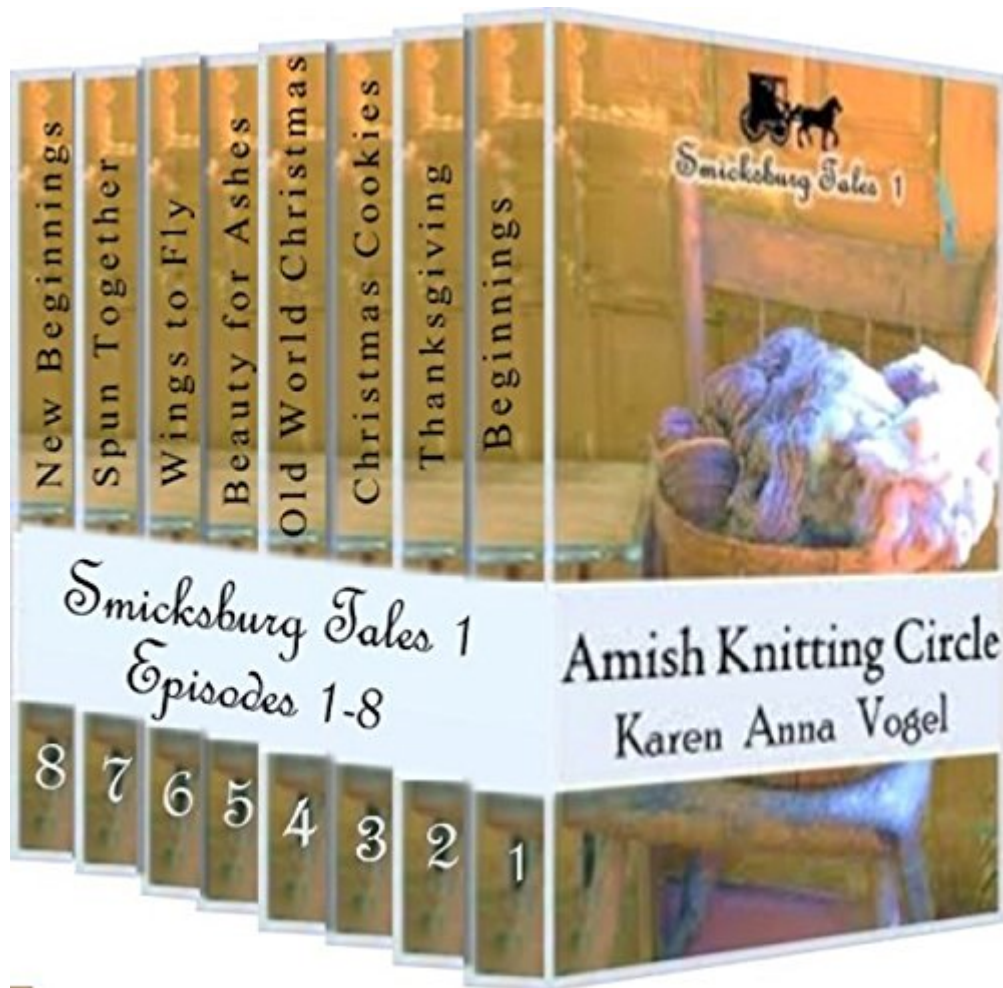


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# Amish Knitting Circle: Smicksburg Tales 1 ( Complete Series, Episodes 1-8)



## Synopsis

Amish Knitting Circle is a serial novel. Episodes 1-8 comprise Granny's first knitting circle, when she invites 5 women who are heavy on her heart to knit for charity. Granny Weaver believes these women could be stronger if spun together. She invites five women, all with various issues such as infertility, poor body image and marital problems and haunting secrets. As they meet from October to April to knit shawls for charity, they begin to deal with problems, together, in community, the Amish way. Amish Knitting Circle: Complete Series includes: Beginnings ~ Granny Weaver starts the circle, and all the women have a reason not to come, but push back fears and eventually go. Wedding Season ~ Amish weddings are typically in November. The knitting circle women see happy newlyweds everywhere, but for two, it's a painful season; one wishing she was married, another wishing she was not. Thanksgiving ~ The Amish celebrate this holiday, now that many work for the English (Non-Amish) and have the day off. The women reflect on all they're thankful for. Snowflakes ~ December winds blow sparkling snowflakes everywhere and someone learns she's a beautiful and unique as the ice crystals falling all around her. Christmas Cookies ~ It's Christmas, and Granny Weaver is excited about the knitting circle's Christmas cookie exchange. She comes to see these "Little Women" as her daughters, and along with that, the fretting heart of a mom. Old World Christmas ~ It's STILL Christmas, as the Amish celebrate the season over twelve days, ending on January 6th, Old Christmas. It's a day of fasting and reflection, remembering the arrival of the three kings who brought gifts to baby Jesus. Beauty for Ashes ~ It's the end of January, and the knitting circle is meditating on the scripture; He gives us beauty for ashes... (Isaiah 61:3). One member is facing a terrible medical diagnosis; another needs counseling for damaged emotions. Wings to Fly ~ It's a blustery February and the annual Audubon Backyard Bird Count is underway. What life lessons do feathered friends teach the women in the circle? Spun Together ~ It's March and three weeks until Easter. Unity among church member must exist before this holy day, when they partake of communion and wash each other's feet. But emotions are running high. New Beginnings ~ It's Easter, but will it need to be postponed due to discord among church members? An early spring wedding is planned, or will there be two? Wonderful Amish story that makes one truly believe in God directing their life!!! Helen E. Hevener Amish Literature Fans Karen Anna Vogel has given readers a realistic peek into Amish life, not sugar-coating or romanticizing it but allowing us to view this quaint, simple lifestyle as it truly is. Kathi Macias, award winning author of 35 books, including Mothers of the Bible Speak to Mothers of Today.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an amazing story done by Karen Grassi Vogel- starts out with Granny Weaver and her feeling that something more needs to be done with her "little women" in the Amish community that are so precious to her. She starts with inviting each one of her "little women" to a knitting circle- and they all begin to open up to each other!!! One Amish lady- cannot have children and Granny sees her through with some amazing advice- which leads to an adoption of two wonderful newborns. Then we have another Amish lady who has been through spousal abuse- so far Ruth has never stood up and said anything- but then her husband carries it a bit too far- and Ruth leaves her husband while he gets counseling and needed medications. Then another young lady goes through cancer- and Granny Weaver is right there to help her with visits at the Doctors office and all. Fannie is another young lady who has always thought she was ugly and no man would ever love her- but through Granny's love and support the man of Fannie's dreams asks her to marry him!!!! Then we have one Amish lady who had gone through rape years ago- and felt she could not marry the love of her life. However the "love of her life" his wife has died and left him free to marry Lizzie is she so

desires!!! And last but not least we have the young unwed mother who had given birth to the two twins that were adopted by the Amish couple- and she comes to town- not to get her babies back- but to learn how to give her heart back to the Lord!!!! I have never been to a knitting circle before- but this books make me wish I had!!!! By the way- end of the book I felt as if Granny Weaver was my own Grassmami \*(grandmother)!!!!In all this book I saw one constant thread- we may not all know where we are going but the Lord does know and he will provide!!!

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