An Amish Year by Richard Ammon

Spend a year with Anna and her family and learn what it is like to be Amish, from day to day and season to season. In the springtime, Anna looks forward to Easter festivities, planting the garden, and spring cleaning. Summer begins with the school picnic. On a clear summer day, Anna's family makes hay and afterwards enjoys a picnic with ice cream. In fall, Anna begins fourth grade in the one room schoolhouse, and at home she helps her mother can fruit for the winter. November is wedding season for the Amish, and Thanksgiving and Christmas follow soon after. Winter is a time for feasting and family gatherings, playing board games, and reading by the warmth of the stove. Anna's life is full of hard work as well as play, just like the lives of other children her age. As they follow Anna as she does her chores, flies her kite, attends services, and celebrates her birthday, children will appreciate the similarities and differences between Anna's life and their own.

My Personal Review:
I am using this book for cultural study, mainly in grades 4-5. Pleased to find a book on this topic that is comprehensive, yet appropriate for the upper elementary student, I added several copies to our school's Resource Room.

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