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The Poetical Works of Coleridge, Shelley, and Keats Samuel Taylor Coleridge 1847

Secrets of Sloane House Shelley Gray 2014-07-08 Against the backdrop of the 1893 World's Fair, a new kind of crime comes to Gilded Age Chicago . . . and a lonely young woman is always at risk. Back on the farm in Wisconsin, Rosalind's plan had seemed logical: Move to Chicago. Get hired on at Sloane House, one of the most gilded mansions of Chicago. Discover what transpired while her sister worked as a maid there—and follow the clues to why she disappeared. Now, as a live-in housemaid to the Sloanes, Rosalind realizes her plan had been woefully simple-minded. She was ignorant of the hard, hidden life of a servant in a big, prominent house; of the divide between the Sloane family and the people who served them; and most of all, she had never imagined so many people could live in such proximity and keep such dark secrets. Yet, while Sloane House is daunting, the streets of Chicago are downright dangerous. But when Rosalind accepts the friendship of Reid Armstrong, the handsome young heir to a Chicago silver fortune, she becomes an accidental rival to Veronica Sloane. As Rosalind continues to disguise her kinship to the missing maid—and struggles to appease her jealous mistress—she probes the dark secrets of Sloane House and comes ever closer to uncovering her sister's mysterious fate. A fate that everyone in the house seems to know . . . but which no one dares to name. "Gray writes with honesty, tenderness, and depth. Her characters are admirable, richly layered, and impossible to forget long after the story is done." —Jillian Hart Part of the Chicago World's Fair Mystery series: Book one: Secrets of Sloane House Book two: Deception on Sable Hill Book three: Whispers in the Reading Room Book length: approximately 95,000 words Includes discussion questions for book clubs

She Who Became the Sun Shelley Parker-Chan 2022-06-28 British Fantasy Award Winner Lambda Literary Award Finalist Two-time Hugo Award Finalist Locus Award Finalist "Magnificent in every way."—Samantha Shannon, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree* "A dazzling new world of fate, war, love and betrayal."—Zen Cho, author of *Black Water* Sister She Who Became the Sun reimagines the rise to power of the Ming Dynasty's founding emperor. To possess the Mandate of Heaven, the female monk Zhu will do anything "I refuse to be nothing..." In a famine-stricken village on a dusty yellow plain, two children are given two fates. A boy, greatness. A girl, nothingness... In 1345, China lies under harsh Mongol rule. For the starving peasants of the Central Plains, greatness is something found only in stories. When the Zhu family's eighth-born son, Zhu Chongba, is given a fate of greatness, everyone is mystified as to how it will come to pass. The fate of nothingness received by the family's clever and capable second daughter, on the other hand, is only as expected. When a bandit attack orphans the two children, though, it is Zhu Chongba who succumbs to despair and dies. Desperate to escape her own fated death, the girl uses her brother's identity to enter a monastery as a young male novice. There, propelled by her burning desire to survive, Zhu learns she is capable of doing whatever it takes, no matter how callous, to stay hidden from her fate. After her sanctuary is destroyed for supporting the rebellion against Mongol rule, Zhu takes the chance to claim another future altogether: her brother's abandoned greatness.

Hold On Tight Shelley Shepard Gray 2019-06-11 Jackson Koch had already lost his wife to cancer when the town's coal mines shut down and his job was gone too. So, with a three-year-old daughter to care for and a broken heart to mend, he moved across the country to find a new life in Bridgeport, Ohio. Now he tends bar by night and tries to navigate life as a single dad by day. Luckily, his neighbor is happy to babysit while he works late nights. She's great with little Kate, beautiful, kind ... and lately he's found himself smiling whenever he thinks about her. Dani Brown also knows what it's like to lose a spouse and raise a child on her own. Cleaning houses during the day, and taking online classes at night, she dreams of running her own preschool someday. And, since her fourteen-year-old son Jeremy's baseball team requires a lot of money, she's thrilled to earn some extra cash by watching her handsome neighbor's adorable little girl. But even with two jobs, she's having trouble making ends meet. When Jackson sees Dani running herself ragged for her son's baseball ambitions he decides it's time to get the Bridgeport Social Club involved. Together they cook up a plan. They will run a charity poker tournament to support Jeremy's dream and help out a hardworking single mom. But will Dani be able to accept help from the handsome neighbor she's starting to feel more-than-friendly feelings for? And how far is she ready to let those feelings go? Get ready to fall in love with Shelley Shepard Gray's Bridgeport Social Club again, where a poker night is so much more than a game of cards and an extraordinary community of ordinary men and women come together to offer love, light, and hope to everyone they encounter.

