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different than her own. But as Katy begins to find her way in the outside world, her relationships at home become restrained. Can she find a balance between her two worlds?

Katy's New World by Kim Vogel Sawyer This is the first book in Kim Vogel Sawyer's Young Adult Amish fiction series, the Katy Lambright Series. In *Katy's New World* we meet Katy Lambright, who is a young girl, a devout member of her Mennonite community. The only difference between Katy and other members of her community is she desires to go further in school than Mennonite schools usually go. So, Katy gets special permission to attend a nearby English school, but not without worry from her community. High school is a tough enough time without being automatically viewed as an outsider or "different" like Katy is. She has to learn to navigate a world filled with technology, loud sounds, judgmental people who whisper about her, and more. Will Katy survive this huge change? Will she find a way to make friends or will she remain an outcast? And will the ways of the English world change her, and threaten her status in her Mennonite community? Read *Katy's New World* to find out! While this may be classified as young adult fiction, I really didn't feel like the work was juvenile like I have with other young adult fiction. I think the series accurately portrays what a huge change it would be to go from an enclosed Mennonite world to the open English world. I think changing high schools alone at that age would have been awful, but to come from such a unique background would only compound the difficulty. I really felt like I could understand Katy and her struggles. It was also cute how naive she was, but made sense because of the sheltered background she came from. It made her very believable, and very sweet. While it may be a young adult series, I think any Amish fiction lover would enjoy this book and this series! 4.5 out of 5 stars!

I liked this book, being partial to books that allow me insight into a different culture. I felt that this book gave enough details and explanations as to the Mennonite way of life that made it interesting without feeling like a documentary. The Christian aspect was well done--the message was strong without feeling preachy (a very difficult task for Christian literature), and the characters were plausible. I would have liked to see Katy struggle a bit more with culture shock at the public high school--aside from not knowing what a "semester" was and not wearing blue jeans, she seemed to fit right in quickly enough. The reason I didn't rate it as five stars is that right when the story gets going, the book ends. I didn't realize that it was the first in a SERIES until just now when I found the book to write a review, so that would explain it. Prepare to sign on for the series or to be left dissatisfied with all the loose ends. If you can get the Kindle free edition it's well worth an afternoon to read.

A very good story of a Mennonite teen who has finished her community's schooling and has received permission to attend the local town's high school, on the condition she not pick up any bad things from the locals. Seeing all the differences between the teens at the school and her friends in the community put a lot of questions in her mind. I highly suggest reading this and even suggest it to teenagers you may know.

I enjoyed learning about the Amish way of life and the conflicts that a girl like Katy would encounter attempting to get an education. I also enjoyed reading about her family life in an Amish Community and the pressures of going against the norm. Recommend.

Katy's New World is a quick enjoyable read. As a reader, I was hooked from the first page. I wasn't sure if I'd be interested in a girl from a Mennonite community, but Kim Sawyer hooked me. The thought of someone from a Mennonite community integrating into a public high school is quite intriguing. I love how Katy thinks how she'd like to answer, but constantly keeps her mouth shut. Kim Vogel Sawyer writes her young characters as believably as she does the adult characters. Kim has a lovely voice and is respectful to her characters. I enjoyed how everything wrapped up in the end. And was surprised how the novel ended considering how it began. So readers, beware of a little twisting in the plot :-)

I really like all of Kim Vogel Sawyer's books. Easy reading, keep my interest, christian based.

The character of Katy is well-written. I mean that she is fully rounded and approachable to the reader however, I find the rest of the books characters to be shallow and dull. While Katy follows her communities beliefs I find it hard to believe that each of the other young children in the community is so much more strict regarding his/her own behavior. Katy does seem out of place but not in a good way.

It was good I wish it was a bit longer but it's a good book! I liked how it started up fast! So it never got boring I recommend it.

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