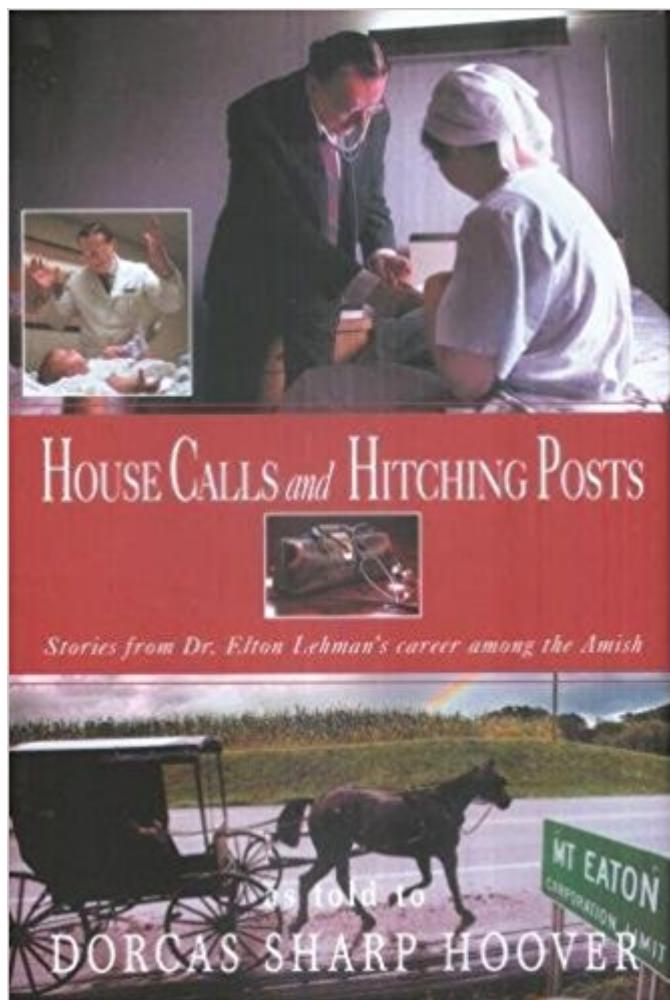


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# House Calls And Hitching Posts: Stories From Dr. Elton Lehman's Career Among The Amish



## Synopsis

Medical technology meets rural, Amish values of simplicity, home health remedies, and unwavering faith in divine providence when a country-boy-turned-country doctor returns to his roots in Ohio. Medical technology meets rural values of simplicity, home health remedies, and unwavering faith in divine providence when a country-boy-turned-country-doctor returns to his roots. *House Calls and Hitching Posts* is a sometimes humorous and often intimate account of Dr. Elton Lehman's 36 years practicing medicine among the Amish of Wayne, Holmes, and surrounding counties in Ohio, for which he was named Country Doctor of the Year. Now you can witness house calls and private moments between doctors and patients. Joe brings his dismembered fingers to the office in a coffee can filled with kerosene. Katie delivers a boy for the doctor's first home-birth. And three-year-old Davy rallies to overcome a life-threatening illness at birth only to be crushed under a tractor wheel. Hoover captures in sometimes local vernacular the joys and dilemmas of a family practitioner among a rural and predominantly-Amish community. Includes two galleries of photographs from Dr. Lehman's distinguished career. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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A country-boy-turned-country-doctor goes on house calls among the Amish of eastern Ohio in this warm collection of true-life tales. Alert to his patients' preferences to have their babies born close to home, and their illnesses and injuries treated in a home-like atmosphere, Dr. Elton Lehman also created a treatment and birthing center in the hills of Wayne County, Ohio. From these years of medical technology meeting rural values come these unforgettable stories: - Joe brings his dismembered fingers to the office in a coffee can filled with kerosene; - Dozens of babies are born with Dr. Lehman's help; Katie's little boy is his first at-home birth; - Three-year-old Davy rallies to overcome a life-threatening illness at birth, only to be crushed under a tractor wheel; - Barb, the Amish leader's wife, joins Doc Lehman in an unusual partnership, setting aside a bedroom in her own home as an alternative "delivery" room. Writer Hoover captures in sometimes local vernacular the joys and dilemmas of a family practitioner among a rural and predominantly-Amish community.

Dorcus Sharp Hoover, a former school teacher, lives with her family in Dover, Ohio, a short drive from what is known as "Amish country." • Dorcas is married to Jerry, pastor and businessman. They have six children ages five to 19. Dr. Elton Lehman delivered four of the Hoovers' six children in the birthing center he designed. At every delivery, he always had a new story to tell. Jerry Hoover would say, "Dr. Lehman, you need to write a book!" • Dr. Lehman would reply, "Yes, but I'm not a writer." • And then, Dr. Lehman asked Dorcas if she would write his story. *House Calls and Hitching Posts* is Dorcas' fourth book.

I heard this doctor speak and a dinner reception honoring another country doctor. Dr. Lehman mentioned his book and it sounded good to me so I ordered it. I have not had time to read it yet but I am so looking forward to reading it. I love books about selfless people helping others.

excellent story of a Doctor serving the Amish community.

Great book with lots of heartwarming stories. Also provides a peek into the ways of Amish way of life for those who are not familiar with it. Very interesting and well written. Just had to keep reading

until I finished it! Medicine is a calling not a business in Dr. Lehman' world.. The way it used to be!

I loved this book and highly recommend it for its personal and touching stories and uplifting tone. I am sure many young doctors and nurses will be inspired by Dr. Lehman and his dedication!

Dr. Lehman's story is an accurate glimpse into Amish life in Ohio, where he practiced medicine for many years. We know some Amish families who hold him in high regard and have also enjoyed the book so well written by Dorcas Hoover.

I was surprised at how inspiring this book was! I was bothered by several editorial errors (i.e., "aid" for "aide"), but the book is quite well written except for a few spots when it's hard to remember who's who. The saga itself seems to be almost impossible, too idyllic in retrospect and in the telling. But then I remember how my own father lived his life and believe this to be an honest representation of a man and his ability to respond to the needs around him. It's a quick read with a bonus of learning a little more about the ways of the Amish.

House Calls and Hitching Posts is a delightful book. Through the amazing stories of Dr. Lehman's practice among the Amish and Mennonites of Wayne County and surrounding area, you get an inside look at the close knit community that "Englishers" rarely see. Dr. Lehman finds that his medical school training has not prepared him for the practice he begins among the Amish as a country doctor. He must become flexible and learn the plain ways of people he will come to love. If you have an interest in the Amish, I highly recommend this book. It will make you laugh and cry. You won't want to put it down.

This book is wonderful--full of homey anecdotes and interesting happenings. This man and his family dedicated their lives to serving the Amish and have been richly rewarded by the community. Easy and beneficial reading. Loved it!

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