In Frankenstein's Shadow Chris Baldick 1990 This book surveys the early history of one of our most important modern myths: the story of Frankenstein and the monster he created from dismembered corpses, as it appeared in fictional and other writings before its translation to the cinema screen. It examines the range of meanings which Mary Shelley's Frankenstein offers in the light of the political images of 'monstrosity' generated by the French Revolution. Later chapters trace the myth's analogues and protean transformations in subsequent writings, from the tales of Hoffmann and Hawthorne to the novels of Dickens, Melville, Conrad, and Lawrence, taking in the historical and political writings of Carlyle and Marx as well as the science fiction of Stevenson and Wells. The author shows that while the myth did come to be applied metaphorically to technological development, its most powerful associations have centred on relationships between people, in the family, in work, and in politics.

Hidden (Sisters of the Heart, Book 1) Shelley Shepard Gray 2008-07-01 When Anna decides it's time to leave her abusive boyfriend, she doesn't know where to turn. Rob has completely won over her parents, and the entire community, with his good looks and smooth charm. Only Anna has seen his dark side. Desperate, she runs to the only place she's ever felt completely safe—the Amish Brenneman Bed and Breakfast, where Anna met life-long friend Katie Brenneman. The family welcomes her in, and with few questions asked allows her to stay, dressed in Plain clothing, and help around the inn. Katie's older brother Henry is the only one who doesn't take too kindly to the intrusion. He tries to ignore Anna, knowing no good would ever come from caring for an Englisher like her. But as he gets to know Anna, he discovers her good heart and is surprised with her readiness to accept their lifestyle. The more time Anna spends with the Amish, the more she feels she's found a true home. But how can she deny the life she left behind? And will her chance for happiness be stolen away by the man from her past?

Beautiful Ashes: A True Story of Murder, Betrayal, and One Woman's Search for Peace Shelly Edwards Jorgensen 2022-04-06 She watched as her mother's body was removed from the ashes of her home . . . Unbearable loss, dangerous secrets, and a life-threatening illness endangered her only hope for a future But through it all, she found her faith. When fifteen-year-old Shelly Edwards's mother is murdered by her alcoholic father, she loses her home, her family, and the only life she's ever known. Abandoned, broken from abuse and assault, facing poverty, and gripped with fear for her life, Shelly struggles to dismantle decades of lies. But into the deepening darkness that follows, God sends heavenly gifts, leading Shelly to a newfound faith. There she finds a peace she's never thought possible. When Shelly eventually meets the man she will marry, she thinks her life will finally be everything she's ever dreamed of, but the lingering wounds of her past-and new, devastating medical complications-shake her faith. After all she's endured, can she rise from the ashes and trust God once more? You'll be transformed by Shelly's riveting memoir about how love, forgiveness, courage, determination-and the guidance of angels-can overcome even the greatest anguish.

Winter's Awakening Shelley Shepard Gray 2010 Joshua Graber rethinks his relationship with Gretta Hershberger after non-Amish teenager Lilly Allen moves next door, but Lilly knows her secret pregnancy would only push Joshua away.

Take a Chance Shelley Shepard Gray 2018-09-18 Kurt Holland wants the best for his younger brother, which is why he moves Sam to Bridgeport, Ohio. It's a bigger town with a well-known high school. Just the place to give his little brother more opportunities—maybe even a scholarship to college. Kurt hopes his gamble pays off, since Sam's future isn't the only thing riding on it. Kurt's put most of his savings into a new landscaping business there, too. But when Sam gets in trouble for fighting at school, Kurt isn't so sure it was the right decision ... until he meets Sam's English teacher. Emily Springer is passionate about helping all of her students succeed, but there's something about Sam Holland that makes her want to go the extra mile. When he's caught in a fight at school, she goes to bat in his defense, and during a conference with the principal

she meets Sam's rugged older brother—and guardian. Emily has a strict no-dating policy when it comes to her students' parents, but Kurt isn't technically Sam's parent. It's OK to bend the rules a little bit, right? In an effort to make some friends and find a place in the Bridgeport community, Kurt starts up a weekly poker game in his garage. It's not long before everyone wants in, and they all soon discover that these Friday night poker gatherings are about more than just the game. Shelley Shepard Gray's new Bridgeport Social Club series is about men who need a place to call home, a community in need of hope, and a group of women who are special enough to help both things happen. This first installment is genuine and heartfelt. It's filled with hope, warmth, and the belief that love and acceptance can overcome any tough situation.

Hopeful Shelley Shepard Gray 2014-02-04 In the Amish town of Sugarcreek, love comes in many forms. But will it come at all for Miriam? Miriam Zehr has worked at the Sugarcreek Inn longer than she cares to admit. The restaurant is a favorite of town residents as well as the many tourists who come to taste the famous Amish fare. Though she always tries to have a smile for every customer, deep down Miriam knows something's missing: a family of her own. Miriam has never felt particularly beautiful, especially because she's always been a bit heavier than other girls her age. When Junior, the man she's pined for all her life, suddenly seeks her out, she's thrilled to be noticed . . . until she realizes he's only asking her to help get the attention of Mary Kathryn Hershberger, her pretty friend. If Miriam helps Junior court Mary Kathryn, she'll get to spend a lot of time with him, but she might lose him in the process. Are these few stolen moments worth a lifetime of sacrifice? Is Miriam right to even hope for the life she dreams of?

