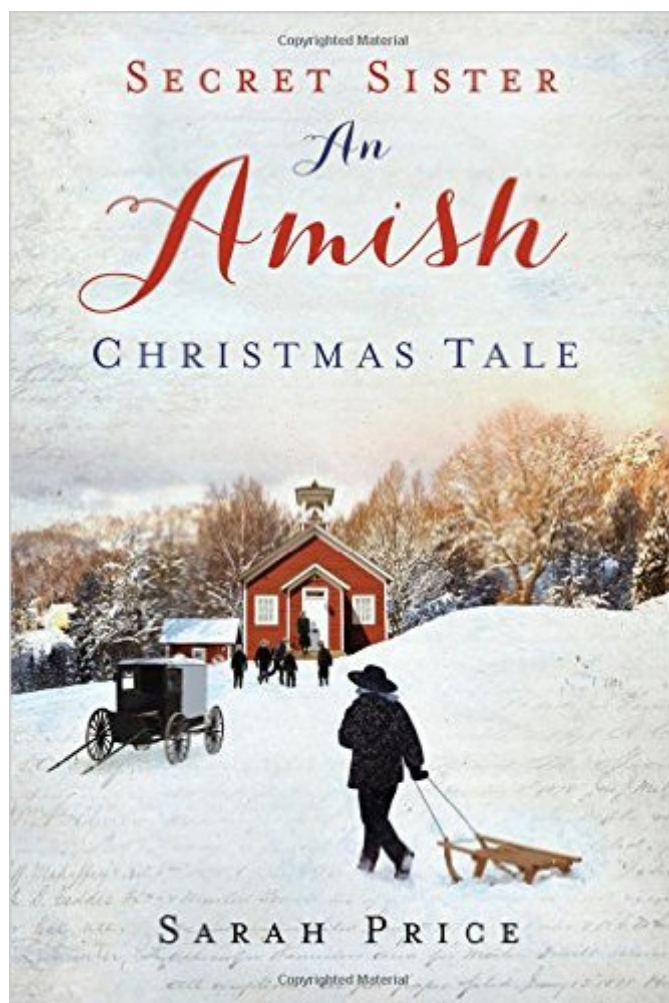


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# Secret Sister: An Amish Christmas Tale



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

Found the book hard to put down. Without giving out too much information, it was about a widow named Grace. The story went from the present to the past. The secret sister is someone who gives small gifts to a person. Never heard that term before. Grace was the person receiving these gifts. They all had to do with her past. Sarah Price really gets her readers involved in the storyline. She is by far my favorite author!

This was a wonderful book to read!! I suspect that this isn't complete fiction!! The idea is brilliant and well written. The remembrances were sometimes a little hard to follow, if you missed the date change, but was quickly fixed by looking back a page! I will be looking for more books by Sarah

Price!!

In *Secret Sister*, author Sarah Price has written a heartwarming Amish yuletide tale of bewildering secrets and love lost—set amongst the fragrant scent of pine, the soft glow of candles, and crystalline snowflakes ushering in the Christmas season. Feeling so very alone and heartbroken from recently losing Menno—the love of her life—not to mention her children growing up and moving into different communities, Grace Beiler is truly suffering in silence. It is the Amish way to accept God's will in all things and not to question or complain about one's lot in life. Although her Amish community is kind to her, Grace feels like a fifth wheel when they offer to give her rides or invite her places with their families. Soon strange events begin to take place when Grace starts receiving notes and gifts that cause her to reflect on meaningful incidents in her past—when she and Menno were young and courting, and their subsequent life with their children. Apparently Grace has a "secret sister" who is seeking to encourage her, but who is she?...and how is she aware of these things that are only significant to Grace? As she attends her favorite event of the year which happens to be the Christmas program, Grace receives another gift—one that will change the course of her life forever. In *Secret Sister* masterful storyteller, Sarah Price, has written an exquisite novel destined to become a Christmas classic! What an intricate, unpredictable plot! In one evening I literally read half of this book trying to figure out who the "secret sister" was and I never did. Being an empty nester myself, I could truly identify with Grace's inability to know just where she belonged after devoting her whole life to raising her children. I didn't just have tears in my eyes at the wonderful conclusion—they were literally streaming down my cheeks—I was that moved. For those of you who don't want to read a story about a more "mature" woman (lol)...have no fear. The book goes back and forth between past and present and there is plenty of blushing romance and drama, too! Highly recommended read for any time of the year!

Menno and Grace's story is beautiful. The love they had for each other was truly wonderful. What Menno does to make sure that Grace would be taken care of is remarkable. Watching Grace try to figure out who her secret sister is will have you on the edge of your seat. You can feel God working in this book. Sarah outdone herself with this book.

I have read many Amish fiction books over the past two years and not one of them has touched me as much as this one did. Beautifully written! The characters come to life and it's like they are right here with you. Grace's love and complete devotion to Menno is inspiring. I'm not a very good reader

so to speak....usually takes me a couple of weeks to read a book such as this size. But I read this one in three days! I could not put it down. And make sure you have tissues handy when you reach the final pages.....you're going to need them. I highly recommend this book to any Amish fiction fan!! Just a great book!!

I enjoy reading Sarah Price's books. I enjoyed how the book was written. You'll be in the present time with Grace and her husband. Then, it would go back in time, to explain their lives and how they met. Then back to the present time and how Grace is facing life without her husband. The most interesting parts are when Grace starts to receive 'secrets' from her past. As far as she can tell, only she would know about her past...even her thoughts. I highly recommend Secret Sister: An Amish Christmas Tale.

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**My Review**This is a GREAT Christmas Book by Sarah Price. This book kept my interest from the start of the book to the end. In fact, I didn't want it to end. This book is about Menno and Grace Beiler and my heart just went all out to Grace what she has to go through. First off, she loses her love, Menno Beiler. In the meantime, Grace receives letters and gifts from a "Secret Sister." But the only thing is she doesn't know who did it. As the book goes on, she thinks she knows who it is but she is wrong. I don't think I had better say anything else or I will ruin the book for you. It is such a GREAT book, I know that you will want to read this. This is the first book by Sarah Price I have read and will definitely read more of her work. She is GREAT. Thank you Sarah for giving us this Christmas story.

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