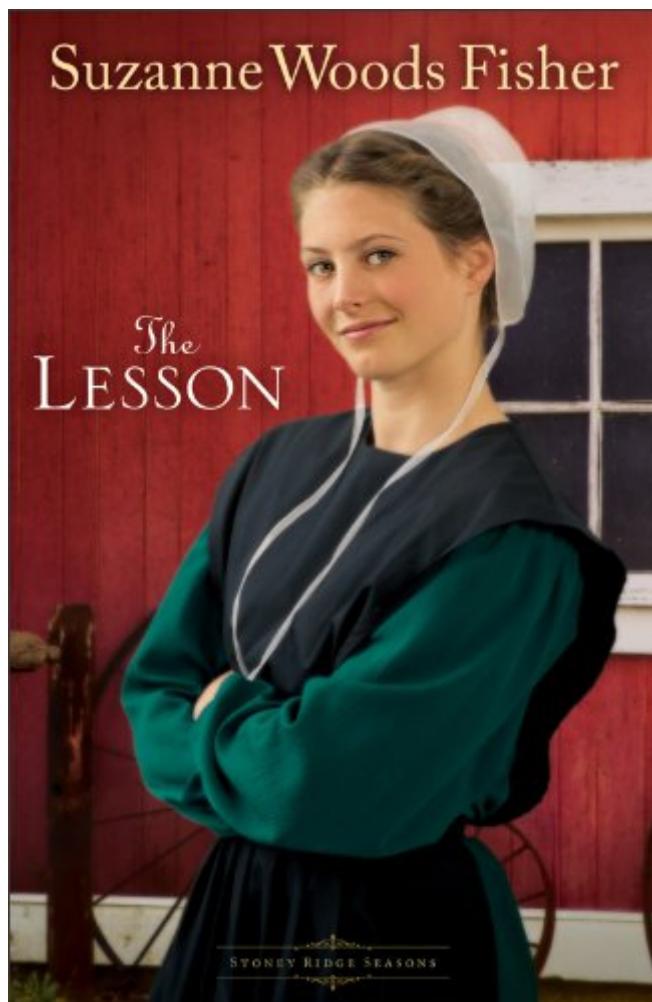


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The Lesson (Stoney Ridge Seasons Book #3): A Novel



Synopsis

In her wildest dreams, spunky and impulsive nineteen-year-old Mary Kate Lapp never imagined herself behind a schoolteacher's desk. A run-in (literally) with the schoolteacher compels her to act as a substitute teacher, just as her restless desire to see the world compels her to apply for a passport . . . just in case. The only thing of interest to M.K. in the sleepy Amish community of Stoney Ridge is the unexplained death of a sheep farmer that coincided with the arrival of a mysterious young man into the community. Frustrated that no one takes the crime seriously, she takes matters into her own hands. Unfortunately, as tends to be the case for M.K., she jumps headlong into trouble. Centered on one of Suzanne Woods Fisher's most loved characters, this is the story fans have eagerly anticipated. The precocious M.K. is all grown up (well, almost) and ready to take on the world--with surprising results. Fisher's trademark plot twists and turns are as unexpected and satisfying as ever in this third book in the Stoney Ridge Seasons series.

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Customer Reviews

Pleasantly surprised by The Lesson! I'm pretty sure this is the third book I've read by Suzanne Woods Fisher and it may be my favorite! I absolutely loved M.K.'s character - she had me laughing

a lot! I also really liked Chris's character. There were some surprises in The Lesson that made my enjoyment of the book go even higher. I also loved the mystery surrounding the unexplained death that had happened in Stoney Ridge. Even though I don't read that many Amish novels, I do enjoy a few every once in a while, and The Lesson was a great one. I recommend it if you enjoy Amish fiction.*I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher for my review. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.*"Available January 2013 at your favorite bookseller from Revell, a division of Baker Publishing Group."

Mary Kate Lapp (or as her family and friends call her, M.K.) is a nineteen-year-old yearning for a mystery in the third and final book in the popular Stoney Ridge Seasons series by Suzanne Woods Fisher. M.K. plans of leaving her small Amish community comes to a crashing halt as she literally crashes her scooter into the schoolteacher, Alice Smucker, causing the old woman to abandon her teaching duties for ten weeks because of her injuries. The Bishop orders M.K. to become the substitute teacher since she was the one that ran into Alice. The poor girl had recently found the body of a farmer that had been shot to death and she eagerly wants to investigate it, but the authorities, her family and friends tell her not to get involved. Teaching was something that has never interested M.K. and she doesn't enjoy becoming the new schoolteacher at first, but eventually she enjoys it. The mysterious Chris Yoder and his younger sister, Jenny, arrive in town. Jenny becomes one of M.K. students. M.K. knows that there is something odd about them, but she can't figure out what. Who are Chris and Jenny Yoder? Why is Alice Smacker taking so much time off? And who is behind the murder? I was more than glad to see that M.K. finally get to be a main character as she stole every scene she was in during The Keeper and The Haven. The author does a wonderful job of adding suspense, humor and romance in the final Stoney Ridge Seasons book. The supporting characters are nicely written as well as the dialogue. The Lesson is fast paced sequel that I read in one sitting and I'm hoping that the author will write some sort of spin-off with M.K. in the near future. Overall, The Lesson is my favorite out of the series and I recommend it to other Amish fiction readers. Note - I received the book free of charge from the publisher in exchange for my honest review.

Another great book by Suzanne Woods Fisher. This is Mary Kate Lapp's story, a free spirit, as you know if you have read the other books in this series. She loves her brown bees, and her red scooter. Can just picture her riding down hill with her eyes closed on this scooter...when she collides

with Chris Yoder. Another collision with the then teacher, ends up making her the teacher! You have to "love" Fern, she seems to have it all...a Love of God, and family. She seems to be able to see into another person's heart, and loves her step-children as her own. M K is still a bit flighty, and of course, things happen to this young woman, and she doesn't always use the best judgement. She really does have a big heart, and she cares. When she makes a mistake, she is often devastated and remorseful. Enjoy a great look into the Amish way of life, you won't be sorry. I received this book Litfuse Publicity Tours, and was not required to give a positive review.

Author creates a wonderful plot and inspiring characters. This book kept me reading and was interesting until like the two before it just ended. I read all 3 because I kept hoping I would find closure for the others. Once again I am disappointed. The author truly has a gift for storytelling and creating characters with depth and humanity but needs to find a better way of concluding her excellent stories. Unfortunately I am done and will not be reading the last book in series as there are lots of good books with strong finishes that won't leave me aggravated instead of uplifted.

Well, Suzanne Woods Fisher has done it again with an absolutely amazing Amish book about the Lapps, one of my favorite Amish books to read about! And this book is by far my favorite. It has everything--romance, mystery, heartache, and the undying spirit of the Amish people. If I didn't love my modern conveniences so much, I could easily turn Amish myself!!! I connected with M.K. so well because I am a teacher. She was an unwilling teacher, but she discovered, as I did, how much she loved it. I love the way she worked to discover how to teach every child to meet their individual needs. It was also good to see that Amish children are just like children elsewhere! I was mesmerized by the trail of mysteries running through the book. This is so much more than a coming-of-age story or even a romance. Yes, you will be certain to get your fill of genuine romance. But through it all, the hand of God guided each character that allowed Him to. Notwithstanding, even the Amish are not protected from the evil and hardships of this world. I loved Chris, and I never liked Jimmy. You'll see that for herself. If you are new to Amish fiction or an absolute Amish-fiction freak, this book will not disappoint you. It is by far the best in the Stoney Ridge series (at least in my opinion). I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

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