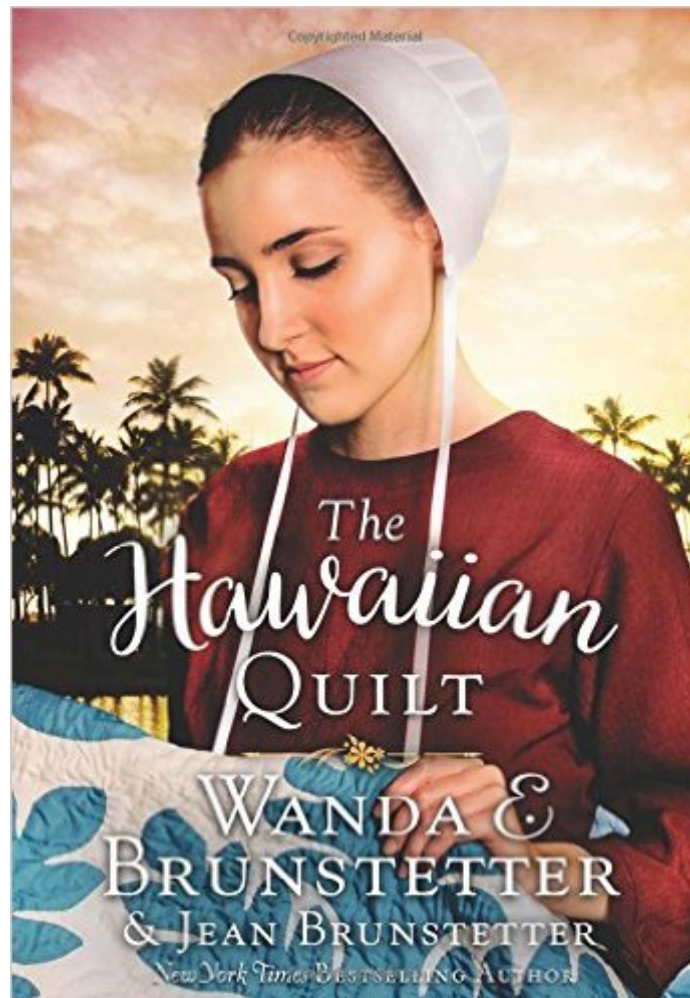


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# The Hawaiian Quilt



## Synopsis

Join Mandy Frey as she and three friends leave their Amish community in Indiana for the trip of a lifetime to Hawaii. But when Mandy and one of her friends miss the cruise ship after a port of call on Kauai, how will they adjust and get back home? Find out in this brand new romance from New York Times bestselling author Wanda E. Brunstetter, writing with her daughter-in-law Jean Brunstetter.

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## Customer Reviews

Left in Hawaii with no family and unsure how to get home. This was a fantastic book. I have never been to Hawaii, but after reading this book I felt as if I had been there. I loved the descriptions of the flowers and the Vog. Yes I said Vog. I was so excited about the bed and Breakfast couples quilt and the story behind it and the ending about the quilt I don't want to give anything away. This was such a fantastic read. I gave this book 5 stars and I have to say I LOVED the ending it turns out just the way it should. I was given a copy of this book by the publisher for my honest review.

A very different type of Amish story, we are going to Hawaii, and we are using cameras and cell phones, and doing tourist things, we are also on a cruise ship. Four dear friends decide to take a trip of a lifetime, and decide to take a cruise to Hawaii and Mexico, this is happening before they join the Amish church. Now you can picture these sheltered young women being on this exciting journey, how different for them. Mandy, Ellen, Barbara and Sadie decide early on their trip to each take separate side trips and then share their experiences with each other so that they are able to see

more. Well you can guess what happens and yes, Mandy and Ellen are late getting back to the ship while in Kawai and when they get to the dock the ship is gone. Now what? This part of the story will change lives forever. These girls sure had God's hand on them, you can imagine all kind of bad things happening, but they end up staying with Christians and this is where the lost quilt comes into the story. I enjoyed this quick read, questioned some of Mandy's actions, but then remembering they are in their run around time, but I could see that Ellen was more set in her faith. The ending to me left a lot to be desired, it seemed a bit rushed, but then I didn't write the book, and as I said this is a very different Amish story. I received this book through Net Galley and Barbour Press, and was not required to give a positive review.

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, even Florida . . . but Hawaii? Not the setting you would expect for an Amish story. But that is exactly where Wanda and Jean Brunstetter take us in their latest Amish novel -- *The Hawaiian Quilt*. Mandy Frey has a strong desire to visit Hawaii before she makes the all-important decision to join the Amish church. She and her three best friends decide to travel by train from their home in Indiana and then take a cruise to visit several of the Hawaiian islands. After Mandy and Ellen miss the boat at one of the ports of call, they end up making an extended stay before returning home and being faced with unexpected decisions. *The Hawaiian Quilt* is an enjoyable story, with several interesting characters. Mixed with some traditional Amish elements is a lot of Hawaiian flavor. Some of the details and dialogue tend to bog down the flow of the story somewhat, but all in all it is a nice Amish story. Difficult decisions about faith, church, and family keep the interest level up, and even the title leaves you wondering how the quilt will play into the plot until near the end. Amish fiction fans should enjoy this latest Brunstetter book. Thanks to Wanda Brunstetter and her publisher for providing a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review.

*The Hawaiian Quilt* is an amazing story written by Wanda Brunstetter and Jean Brunstetter. This story takes us readers on a journey with four Amish young ladies to Hawaii for their much deserved vacation. The girls feel they have everything figured out for each part of their journey except for the unexpected. The girls pair off in two's to make sure no one is alone. They each have a cell phone so they can stay in touch with each other. Everything is proceeding just fine in their great adventure until the unexpected happens on the island of Kauai. What happens to Ellen and Mandy prolongs their adventure but one of the girls is unhappy about it and the other is thrilled to be spending more time in Kauai. Where will they take refuge until they can make arrangements to catch another cruise ship back to the mainland? How they spend their time will amaze you. But just how long will they be

stranded in Kauai? Will they both return home or will one decide this is where God has led her to live? As you follow Ellen and Mandy on their extended vacation you will read about some wonderful sights that the authors have described with great detail you will think you can actually picture yourself there. Wanda and Jean have created such wonderful characters in this book. Who will be your favorite and who will you identify with? Although this is a stand alone novel it will leave you wanting more. I recommend The Hawaiian Quilt to those who love to experience adventure with the Amish. I received a complimentary copy of this book for review. I was not encouraged to deliver a positive review. I have rated this book with five stars but I would have rated it higher if it were possible. Congratulations to Wanda Brunstetter and Jean Brunstetter on another wonderful book of adventure with the Amish.

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