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It is winter in Pennsylvania and a girl is found dead in an Amish barn. The girl is not Amish, so their first thoughts are that the barn was chosen to distract from English culprits.

Lancaster County Police Detective Elizabeth Harris is an ex-NY detective, come home to PA after the murder of her husband. Unlike Linda Castillo's Kate Burkholder, Elizabeth does not have roots in the community – so she doesn't always get Amish ways and she doesn't want to write off the neighboring Amish families as suspects as fast as others on the police force.

Soon they discover another Amish girl – who was friends with the victim – washed up dead the past fall. They discover this victim was sexually abused as a child, and both girls together were using sex to raise money so they could afford to leave the area.

Elizabeth's intense questioning creates friction with the Amish and the church elders ask that she be taken off the lead in the case. When she stumbles upon a vital clue, she disobeys orders and follows up on her own and lands in deep trouble on a frigid winter night.

A secondary story line is a romance between Elizabeth and an Amish widower who was making plans to leave the community. He's also a potential suspect, which contributes to the Elizabeth being pulled from the case. Online reviews didn't care for the romance line, but I didn't mind as it allowed for a deeper look at Elizabeth's character.

This book is not quite Linda Castillo level. A second book in the series was written – although I have not read it – titled *In the Land of Milk and Honey*, also published in 2016.