

Winterberries and Apple Blossoms: Reflections and Flavors of a Mennonite Year By Nan Forler **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** In the winter there's a quilting bee with chattering friendly women to warm the frigid night visits to a general store with all its treasures and the awakening of the sap in the sugar bush. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms ebookers** I also really liked the recipes at the back of the book - when each food item was mentioned in the poem it sounded so good I was glad I had the opportunity to bake it myself. **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** 1770492542 So yes Winterberries and Apple Blossoms: Reflections and Flavors of a Mennonite Year Nan Forler's sweetly poetic evocative paean to Old Order Mennonite culture and traditions (in the form of a lyrical month-by-month calendar celebration of events such as quilting bees sugaring planting harvesting and the like) is indeed not only wonderfully and stunningly mirrored by renowned Waterloo Ontario artist Peter Etril Snyder's paintings (and I cannot and will not call them illustrations as they are described as paintings on the book cover and paintings they are folksy meticulously realistically detailed and quite simply as poetic as emotionally stirring as the narratives as the lyrical verses they are complimenting and complementing). **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms cooking classes** The recipes for Mennonite inspired baked goods at the back of Winterberries and Apple Blossoms they totally are an appreciated added bonus and all look deliciously scrumptiously appetising (although I do have to warn those who are vegan that all of the recipes do contain dairy and eggs but they could all likely be easily veganised). **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** A wonderful and poetic choice for children interested in Mennonite culture and traditions (slightly older children as there is quite a lot of text for each month and while the poetry is beautiful and alive with descriptiveness it also feels somewhat complex and dense at times) Winterberries and Apple Blossoms is also a book I believe many adults would enjoy (a perfect coffee-table type of tome). **Kindle Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** And while I really and truly wish I could have given Winterberries and Apple Blossoms five stars I did and still do have one minor but rather frustrating issue with this book namely that the size of the font of the printed text is absolutely minuscule to the point that I actually have had trouble reading the featured verses without my reading glasses (and even when wearing my reading glasses I still tended to find the font size to be rather overly small and cramped squashed). **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms booking** And since picture books are often meant to be read aloud or to be read by children (including some who might only recently have learned to read) a very small font size could so easily cause words to be missed to be misread to simply be difficult to easily decipher (limiting or at least potentially limiting reading pleasure). **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms aruba** Still very highly recommended as my reservations with regard to font sizes have nothing much to do with the general quality and esoteric beauty of Nan Forler's poetry her glowing depictions and descriptions of Mennonite culture and life. **Parenting Families Winterberries and Apple blossoms preschool** 1770492542 Narrated by a young girl named Naomi this poetic picture-book offers a glimpse of the traditions of an Old Order Mennonite community in Ontario focusing on a different custom or activity for each month of the year. **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms saginaw** From a quilting session in January to a visit to the sugar bush in March a baseball game in July to the Christmas celebrations in December life is very full for Naomi who is surrounded by her loving family and ever-aware of the presence of the divine in her life. **Cooking Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** A lovely book with a quiet gentle narrative - there is no real drama just the day-to-day life of a young girl in a close-knit community - and beautiful artwork from painter Peter Etril Snyder Winterberries and Apple Blossoms is a loving tribute to a way of life that is both simple and rich. **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** I particularly appreciated the fact that Naomi is sometimes a little mischievous - the moment when she sneaks off with her sisters Esther even though she knows her mother is looking for her or the time she takes a ride on one of the boys' bicycles - and that this is treated as a normal part of childhood rather than some sort of problem. **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms restaurant** For young readers unfamiliar with the Mennonites or who see them as some sort of unworldly saints (or even freakish somehow because of their different customs) this will emphasize

their common humanity. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms kindle store** As the Old Order Mennonite and Amish communities often co-exist in the same geographic area (particularly in Lancaster County Pennsylvania) young readers may have questions that need to be addressed in order to clarify the traits identifying the separate communities.