Sisters of the Heart: The Trilogy Shelley Shepard Gray 2012-01-03 The unforgettable novels in New York Times bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray's beloved Sisters of the Heart trilogy, together for the first time in a single volume Hidden: Escaping an abusive boyfriend, Anna finds a refuge at the Brenneman Bed and Breakfast with her lifelong friend Katie Brenneman. But while she feels she's found a home among the Amish, can Anna deny the life she left behind? And will her chance for happiness be stolen away by the man from her past? Wanted: Frightened by how far she's strayed from her values during her Rumspringa, Katie vows to cut all ties with the outside world. Now widower Jonathan Lundy has asked her to help him take care of his two young girls. Will the past destroy Katie's chances for love? Forgiven: Injured when a fire destroys her family's barn, Winnie returns home from the hospital to find her brother, Jonathan, seeking vengeance on the arsonist responsible. But in an Amish community founded on grace and forgiveness, will his unwillingness to forgive ruin the trust that forms the foundation of their lives?

The Caregiver Shelley Shepard Gray 2011 When her train breaks down on the way to take care of her ailing cousin, Lucy Troyer finds the spark she was looking for all her life when she bands together with the only Amish person on the train--the dashing Calvin Weaver--to find a place to stay for the night. (religious fiction). By the author of Autumn's Promise.

Missing Shelley Shepard Gray 2012-03-20 Can two young people survive the suspicions of their friends and neighbors when tragedy strikes a close-knit Amish community? Perry Borntreger had been missing for months from the quiet Amish community of Crittenden, Kentucky, when his body is discovered at the bottom of an abandoned well. The first death from mysterious circumstances in more than two decades brings the scrutiny of the outside world: A police detective arrives to help the local sheriff with the investigation. His questioning begins with Lydia Plank, Perry's former girlfriend, and Perry's best friend, the Englisher Walker Anderson. Lydia and Walker know they didn't have anything to do with Perry's death, but they both hold secrets about his final days. Do they dare open up about the kind of man Perry had become? In the oppressive shadow of these dark times, they discover strength in a most unlikely companionship: one that offers solace, understanding, and the promise of something more.

Spring's Renewal Shelley Shepard Gray 2010-04-27 Shelley Shepard Gray, the beloved author of the Sisters of the Heart series (Hidden, Wanted, and Forgiven) returns with the second novel in her Seasons at Sugarcreek series, Spring's Renewal. A moving tale of love and faith set among the Amish community, it tells a story of courage and sacrifice that fans of Beverly Lewis, Wanda Brunstetter, and Cindy Woodsmall will take deeply into their hearts.

Heart Sisters Natalie Chambers Snapp 2015-04-21 Friendships with other women are as important to our mental, physical, and spiritual health as rest, exercise, and prayer. We don't just want friends—we need friends. Yet sometimes they can be as difficult as singing a song without the lyrics. If you've ever been hurt by a friend, struggled to balance friendship with everyday life, or seen a friendship end too early, Heart Sisters will help you: - Overcome your fear of being hurt by other women, - Practically examine issues so you can work your way through conflicts, - Recognize when it's time to establish healthy—and holy—boundaries, - Get right with God so you can get right with others, and - Discover the secret to authentic friendships. With discussion questions and real-life examples, Heart Sisters will help you be the friend you want to have.

