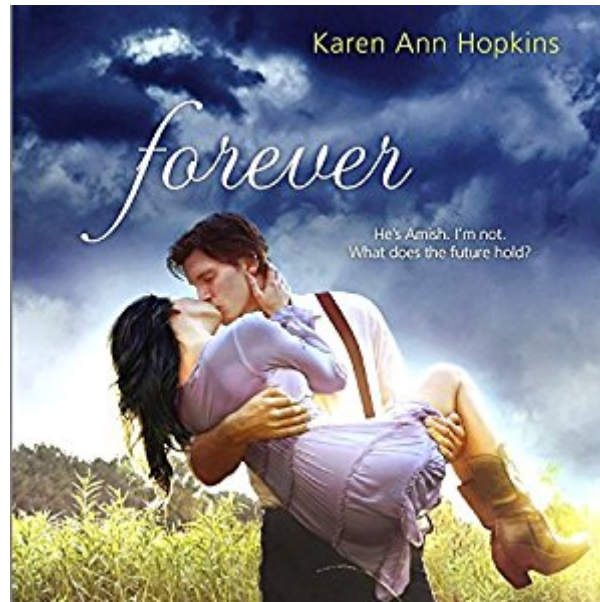




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Synopsis

All I want is my happily-ever-after. That's all I've wanted since meeting Noah Miller. From the day we met, the world has tried to keep Noah and me from being together, but now that I'm carrying his child, no one will be able to tear us apart. Or so I hope. But Noah and I have made some mistakes along the way, and the consequences are impacting the people we love. Worse, there's a storm on the horizon, and it's sure to cause serious devastation. If we can get through this, we'll finally be Rose and Noah - a family, forever. But first we have to survive the road ahead. And happily-ever-after is a long way off.

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Customer Reviews

As much as I wanted to love the ending to this story. I didn't. I read all three books in 4 days and the ending fell flat for me. I honestly thought they were going to figure out the compromise of being Mennonite but instead we were left with Noah hating the English world he was forced to live in because he didn't want Rose to be forced into hating her life. There were so many tragedies that it seemed impossible for it to be a plausible story. What started out as a good Romeo and Juliet story ended up turning into a happily ever after that wasn't really happily ever after.

***Warning:** This review may contain spoilers. Read at your own risk. Review courtesy of The Tattered Page: So, just to recap, this is the last book in the Temptation trilogy by Karen Ann Hopkins. This first two books are Temptation and Belonging. The storyline revolves around teenagers and a

good ole forbidden love. Noah Miller is Amish and Rose Cameron is not. How cool is that? There is no surprise that I could not wait to read the trilogy. Alas, I am writing that review for the last book. :(For starters, although I thought *Belonging* was a little slow for my taste, *Temptation* and *Forever* hit the spot. In *Forever*, readers get to see the rest of Noah and Rose's struggle to keep their love as well as all of the little bumps on the road. Noah and Rose still face the same problems. The Amish community not entirely ready to accept Rose and Rose's family not wanting to let her simply go, Amish psycho stalkers, not to mention Rose's bun in the oven and a fatal storm thrown in the mix. But by the last page I felt satiated instead like a worm on a hook, left out to dry for no darn good reason. What I also love about this book is that we get Sarah's (Noah's sister) and Sam's (Rose's brother) point of view as well. Instead of taking away from Noah and Rose's story they added to it. Readers got a little extra side story with Sarah and Micah as well as with Sam and Summer. Stories that I would have loved to read more of. "...I'm going to begin courting Edwin.'His hand shot out and grabbed my arm. The heavy feel of it made the blood drain from my face. 'What...?' 'Are you crazy, Sarah? You don't even like him.' 'Course I do. And who are you to say so?' Micah leaned in and said with a sureness that made me believe him, 'Cause you like me, that's why. Things will settle down soon between our families, Don't do something that we'll both regret.'" [page 15]. Well, if this review isn't convincing enough, you should find out enough. Noah and Rose's story (with a little bit of Sarah and Micah's) is definitely worth the time to read. Happy Reading! Ashley www.TheTatteredPage.com

I very much wanted to finish this trilogy and started to read *Forever* directly after reading *Belonging*. I finished it the same day and while it ended up having everything I like in a love story, the more I think about it, the more disappointed I am. Don't get me wrong, Noah and Rose end up together with a positive spin on their future, so that is a definite plus. Getting there, however, was so full of even more drama. I'll say this, I liked the series and feel that Hopkins has some real talent. I was just expecting something else, I guess. Spoilers! I think what bothers me the very most is the complete 180 that Noah ends up doing. He's the one that ends up giving up so much for Rose and his willingness speaks of his ability to sacrifice, something that others complained he was unwilling to do in the earlier books. But, even if some in his faith were not being true to the precepts of the Amish way, him denouncing it just felt wrong. I firmly believe, and Hopkins did nothing to change my mind, that Noah was deeply unhappy about leaving his community and his way of life. He spent so much time discussing how he liked the simple life and how his faith was so integral to who he was, but leaves it because of, yes very difficult things, but passing things none-the-less. It made me feel like he was no longer true to himself and the person he was built up to be was a fraud. I am left with

the impression that Noah and Rose will finally have the future that they can be satisfied with, and they will be together which is the most important thing to them (and to the story, of course). However, coming to that point just really fell flat to me. Again, Noah and Rose don't talk enough, they don't try to get to any middle ground and compromise. The author had even set up a possible solution for them both with hints of a Mennonite future that could have appealed to both of their desires. Instead, it was one way or the other and rather than being happy with this ending, I felt let down. Honestly, I can't say what should have been different. I only know that I wanted something else and that the potential was there.

Last year, I read--err, inhaled the first two books in this series, and I've been DYING to read the final installment. When I saw this baby pop up in my email, it's possible I did a giddy reader dance. Okay, it's more than possible. It totally happened. So, after a crazy weekend, and a really long day, I opened this book up, hoping to get a few chapters in. I should have known better. I devoured the entire thing in one easy gulp, and I reached the end with a huge smile. Without diving into spoiler territory, let me just say that all the characters get a much needed maturity boost, and the romance is as strong as ever. Family bonds are tested and strengthened, and Ms. Hopkins pulls out all the stops. I swooned, I cried, I laughed, and I got angry. It was a hell of a ride. Totally recommend this one!

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