Cooking Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist

Born in Elmira Ontario Nan Forler has degrees in both music and education. **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** She has taught junior kindergarten through to grade eight for over twenty years. **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** For several years she ran a cooking school for kids where she shared her love of seasonal foods with children and their parents: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms pdfescape** Her first children's book for Tundra Bird Child won many accolades: **Kindle Winterberries and Apple blossoms restaurant** With an evocative poem for every month of the year young Naomi introduces us to her family and hosts a journey through the seasonal rhythms of her rural Mennonite community: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms booklet** Spring months bring the hard work of clearing the fields and the sweet reward of shoofly pies, **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** Under the hot summer sun there's home-made ice cream baseball to play and a horse-drawn buggy to drive: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms cooking** Then it's autumn when the shy narrator must help sell produce at the road-side stand while she thinks of the snows to come: **Kindle Winterberries and Apple blossoms** And all year long there are delicious child-friendly recipes to make and sample, **EBook Winterberries and Apple blossoms restaurant** The poems and recipes are perfectly complemented by Peter Etril Snyder's lovely paintings: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms cooking** Winterberries and Apple Blossoms is a beautifully produced book perfect for gift-giving or sharing with anyone who appreciates simple enduring values. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms ebookers** Winterberries and Apple Blossoms: Reflections and Flavors of a Mennonite Year Although I'm not a huge fan of poetry I did really enjoy this story, **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms preschool** However because it is a poem it didn't read much like a story but more like snapshots into young Naomi's life: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms ebooks free** She is a Mennonite and Forler is following her through a typical year each month has a poem that illustrates her daily "plain" life, **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** The paintings are also very beautiful and work well with each poem. **Kindle Winterberries and Apple blossoms preschool** I could see some of these paintings decorating someone's home they are so nice: **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** I also appreciated Snyder's impressionistic paintings with their brilliant use of light and color. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms Parenting families first** The inclusion of twelve recipes at the rear of the book rated for difficulty of preparation is also a nice touch. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms ebook reader** All in all a charming little book although I do agree with my friend Gundula who recommended it to me in finding the print a little small: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms Parenting families together** Recommended to young readers - it is text-heavy for a picture-book so I'd say fourth grade and up - interested in the Mennonites or in stories set on farms, **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms book 1770492542** Through poetry and simple recipes young Naomi introduces readers to the seasonal events of her rural Mennonite community. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms epub** Forler's reflective verses combined with Snyder's evocative paintings combine to introduce young Naomi's life in a rural Mennonite community throughout the calendar year, **Parenting Families Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** In the Winter months Naomi shares the chatter of a friendly quilting bee a visit to the general store with all its eclectic merchandise and tapping maples to make sugar, **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** When Spring arrives we find Naomi clearing

stones from fields to be plowed pedaling her bike down country lanes and enjoying shoo-fly pie: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms ebook** Summer activities include making homemade ice cream playing ball and driving a buggy for the first time: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms Food winegard** Autumn apple harvest leads to working at a roadside produce stand and a visit to a local bakery: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms Food wine** Twelve simple recipes for traditional Mennonite desserts continue the calendar theme: **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** These include tie-ins with activities mentioned in the poems such “shoo-fly pie” tarts ice cream in a can and Dutch apple pie. **PDF Winterberries and Apple blossoms restaurant** It also includes some traditional favorites such as whoopie pies tea biscuits oatmeal cookies and caramel popcorn, **Cooking Winterberries and Apple blossoms aruba** This branch of the Mennonite church practice a lifestyle without some elements of modern technology, **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** Technology is avoided due to concern for the nature of the Old Order Mennonite Community, **Food Wine Winterberries and Apple blossoms restaurant** Not addressed is the similarity Old Order Mennonites have in appearance to the Amish; the concept of plainness dictates the distinctive dress of the Mennonite. **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms Food wine-searcher** Plain dresses or pants straw hats and bonnets and the belief that a person’s true worth does not lie in clothing or appearance have much in common with Amish appearance, **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms clothing** It may also interest youngsters that Old Order Mennonites reside in extensive communities not only in Pennsylvania but also in Ontario Ohio and Indiana: **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms florist** Forler herself resides in Elmira Ontario in the heart of Mennonite country and Snyder has spent his career painting scenes of Mennonite country life as well as landscapes. **EBook Winterberries and Apple blossoms** 1770492542 This book contains a poem for each month of the year and gives some good insights into the life of a Mennonite girl: **Winterberries and Apple Blossoms booklet** Beautiful paintings too! I can definitely see using this in my classroom to teach poems vs prose poetic devices and to give them a taste of another culture: **Book Winterberries and Apple blossoms aruba** 1770492542 This beautifully illustrated book takes you through Mennonite life month by month throughout the year. Nan Forler lives in Waterloo Ontario. Naomi is being raised in the Old Order Mennonite Community. AR 4.8 1770492542