Islands, a Coloring Book for Teens and Kids, 30 Hand-Drawn Drawings, 30 Poems and Recipes Shelley Gilbert 2010-05 "Islands, A Coloring Book for Teens and Kids, 30 Hand-Drawn Drawings, 30 Poems and Recipes" by Shelley Gilbert, Award-winning Author, Artist, is a unique, super-creative activity and thought provoking book. This book is No.2 in the "Islands" series. The first is "Islands, A Coloring Book for Adults, 30 Drawings, 30 Poems" 2001. The third Islands book is for Adults, Volume 2. Islands books are about being an individual, about being yourself. The drawings contain a great variety of space sizes to color-large, medium, small. The abstract drawings will engage a young person's own imagination because the shapes look like different things to different people and will evoke personal thoughts and emotions. The drawings have original poems that interpret them (1st -12th Grades). The poems's messages will entertain and intrigue young people to think about life. The poems contain many themes: butterflies, moons, connection, fruit, saving money, feelings, blizzards, the importance of thinking, brick walls, artists, Vivaldi, squares, trees, violence, egos. There are also 4 simple and fun recipes. REVIEWS: "...refreshing new idea, novel idea, highly creative, fun. The students think it makes a great gift for their parents."--Richard Clatworthy, Trade Books Mgr, Leavey Ctr Bookstore, Georgetown Univ, Wash. DC "We brought "Islands" into our store because it was a great new idea....We sold out the first week."-Pam Tirsch, Owner, The Briarcliff Perfume Shoppe, Briarcliff Manor, NY "Open the pages of 'Islands...' and enter a wonderful, whimsical, mythical resort. Escape, fun, relaxation and inspiration. Great gift."-Ruth Windsor, Writer "Extremely satisfied with this book. Well done, beautiful gift. Imaginative, creative. Loved drawings, poems. Recommend book for gifts, vacations." -A Reader "Gave my ailing mother this book. She's enjoying it. My children want grandma's book. Top quality"-A Reader *Forgiven (Sisters of the Heart, Book 3)* Shelley Shepard Gray 2009-08-11 Tragedy strikes—a brother and sister find themselves facing a situation that will shape the rest of their lives. When a fire destroys the Lundys' barn, Winnie is injured trying to get the animals to safety. Confined to a hospital for weeks, out of touch with her loved ones who live too far away to visit by buggy, she must depend on Englisher Samuel Miller to keep her company. Though his family is part of Winnie's tight-knit Amish community, Samuel left years earlier to pursue a university education. Through conversations, and Samuel's dedication to her recovery, a friendship forms. But despite their growing attraction, Winnie knows it can never develop into something more as long as Samuel chooses to remain in the outside world. When Winnie returns home, she finds her brother, Jonathan, struggling with his own dilemma. Cigarette butts were discovered in the debris of the barn and Jonathan is determined to find out who is responsible for destroying his property and putting his family at risk. But in a community founded on grace and forgiveness, will his unwillingness to move on eat away at the trust that is the foundation of their lives?

Wanted (Sisters of the Heart, Book 2) Shelley Shepard Gray 2009-10-06 For a split second, Katie feels certain she's about to receive everything she's ever wanted. . . Twenty-year-old Katie Brenneman has always quietly fancied Jonathan Lundy. So when the brokenhearted widower asks her to help him take care of his two young girls, Katie knows it will be a trying time—yet she cannot pass up a golden opportunity to get to know this man better. Just as she's settling into her new life, a message arrives from Katie's past, threatening to expose her darkest secrets. During her Rumspringa, her running-around years, she experimented with activities forbidden in the Amish way of life. Frightened by how far she'd strayed from her values, Katie ran back home, vowing to cut all ties with the outside world. Now her transgressions are coming back to haunt her, just as Jonathan seems willing to welcome her into his heart. Will the past destroy Katie's chances for love? Or will Katie allow herself to accept God's love, forgive her past, and receive everything she's ever wanted?

I Need the Happy Ending Shelley Deean Giard 2014-03 Have you ever wondered how you're going to survive this next week, day, or hour? Perhaps you are standing on the fault line in the battle of your life. Perhaps you are already engaged. Whatever the case, whether your struggle is physical, spiritual, emotional, or mental, in the accumulated losses and taxing stressors you face, know you are not alone. There is hope, and a way through. In *Breathe*, Shawna shares her story of marriage; an arranged marriage of sorts, that was rooted in ambiguous faith, submerged in mental and emotional captivity, and survived with glimpses of hope, learned coping strategies, and tremendous support found through vulnerability. *Breathe* speaks to the caregiver of someone who has attempted suicide, the individual struggling to survive mental illness, and the supportive friend or family member who wants to understand the all-to-often hidden life of a family raped by these realities. Some moments make you lose your breath. In others, all you can do is breathe. Shawna's desire is that by sharing her story others will feel empowered to do the same. *Breathe* is an inside look into her life. It is also a map for hope, and a legend to help you find your way.

His Risk Shelley Shepard Gray 2018-03-06 New York Times bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray brings us another compelling suspense in her Amish of Hart County series, this time featuring an undercover English DEA agent who will do anything to protect the Amish girl he loves. Calvin Fisher left the Amish community at fourteen and never looked back. Only his brother's illness can bring him back to Hart County. Now, as Calvin works to make amends, he meets Alice, a local nursery school teacher, and falls hard for her. But he has a secret that could threaten the happiness he's finally found. Alice shouldn't like—or want—Calvin. He's English, has a questionable past, and an even more questionable job. Still, she can't help being intrigued. Though Calvin assures Alice that he's worthy of her, she's torn between surrendering to her growing feelings and steering clear of him. When a sudden surge of criminal activity alarms the community and even targets Alice, Calvin fears that his double life has put everyone he loves at risk. As for Alice, she can't help but wonder if the brave and honorable man she's lost her heart to is far more dangerous than she could ever imagine.

