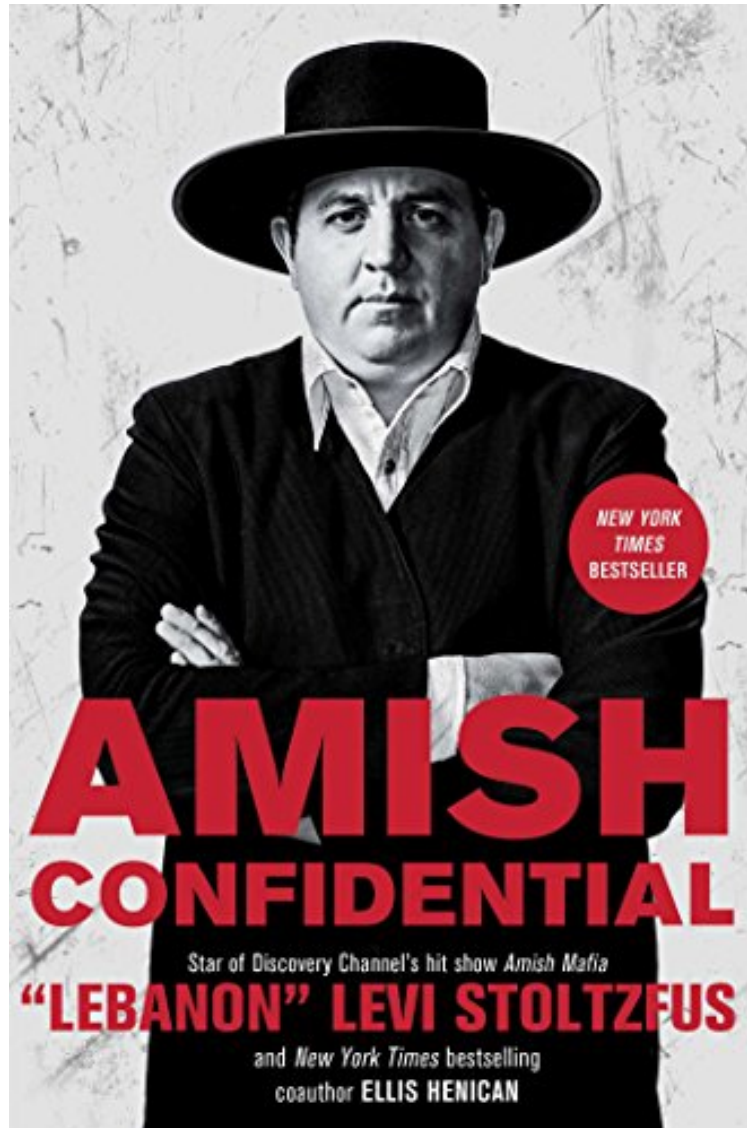


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79 of 88 people found the following review helpful. The book is not what I expected - it's better. In reading Amish Confidential I learned about the ...By Zo-EditorI bought the book and finished reading it in less than two days. I didn't want to put it down.The book is not what I expected - it's better. In reading Amish Confidential I learned about the author's typical - yet also unique in some ways - Amish upbringing in Lancaster Pennsylvania.But then the author explains that not everything in Amish Country is a postcard pretty fairytale.The real and true and headline worthy

stories he relates are impossible not to grab your attention. And they aren't reality tv stories but real things from the school shootings to an Amish baby being killed by English teenagers. The stories Stoltzfus tells are sometimes shocking, sometimes personal, but always amazing. But as much as the book educates the reader about REAL Amish country, it's really in the end a love letter of sorts to the Amish family and home he grew up in. I recommend this book to anyone who ever wanted to know more about the Amish, has traveled to Amish country or watched any of the Amish tv shows. Stoltzfus has a co-author, Ellis Henican, who makes the book not only readable, but immensely enjoyable. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Love it - Must Read Book By Karen Collingwood I will admit that watching the series was a guilty pleasure. And of course Lebanon Levi does try to paint himself as just a 'good ole boy' but the book is a must read if you want to know what the Amish are really like. If you grew up or spent any amount of time around the Amish communities in Pennsylvania you know what the tourism bureaus don't want you to know and Levi lets it all out. From the cruel industries of Puppy Mills to rampant drug trafficking and the inexcusable crimes of incest and child abuse, he puts it all out there for America to see. This book should be an eye-opener to most people about a cult where money is king and the most despicable abuses are swept under the table. 13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Excellent! Educational...sad... By J. Brennan I recommend this book for anyone who feels that all people are human with sinful thoughts and especially for those who believe some people are "pure" and above others. Human nature is a sinful nature. I admire Levi for his honesty. This is not for children. I love and admire the Amish for their simple lifestyle and Christian beliefs. I agree with Levi that some of their interpretations are a bit extreme, exaggerated and off but the Bible with different interpretations can be confusing. I loved the Amish Mafia show and was saddened at the ending with betrayal and mistrust, but that's the "human way". I found it informative and interesting. Although I knew most of the stories from the news broadcasts of past offenses I was saddened at the sexual abuse and how when one woman reached out for help and it was disregarded. I find it appalling how the tourism tries to deny reality and cover so much with it and it sickens me to think the "English" would have the guts to say they know how the Amish community lives when they are so private. As a Christian I understand the Bible (or try to) and know we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. The Amish community are an example of this and truly show forgiveness. I don't understand shunning and will never understand how they can forgive so much but shun their friends and families. I agree with Levi that the government officials have no right interfering. I look forward to reading more books that have been written by individuals who have left the community either by choice or shunning. I give a lot of credit to Levi for doing the show and especially this book. HATS off to you Lebanon Levi!!! Thank you for your honesty. Honesty, grace, love and forgiveness are the important lessons here. If we could all learn that from all of us we'd all be better off. Excellent read!

Lebanon Levi Stoltzfus, star of the hit Discovery Channel reality show Amish Mafia, delivers a sizzling tell-all about Amish life today. From the forbidden joyrides to the senseless shunnings to the colorful family feuds, he shares his frank insiders view of this fascinating and secretive society. You've seen the pretty postcards and the shiny tourist brochures. Now, Amish Confidential takes readers beyond the buggies, bonnets, and beards into the hidden heart of back-roads Amish country. The all-night field parties. The prohibited automobiles. The nosy neighbors and prissy tattletales. It's all here: the many English temptations. The stitch-and-bitch quilting bees. The sex, alcohol, and illicit Wi-Fi. And the random acts of kindness and remarkable forgiveness, too. Interest in the Amish has never been greater. The tourist counts keep breaking new records. Amish Mafia is back for a fourth blockbuster season on TV, joined now by several spinoff shows. Amish Confidential taps right into America's fresh fascination with the throwback Amish. Stoltzfus weaves his never-before-told personal story through some high-profile Amish episodes that rocked the news in recent years, including the Nickel Mines shooting massacre, the Amish sisters farm-stand kidnapping, and the Amish-Pagan drug gang. As America's most famous Amish tough guy makes clear on every page, there is nothing plain or simple about the plain-and-simple life.

A fascinating look at the lives of the reclusive American Amish. (New York Post) About the Author Lebanon Levi Stoltzfus is the star of Discovery Channel's hit show Amish Mafia. He was raised Old Order Amish (the most traditional kind), speaking Pennsylvania Dutch in Pennsylvania's rural Lancaster and Lebanon counties. The Ordnung, the Amish code of conduct, does not prevent him from speaking freely about the closed society because he was never baptized into the church. Ellis Henican is a newspaper columnist, a television commentator, and the coauthor of five New York Times bestsellers, including *Damn Few*.