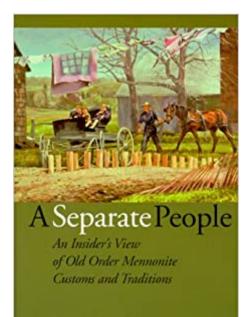


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# A Separate People: An Insider's View Of Old Order Mennonite Customs And Traditions /Out Of Print



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It really helped me to understand the Mennonites better. It is written in a folksy style, almost like the author was sitting beside you. I would recommend this book to anyone.

The Anabaptist tradition is far more diverse than may at first be evident to the outsider. Like the Amish, the Mennonites consist of several sub-groups, each with its distinctives. For example, the General Conference Mennonites are quite different in dress and habits from the Old Order Mennonites, the group that is the subject of "A Separate People," by Isaac R. Horst. While the Old Order Mennonites at first may appear to be nearly identical to the Old Order Amish, a distinct set of customs set them apart. (Amish men were beards. Old Order Mennonites have meeting houses. The Amish hold their worship services in homes. The Old Order Mennonite have meeting houses. And so forth.)Throughout this book, Horst, who is a product of a Mennonite environment, presents a detailed and sympathetic description of the Mennonite distinctives, and in so doing provides an understanding of and justification for why these people live the lifestyle they do.

The Anabaptist tradition has spawned many different groups, the Amish and Mennonites being the best known. Just as the Amish consist of several sub-groups (including the Old Order, the New

Order, and the Beachy Amish), so do the Mennonites. Each group has its distinctives, with the General Conference Mennonites, for instance, being extremely different in dress and habits from the Old Order Mennonites, the group that is the subject of "A Separate People." This book by Isaac R. Horst offers a comprehensive look at these people who to the outsider appear to be very much like the Old Order Amish, but have a distinct set of customs that set them apart. For instance, Amish men wear beards. Old Order Mennonite men do not. The Amish conduct their worship services in homes. The Old Order Mennonites build meeting houses specifically designed for corporate worship. And although the dress may seem similar to an outsider, the Mennonite garb is significantly different from that worn by the Amish.Horst, himself a product of a Mennonite environment, presents a detailed and sympathetic description of the Mennonite distinctives, one that also provides an understanding of and justification for why these people live the lifestyle they do. This book is an important addition for anyone interested in Anabaptist studies.

Wonderfully well written book on Old Order Mennonites. Includes the why behind some of their customs and beliefs.

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