Susanna's Dream Marta Perry 2014-02-04 Three Amish sisters who were separated at a young age are at last reunited in the second *Lost Sisters of Pleasant Valley* novel. Susanna Bitler's life is in complete turmoil. Still reeling from the death of her mother, she is further disheartened when her business partner hints that she is going to quit the gift shop they run together in a town near Pleasant Valley. But the biggest revelation is yet to come. Grateful for their own hard-won relationship, Lydia Beachy and Chloe Wentworth are eager to reveal themselves to Susanna as her long-lost sisters. But their news utterly distresses Susanna, who is heartbroken to learn that the woman she's been mourning was not actually her mother. Despite Lydia and Chloe's best efforts to make amends, Susanna resolves to keep them at arm's length. It may take a force of nature to sweep away her fears. Will that storm demolish all that the three women most value...or unite them in bonds of deep and abiding affection?

The Secrets of Crittenden County Shelley Shepard Gray 2014-06-24 Join New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray for a visit to Amish Country! Get all three novels in Shelley Shepard Gray's *The Secrets of Crittenden County* series in one e-book, including: *Missing*, *The Search*, and *Found*. The *Secrets of Crittenden County* trilogy delivers page-turning romance and mystery involving a death from mysterious circumstances that invites the scrutiny of the outside world, all set in the quiet Amish community of Crittenden.

Eventide Shelley Shepard Gray 2013-09-03 *Eventide* is the riveting conclusion to *The Days of Redemption* trilogy by Shelley Shepard Gray, celebrated author of tender Christian romance novels set in Amish country. Honest and faithful Elsie Keim falls for her new neighbor, Landon, but she can't bear to tell him the truth: She's going blind. Landon is enamored with Elsie. When Elsie's brother Roman steps in and shares the truth of Elsie's disease, Landon is floored. His job is demanding and takes him away from home, sometimes for days at a time. He wonders how he'd be able to keep up with his responsibilities and take care of Elsie. In *Eventide*, three generations of the Keim family come together to make their dreams come true. Shelley Shepard Gray, bestselling author of the *Sisters of the Heart* books, draws her *Days of Redemption* trilogy to a heart-warming finish.

Her Secret Shelley Shepard Gray 2017-03-14 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray begins a new series—*The Amish of Hart County*—with this suspenseful tale of a young Amish woman who is forced to move to a new town to escape a threatening stalker. After a stalker went too far, Hannah Hilty and her family had no choice but to leave the bustling Amish community where she grew up. Now she's getting a fresh start in Hart County, Kentucky...if only she wasn't too scared to take it. Hannah has become afraid to trust anyone—even Isaac, the friendly Amish man who lives next door. She wonders if she'll ever return to the trusting, easy-going woman she once was. For Isaac Troyer, the beautiful girl he teasingly called “The Recluse” confuses him like no other. When he learns of her past, he knows he's misjudged her. However, he also understands the importance of being grateful for God's gifts, and wonders if they will ever have anything in common. But as Hannah and Isaac slowly grow closer, they realize that there's always more to someone than meets the eye. Just as Hannah is finally settling into her new life, and perhaps finding a new love, more secrets are revealed and tragedy strikes. Now Hannah must decide if she should run again or dare to fight for the future she has found in Hart County.

Shall We Dance? Shelley Shepard Gray 2020-01-28 At twenty-seven, Shannon Murphy has just discovered that she has two sisters she never knew. Now, through Shannon's loving persistence, the three of them are moving in together above her dance studio in Bridgeport. Shannon is excited to make a home with her sisters and to grow her budding business. Then she meets her newest client—he has all the right muscles, a perfect smile, and a lot of attitude. Will Shannon be able to keep things professional with this charming stranger? Dylan Lange has a lot on his mind. He's just been assigned a new partner at his job with the Bridgeport Police, and while he's busy striving to protect and serve his town, he's also trying to keep his baby sister out of harm's way while she heals from her own trauma. And on top of everything else, he's gone and lost a bet with his buddies, forcing him to take dance lessons. But when he walks into the dance studio to meet his instructor, a young and beautiful brunette with a sweet southern drawl is the last person he expected to find. Get ready to fall in love again as Shelley Shepard Gray takes us back to Bridgeport, Ohio, where nobody gets left behind and a powerful community helps ordinary men and women to find extraordinary strength inside themselves.

