this message in my current circumstances. I was not financially compensated in any way and all opinions are 100 percent mine, 9780451235732 Life seems simple for the families in Cedar Creek Missouri. This is a heartwarming story filled with love of family and forgiveness that will keep you turning pages: I look forward to reading the other books in this series, 9780451235732 Suzanna Zanna Lambright fails to show up for her wedding day to James Graber, When her sister Abby finds her the next day she realizes her sister is pregnant: Although she initially insinuates James is the father the truth finally comes out of her, The story is one of forgiveness and restoration but it goes far beyond the main story and is woven throughout the different pieces of the story: While its message of forgiveness is faith-based it is delivered in such a manner which is likely to be non-threatening to unbelievers[1]

The man that Abby has always loved. The situation is very sticky. The book is about healing. Definitely a book worth reading. k.a.k.a. {site_link} This is a very enjoyable book. Abby is a peacemaker. Zanna is supposed to marry James Missouri. This book was no different. Within the story Abby is described as love and sunshine. Ms. As far as characters I loved them all. We should love each other. We should do the work God's given us. It's as simple - and as complicated - as that. 9780451235732 Exceptional reading. What a captivating story. Naomi King has a winner in Cedar Creek. She will have your emotions all over the place. Maybe she can find the meaning of her life once again. ABBY FINDS HER CALLING isn't your typical Amish fiction story. Opinions expressed in this review are completely my own. I loved the character of Abby. 2012. I will tell you right now that I could not do it. I absolutely love Abby and Zanna. But to a degree you find all of this in the book. If anyone deserves it they do. I highly recommend this book. However life is not simple even for the Amish. Zanna must face the consequences of her choice. I look forward to the next installment in the series. 9780451235732.