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CAN A WOMAN RETURN TO HER MENNONITE ROOTS AFTER SHE'S BEEN AWAY TWENTY-FIVE YEARS? ***Kim Vogel Sawyer's Bygones hitting shelves April 2007***

(NASHVILLE, TN) After being shunned by her parents for marrying someone outside the Mennonite community, widow Marie Koepler left her childhood home and never looked back. It was too painful. Now, nearly twenty-five years later, she's stunned to see her former beau walk through the doors of the truck stop where she waitresses. He brings unexpected news.



Marie's aunt has died, and to everyone's surprise, she's left her house, belongings, and café to Beth, Marie's daughter. But there's one catch. To receive her inheritance, Beth must come and live within the Mennonite community for a period of no less than three months. Beth determines to live there so she can pay her mother back for all the sacrifices Marie made for her growing up.

Marie returns with Beth to help her adapt to the Mennonite lifestyle and finds more than her lost beau waiting for her. It isn't long before she finds herself wanting to remain. Beth, however, finds herself living under a shadow of suspicion when homes are broken into and antiques are stolen. Loyal to her daughter, yet missing the simplistic lifestyle, Marie is once again faced with a heart-wrenching decision.

Kim Vogel Sawyer has written two novellas for Heartsong Presents and the popular novel *Waiting for Summers Return*. She writes gentle stories of hope, offering her readers encouragement. ***Bygones*** is the first book of the Sommerfeld Trilogy.

Kim is available for interview.

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