Amish Christmas Twins Shelley Shepard Gray 2020-09-29 In these heartwarming, faith-affirming stories, three Amish families face the joys, and challenges, of the holidays—with fruitful results . . . **THE CHRISTMAS NOT-WISH** New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author Shelley Shepard Gray When the foster parents they've cautiously grown to love discover they're expecting, orphaned Roy and Jemima Fisher, ages six and seven, are secretly devastated by the certainty they'll be given up. With Christmas around the corner, their only wish is for new foster parents as nice as Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz. Meanwhile, the Kurtzes have wishes of their own—and with faith, they all may be gifted with twice the blessings . . . **NEW BEGINNINGS** * Rachel J. Good Still grieving the loss of her husband and unborn baby in an accident several months ago, Elizabeth Yoder is oblivious to her neighbor Luke Bontrager's deepening affection for her. But while she bleakly faces Christmas alone, it's Luke who reminds her it's the season for giving. And when Elizabeth donates her handmade baby clothes to New Beginnings, a home for teen moms, she soon finds her gifts repaid beyond measure, with Luke's love—and new beginnings of their own . . . **TWINS TIMES TWO** * Loree Lough Spirited twins Priscilla and Leora Schwietert have each been blessed with mischievous twins of their own—all born on Christmas. Nearing their fourteenth birthdays, their sons have asked for horses. Their parents can fulfill their wish—but worry they'll be rewarding unruly behavior. The solution: A contract requiring hard work and an anonymous gift for someone in need. After thoughtful prayer, the boys surprise their parents—as each husband and wife rediscovers their joy in Christmas and their love for each other. . .

The Seventh Most Important Thing Shelley Pearsall 2015-09-08 This “luminescent” (Kirkus Reviews) story of anger and art, loss and redemption will appeal to fans of Lisa Graff's *Lost in the Sun* and Vince Vawter's *Paperboy*. **NOMINATED FOR 16 STATE AWARDS! AN ALA NOTABLE BOOK AN ILA TEACHERS CHOICE A KIRKUS REVIEWS BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR** Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge—he is ready to send Arthur to juvie forever. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him. Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. He can't believe it—is he really supposed to rummage through people's trash? But it isn't long before Arthur realizes there's more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the “trash” he's collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could imagine. . . . Inspired by the work of folk artist James Hampton, Shelley Pearsall has crafted an affecting and redemptive novel about discovering what shines within us all, even when life seems full of darkness. “A moving exploration of how there is often so much more than meets the eye.” —Booklist, starred review “There are so many things to love about this book. Remarkable.” —The Christian Science Monitor

The Teacher's Bride Kathleen Fuller 2018-12-04 A fun and heartwarming Amish rom-com where opposites really do attract. If there is one thing Christian Ropp will not allow in his classroom—or his life—it's chaos. So

why is he drawn to Ruby Glick, a woman who seems to bring mayhem wherever she goes? Christian Ropp moves to Birch Creek to accept a teaching position in the rapidly growing Amish community. He's determined to put the rambunctious school in order as well as check another task off his list: finding a wife. Of course, that would be much easier if women were like textbooks, straightforward and logical. When an accident puts Christian out of commission, a new community member named Ruby Glick takes over his classroom. But Ruby's exuberant teaching style clashes with Christian's careful methods and he worries his students will never be the same. With a track record of catastrophe, Ruby always feels too clumsy, too distracted, too . . . much. Desperate for a chance to prove that she can do more than make mistakes in her life, she throws herself into her new teaching position. But when Christian can't seem to stay out of her way, she finds herself slipping into old, chaotic tendencies. What she doesn't anticipate is that Christian's heart is slowly catching up with his mind—and she, too, must decide whether to follow logic or love. The first in the *Amish Brides of Birch Creek* series (followed by *The Farmer's Bride* and *The Innkeeper's Bride*) A full-length novel, approximately 78,000 words A sweet and wholesome Amish romance Catch up on the Birch Creek community with the *Amish of Birch Creek* series and *Amish Letters* series Praise for *The Teacher's Bride*: “A heartwarming story of unexpected romance woven with fun and engaging characters who come to life on every page.” --Amy Clipston, bestselling author of *A Seat by the Hearth* “Kathleen Fuller has written a sweet, oftentimes humorous, romance that reminds readers that the perfect match might be right in front of their noses.” --Kelly Irvin, bestselling author of the *Every Amish Season* series “Kathleen Fuller is a master storyteller and fans will absolutely fall in love with Ruby and Christian in *The Teacher's Bride*.” --Ruth Reid, bestselling author of the *Amish Mercies* series “Kathy Fuller's characters leap off the page with subtle power as she uses both wit and wisdom to entertain!” --Kelly Long, national bestselling author “The story will captivate you from the first page to the last with Ruby, Christian, and engaging characters. You'll laugh, gasp, and wonder what will happen next.” --Molly Jebber, Speaker and Award Winning Author of *Grace's Forgiveness* and the *Amish Keepsake Pocket Quilt Series*

Grace Shelley Shepard Gray 2010-10-26 A Christmas *Sisters of the Heart* novel, *Grace* by Shelly Shepard Gray brings back the beloved characters from her popular series of inspirational novels set in a tightly knit Amish community. A touching, provocative, and uplifting tale in the bestselling vein of Beverly Lewis, Wanda Brunstetter, and Cindy Woodsmall, *Grace* is Christian fiction at its very finest—a heartwarming examination of selfless giving and the true meaning of Christmas from the acclaimed author of the *Seasons of Sugarcreek* series.

