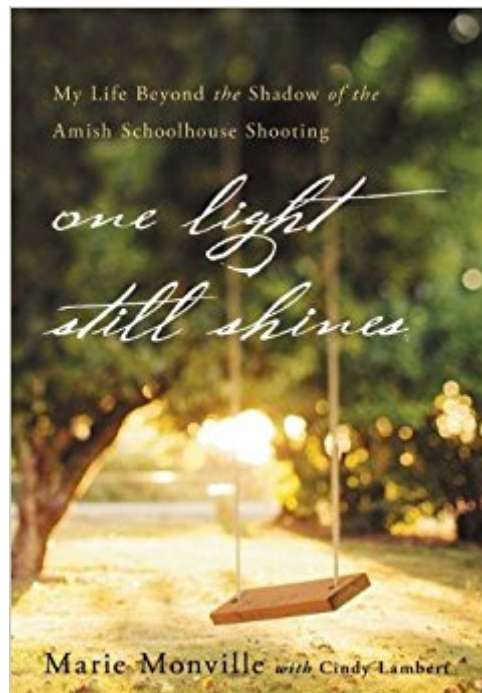




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# One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond The Shadow Of The Amish Schoolhouse Shooting



## Synopsis

“My story is not about my past, but about your future,” says Marie Roberts Monville. In the startling tragedy of the Amish schoolhouse shooting at Nickel Mines, one story has never been told; Marie Roberts Monville, the wife of the man who created such horror, tells her story for the very first time. It is a story of sorrow and destruction, but also one of majestic deliverance, unending compassion, breathtaking forgiveness, and grace-filled redemption. Within a solitary moment, Marie Monville realized that life, as she knew it, was over. What she never anticipated was a tangible encounter with God reaching into her circumstances, through them rewriting all she believed about herself, her faith, and the God she thought she knew. *One Light Still Shines* reveals three love stories: the innocent love of a devoted wife for a husband in pain, the incomprehensible love of God in the aftermath of massacre and destruction, and the redemptive love of Christ, waiting to unfold in the life of every person who reads this book. Marie’s journey since that darkest of days has been invaded with light which shines through these pages into the darkest questions we all face--questions about our past, our value, our identity, and own powerlessness in this fallen world. Come face to face with the Power behind every answer—a love that begs to be received.

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Marie Monville, a life-time resident of the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area, often sat alongside her father in his milk truck as he served his Amish and non-Amish neighbors. She married her high school sweetheart, then gave birth to three children. The first 28 years of her life were quiet,

predictable, and full of regular day to day country living. That all changed the day her husband barricaded the Amish schoolhouse at Nickel Mines, just one mile down the road, and murdered one Amish schoolgirl after another, before committing suicide--a horrific scene that stunned the entire world.Â That day was October 2, 2006. And though she knew that day that the life she'd known had just been shattered, that very same day God infused Marie with an unearthly assurance that he was with her, present and trustworthy, and that he would not fail her. Today, Marie is remarried to Dan Monville, and their blended family is a testament to the healing kindness of God. Today, Marie speaks nationwide as she and Dan continue to raise their five children in the Lancaster, PA area. Cindy Lambert, a freelance writer and editor, is a veteran of the bookselling industry. For nearly two decades she owned an award-winning bookstore before expanding into leadership roles in distribution, editorial, and publishing in such companies as Ingram, Simon & Schuster, and Zondervan, where she served as vice president and associate publisher. As a speaker Cindy has addressed audiences in publishing and bookselling conferences as well as churches and retreats. She and her husband, Dave, have six children and eight grandchildren, and live in Michigan.

How do you say GOD LIKE ? Just look at the Amish in this story and see how they forgave and then supported a family who were just as much of a victim as we're the young children who were killed . What great examples the Amish are for us to follow .

I deeply appreciate the redemption message coming through this tragic story. It shows Marie had her faith in place before her world fell apart, giving her a foundation to cope and go on. Truly well written to handle the truth of what Charlie had done without anger, revenge and hatred spilling forth to "destroy" him. I absolutely loved the book.

This book has touched my heart. Marie Monville fills the pages with artful illustrations that the Illustrator of life wrote into her life. So blessed to have read this story & thankful that she chose not only to share it but to see his work in her life even in great tragedy.

I found this book to be sweet and endearing. Sweet, you say, in a book so tragic ? Yes, just as Marie calls it a LIVE STORY. Marie. Is a content, happy mother of three and a wife to a wonderful, doting husband who is also a great daddy for the children. On a most awful day of her life, her dream land world caves in on her. How she ever survived the effects of that horrendous day, is beyond me. So, I made it my quest to reach into her heartand soul. She taught me forgiveness,

courage, endurance, faith , hope, strength and LOVE. The story is true and it is one that makes you cry but not want to put it down. I think the most apparent and heartwarming part of it was how the AMISH families taught their story of love when their own hearts were ripped and broken beyond description and they were immediately drawn to care for Marie and her children with her broken heart. A story of unity bring mankind together in trust for their LOR AND SAVIOR, who understands all but judges not. A book that gives me motivation to quit worrying why my own story doesn't pour in some happiness and comfort for my tragic life but to quit trying to say that God just is here for other's and not me in my heartache. I need to quit focusing on what I want so very much and let life's circumstances teach me of God's Love for me shows in His Own Time many great things with his Love. I am not patient. I will keep going and I will always be blessed If I Serve OTHERS just as Marie does in her story! LOVED THIS BOOK for Marie's strength! 2-2-2014

After watching the movie 'Amish Grace' which touched me deeply, I was compelled to read the book. Articulate, easy flow in reading, Marie Manville shares the depths of her journey with openness and honesty and great compassion. It is inspirational and encouraging and a graphic example of facing tragedy that can lead to a new beginning and wholeness, without denying anything of the depths of despair she walked through one little bit at a time. This is more than a true story. It is a must-read for anyone who needs to be encouraged in the rough places of life.

This book was an amazing testament to the power of forgiveness after an unspeakable tragedy. Marie is a very strong woman of faith.

I just finished Marie Monville's book and, like many others, could not put it down. I loved Marie's heart, love and protection of her children and how she and her family became one with the Amish community. I shed tears more than once throughout the book. Hers is, in reality, His story. We don't know, nor understand why God allows tragedies, but it's how we respond to the tragedy that counts. We can choose to become bitter or better. Marie chose the latter. I have been deeply touched by her book. God has instructed us to share our victories and, if we do not praise Him, the rocks will cry out! I would not criticize her for any choices she made, nor how she chose to use the donations she received. We do not know how we would handle such a tragedy were we in Marie's shoes. Also, I appreciate her challenge to others to share about what Jesus has done in their lives. I wish her and her family many blessings and His protection over her household. Kay

The book brings many tears to your eyes. But if you read it as only a story about someone else, you miss the point. You have to let it challenge your life, and ask some important questions about your relationship with God. It should be read slow enough for the truths to sink in, not about one lady's tragic circumstances, but how God can meet anyone's needs and how much he loves each of us. It's a good book (what right really does one have to assess the outpouring of someone's life story as a "good book"?). I say this because it is a sad, moving, challenging, disturbing ..story that hopefully leads every reader to a painful place of being willing to let God have more say in their life, and make the choice to see a different side (and reason) of pain and suffering. It is amazing that Marie is willing to make public such private feelings. THANKYOU for the challenge to stop and look for God in every part of our life!

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