



***With autumn's golden glow, marriage season comes to Southern Maryland's Amish country. But is such joy meant for all? . . .***

Malinda Stauffer is happy that her *gut frienden* Phoebe Yoder may soon be married. Of course, Malinda can't help wondering about her own future. She hopes someday to find the same contentment as a wife and mother that she has helping her own *mamm* care for Malinda's father and five brothers. But a challenging health issue has her convinced no man wants the burden of a *fraa* who needs rest when there are farms to tend and businesses to run. Adding to her stress is the unwanted attention of an aggressive big city doctor smitten by her--an unsettling distraction she has kept to herself. Timothy Brenneman works alongside Malinda's brother, Sam, handcrafting the finest Amish furniture in St. Mary's County. He can't recall when Sam's little *schweschder* blossomed into a beautiful young woman--but he would do anything to hold Malinda close and soothe the sad yearning in her

eyes. Sensing her unease at the mention of her doctor only confirms his desire to protect her. Healing, however, is in *Gott's* hands, and a hard lesson in the true meaning of love may soon bless them both in ways they never imagined . . .