Take the Lead Shelley Shepard Gray 2020-09-08 Growing up in foster care, Officer Traci Lucky had a rough start to life, but things are looking up now that she's found a place in Bridgeport with two sisters she never knew she had. One night while on the job Traci finds Gwen, a pregnant teen caught up in a dangerous world of drugs, and takes her straight to the hospital. There Traci encounters the oh-so-charming Dr. Matt Rossi, who surprises Traci with his compassion—and his movie-star good looks. A busy ob-gyn with a huge, meddling Italian family, Matt Rossi hasn't had much time for love in his life. All that changes when he meets the beautiful Officer Lucky. He's intrigued by her strength and the kind heart she tries to hide beneath her tough exterior. When Matt confides that he needs to learn to waltz for his brother's wedding, Traci reveals that her sister happens to be a ballroom dance teacher. Next thing they know, Matt and Traci are juggling busy careers, helping young Gwen with her pregnancy and personal safety, and learning to waltz together. But when Gwen's escalating problems threaten to put all of them in danger, they wonder if they'll ever find time for a little romance too. Shelley Shepard Gray takes us back to Bridgeport, Ohio, a town where family comes in all different shapes and sizes, love has no limits, and community means everyone deserves a little help when they're lost.

A Texan's Promise Shelley Gray 2011-10-01 Past promises will be tested as new ones are given... When Clayton Proffitt, foreman of the Circle Z Ranch in Texas, discovers Vanessa Grant is the victim of her stepfather's advances, Clayton knows he must protect her honor and move her far away from the ranch—and from the man she fears. As they make their way West, an unexpected, deep bond develops between Vanessa and Clayton—far more powerful than a mere friendship or his sense of duty to her. But Vanessa's stepfather won't let her go so easily. As Clayton and Vanessa place their faith in God and their trust in each other, will they find healing and hope for the future together? “Shelley Gray is a wonderful storyteller, and *A Texan's Promise* captured me from the first page. This endearing love story is so rich with detail, I felt like I was traveling alongside Vanessa and Clayton throughout their incredible journey. Clayton is the hero every woman dreams of, and I loved watching Vanessa grow from a scared girl into a strong woman. This is a wonderful start to this new series. Highly recommended.” - Beth Wiseman Best-selling author of the *Daughters of the Promise* series “Shelley Gray's fans will enjoy riding along with her characters down a new trail of romance in *A Texan's Promise*, the first in *The Heart of a Hero* series. Readers will be rooting for Clayton and Vanessa to find their way to a true and lasting love.” - Ann H. Gabhart, author of *The Outsider*, *Summer of Joy*, and *Angel Sister*

Widow's Secrets Shelley Shepard Gray 2021-07-27 She's found peace living alongside the Amish... But she can't escape her past. Artist Liana Mann is stunned to learn her husband, missing for ten years, has been found murdered. Now Officer Kent Olson seeks to solve the cold case—with Liana's help. The faster he unravels the mystery, the sooner he can return to regular duties. Liana wants nothing to do with the police, yet Kent intrigues her. But will digging into the past create new problems? New York Times Bestselling Author

Her Heart's Desire (A Season in Pinecraft Book #1) Shelley Shepard Gray 2023-01-03 Mary Margaret Miller needs an escape from her small Amish community. She boards a bus, all alone, for a vacation in Pinecraft, Florida. Meeting Betsy and Lilly on the way, she's amazed to find two kindred spirits. They become fast friends and determine to have the best two weeks of their lives. For Mary, it starts when she meets Jayson Raber. The handsome and charming carpenter is taken by Mary from the get-go, but he has responsibilities back home in Kentucky—including a girl he's supposed to marry. When someone from Mary's past shows up in Pinecraft, it seems like her perfect vacation is ruined. But that's nothing compared to what's coming when she realizes what Jayson has been hiding. Take a vacation with New York Times bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray as she explores what happens when we allow our pasts to define our futures in this story of friendship, romance, and new beginnings.

Anne Frank Anne Frank 1999-03 The compelling diary of a young girl on the brink of maturity as her life draws to toward its tragic end -- one of the most moving and vivid documents of the Jewish experience. **Hidden** Shelley Shepard Gray 2008 Fleeing from the abusive boyfriend who has completely won over her parents, Anna hides at an Amish country bed-and-breakfast run by a childhood friend and finds herself in an unlikely relationship with her friend's disapproving older brother. (Religious Fiction) **A Texan's Choice** Shelley Gray 2012-10-01 Texas, 1874. Long ago, Scout Proffitt gave up on ever being a man of honor like his Civil War hero brother Clayton. But when Scout steps foot on the rundown remnants of the Circle C ranch, he wonders if maybe—just maybe—the Lord has something different intended for him. Rosemarie has lived most of her life doubting her worth and shouldering the blame for her brother's death. But when a stranger rides onto her ranch, claiming he owns it, she suddenly is given a choice: either keep looking at the dark side of life . . . or dare to dream.

