



Available for school and library visits

Jill Williamson

award-winning author of the
Blood of Kings trilogy

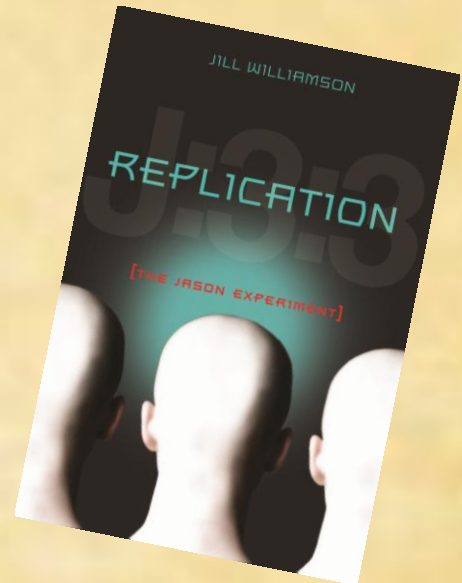
Jill Williamson is a novelist, dreamer, and believer. She grew up in Houston, Alaska with no electricity, an outhouse, and a lot of mosquitoes. Thankfully it was the land of the midnight sun, and she could stay up and read by the summer daylight that wouldn't go away. But in the winter, there was nothing better to do than daydream. Both hobbies set her up to be a writer.

In 2010 her first novel, *By Darkness Hid*, won the Christy Award. She loves working with teenagers and gives writing workshops at libraries, schools, camps, and churches. Jill lives in Oregon with her husband and two children. Visit Jill online at www.jillwilliamson.com, where adventure comes to life.

Jill can customize talks for schools, libraries, churches, camps, homeschool groups, chapels, and other organizations.

Speaking topics include:

- Respecting your dream
- How to turn an idea into a story
- How to create a fantasy storyworld
- What's the deal with showing and telling?
 - Punctuation 101: Dialogue
 - How Jill became an author
 - How to get published
- Writing workshops to meet specific needs



Jill's books:

Replication: The Jason Experiment – Zondervan

By Darkness Hid (Blood of Kings, book 1) – Marcher Lord Press

To Darkness Fled (Blood of Kings, book 2) – Marcher Lord Press

From Darkness Won (Blood of Kings, book 3) – Marcher Lord Press

**For more information about Jill and her novels,
visit www.jillwilliamson.com.**

PRAISE FOR JILL'S SPEAKING AND TEACHING

Sandy Krueger, Librarian

"Our seventh and eighth grade classes had the opportunity to attend presentations by Jill Williamson last week, and teachers and students alike were totally impressed. She did four sessions in our library, to about 80 kids at a time. I don't remember even one student who was not actively listening to her. She has a relaxed style that appeals to middle school kids and talks as much about her personal history as well as her books and how she got them published. A perfect blend of information."



Brandy Bishop, Language Arts Teacher

"I was a bit reluctant to bring my 7th grade students to the author visit in the library. I'm glad we went. I brought four classes down the library to hear Jill speak about herself and share her book. Jill was very personable and relatable. My kids hung on her every word. She was animated, articulate, and most importantly, real. Writing a two-page story is impossible for many of my kids, much less a book. But after listening to Jill, my kids were asking questions about turning their stories into novels. Jill is a dynamic presenter, especially for adolescents. I was smiling or laughing the whole time. My kids are on a waiting list to read her book. She created an enthusiasm for reading. She'd be a great teacher!"

Kelly Cooper, River Valley Writers Group

"Ms. Williamson is young and energetic and has the ability to get writers fired up about the adventure of creating a story. What impressed me most was that she invited the kids to send their work to her and she looked it over and responded to each one with praise and constructive criticism. Not many writers—let alone a busy mom—will take the time to care about each individual's development like she did. Several parents approached me later saying that it meant so much for the kids to get feedback from Jill."

Kitty Benson, MLS, Librarian

"Although middle school students can be hard to engage, Jill was a captivating speaker. Each Language Arts class for each grade level came to hear Jill. She quickly had the attention of 60+ students at a time by speaking to them honestly and openly about her experiences as a writer. She described how she came up with story lines, plots, characters, and settings. She shared how she got the idea for *By Darkness Hid* and how the story grew over time. Her presentation was fascinating. She never talked down to the students, lost her patience or seemed tired, even though it was an exhausting day."

Janelle Maki, Librarian

"Jill has a wonderful rapport with students. I was also quite impressed that she offered to read and give student's critique on their own writing even though her schedule for our school visit was quite full. Students really appreciated the offer of being able to keep in touch with Jill through e-mail or Facebook after her visit. Having Jill visit our school and talk with students about being an author is something some of our budding writers will remember for a lifetime."



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