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Under The Heavens



Synopsis

Lenny happened to notice his blurry reflection on the windowpane. He knew it was his image; nevertheless, he couldn't recognize his own face. Those almond-shaped eyes and dark-brown hair belonged to him, yet, inside, he felt disconnected from his past, having never known his own father. Grandpa had insisted, "Leonard, needs to come spend a summer at the home-place ..." A teenage boy, struggling with his identity, reluctantly leaves his modern, city-life behind and enters the slow-paced, mysterious world of the Amish. Grandpa teaches Lenny to farm with draft horses, a tranquil experience that seeps into his soul, changing his perspective. A neighbor girl appears while he is working in the fields, weaving a romance in the fabric of his summer. Lenny discovers that everyday on an Amish farm is an adventure. Thunderstorms rumble above, as a fragile relationship, between an Amish family and their non-Amish visitor, begins to unravel. Daybreak in a cow pasture, plowing with horses, enchanting moonlit buggy rides, and picturesque sunsets are all part of life, Under the Heavens.

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Customer Reviews

Thomas Nye, author of Under the Heavens and Catbird Singing, lives near an Amish community, where he grew to know and respect his Amish neighbors. His love for draft horses deepened that connection and compelled him to write about his experiences. He and his wife have five adult children.

This is one of the best books that I have ever read. It is a book of self discovery of a young boy. It is

a book of twists and turns. It leaves you laughing and crying and a sense of understanding of horses and young boys.

Great read. Emotional read. What drew me to this book was the cover . those beautiful black horses , just pulled me in. While reading, you feel like you are there with Lenny. Can't wait to get into book 2.

My husband, son and I, think it was a great book! The Amish way of living was about as close as it could get! We live near an Amish community, and they are dear friends. I plan to share the book with them, if they would like to read it..Thank you again for an inspiring story!When is book 2 coming out?

Everything in this book reminded me of home. I grew up in Kalona, my mother was a Gingerich, our Gingerich homestead was south of Yoder Feeds and my grandpa could have been the one in this book.I only gave it four stars because it lagged in a few places. If I was judging on taking a walk down memory lane, I would definitely give it a 5-star rating!

A Wonderful and easy read by a up and coming author, Thomas Nye. Difficult to imagine that this is his first book. I admire the detail with which he so eloquently describes his favorite subjects; Horses and the Amish. Thomas still manages to pull at the heartstrings by incorporating a touching love story. I'm anxious for the 2nd in this series.

I loved this book. It was informative about the Amish way of life and how a young boy learned that a simple, hard working life can be a great life. I can't wait for the next book to come out. It was really worth reading and keeps you interested throughout. Great job Tom.

A realistic story of working with horses and family bonds. Grandpa sets a great example and leads a boy struggling with his own identity, to Christ.

I find myself reading this lovely story once again a second time, for I really enjoyed the characters, the setting and plot. Thomas Nye has a real gift for storytelling!

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