Forever Hidden (The Treasures of Nome Book #1) Tracie Peterson 2020-01-07 For Havyn Powell, growing up on her grandfather Chuck Bondrant's dairy outside the 1904 gold-rush boomtown of Nome, Alaska, offered all she needed. She had the love of her mother, two sisters, and grandfather. But now, at 23, Havyn realizes the stability of her life may soon vanish. Havyn is determined to find a way to keep the family together, but her grandfather's health is declining and everyone seems to be holding secrets from each other, including the handsome, dark-haired stranger who recently arrived. John Roselli arrives in Nome looking for a steady, consistent job. He has grown tired of the promises of getting rich quick and just wants an honest job with honest pay. His grandfather once knew a Chuck Bondrant, and so when John arrives at the dairy, he's quickly offered a job--and a path to more if he wants it. Havyn's plan for helping out the family means using her beautiful singing voice and her sisters' musical talent at a local roadhouse. They're an immediate hit, and it looks like her plan will be a success. But the spotlight brings with it dangerous eyes that covet Havyn and are jealous as she and John grow ever closer. But will they realize the peril before it's too late?

Christmas in Sugarcreek Shelley Shepard Gray 2011-10-25 The beloved characters Shelley Shepard Gray created for her bestselling *Seasons of Sugarcreek* series are back in *Christmas in Sugarcreek*—a heartwarming story of the magic of Christmastime and the blossoming of an unlikely love in a close-knit Amish community. Obedient daughter Judith Graber finds herself becoming uncomfortably enamored of the help her father has hired to assist in the store during the holidays: Ben Knox, as scandalous a bad boy as they come in staid and quiet Sugarcreek. Author of the immensely popular *Sisters of the Heart* novels, Shelley Shepard Gray is one of the true masters of Amish inspirational fiction, and *Christmas in Sugarcreek* is a delightful holiday treat for all lovers of Christian romance—especially fans of Beverly Lewis, Wanda Brunstetter, and Cindy Woodsmall.

Promises of Tomorrow Shelley Shepard Gray 2020-07-06 From Shelley Shepard Gray, New York Times

bestselling author and the “skilled storyteller who reminds the reader through her characters that faith can help us survive the ups and downs in life” (RT Book Reviews) comes a warm-hearted and charming novella. Two years have passed since their friend Andy’s death, and the Eight is still struggling to cope with their loss. In an attempt to give the group some time to reconnect with one another, remember their friend, and reflect on the last two years, Marie decides that a relaxing couple’s getaway is just what they need before the craziness of the holiday season begins. When their large cabin in the woods turns out to be more rundown than rustic, though, Marie fears that she’s ruined everything, but at least, she thinks, the trip can’t get any worse—that is, until a lost English girl named Beth appears at the cabin. And with such heavy snow, the Eight is forced to take her in for the next twenty-four hours. Although Marie feels as if all her planning and good intentions were for nothing, she has no idea that Beth will give the group a gift they didn’t know they needed: the reminder that life may not always be fair and sometimes it’s painful, but there’s always another day. With Shelley Shepard Gray’s signature “thought-provoking, emotional” (Patricia Davids, USA TODAY bestselling author) prose, *Promises of Tomorrow* is a moving story of love, friendship, and faith.

The Loyal One Shelley Shepard Gray 2020-03-31 The New York Times bestselling author of the Walnut Creek series crafts a moving and evocative novel of secrets, friendship, and second chances—perfect for fans of Kathleen Fuller and Beth Wiseman. When Katie Steury hires her old friend Harley Lambright to remodel her rundown house into a charming bed and breakfast, she does so with trepidation. Though they are longtime friends, they’ve always had a rocky relationship. They may not always get along, but she needs someone to trust with her secrets, and Harley is nothing if not trustworthy and loyal. Katie has always reminded Harley of a bright hummingbird—she is small and flighty, moves a mile a minute, and she possesses a very sharp beak. He’s hesitant to accept the job because of his history with Katie. But when he realizes that she’s been hiding her mother’s hoarding, he agrees to help her because it’s clear she needs someone on her side. Both soon discover that clearing the debris in one old house also means they have to do some clean-up in their lives, forcing them to reevaluate their past and their future. This somewhat painful process reveals that Katie isn’t the only one with secrets. As the house gets a second chance, so, too, does their relationship. Now all they have to do is open their hearts—and hope and pray that their new bond will also stand the test of time.