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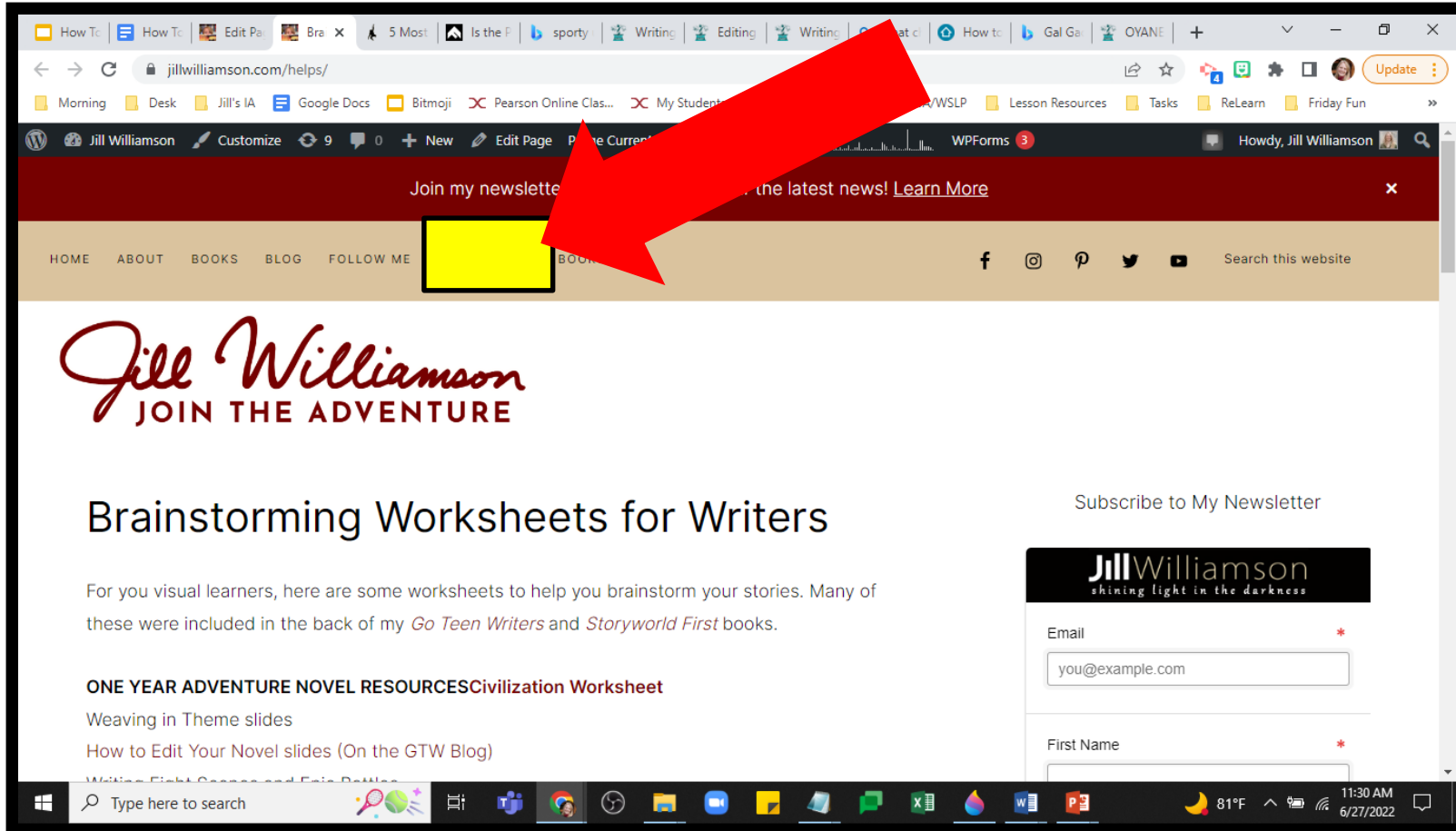
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–*The New York Times*, regarding the 2013  
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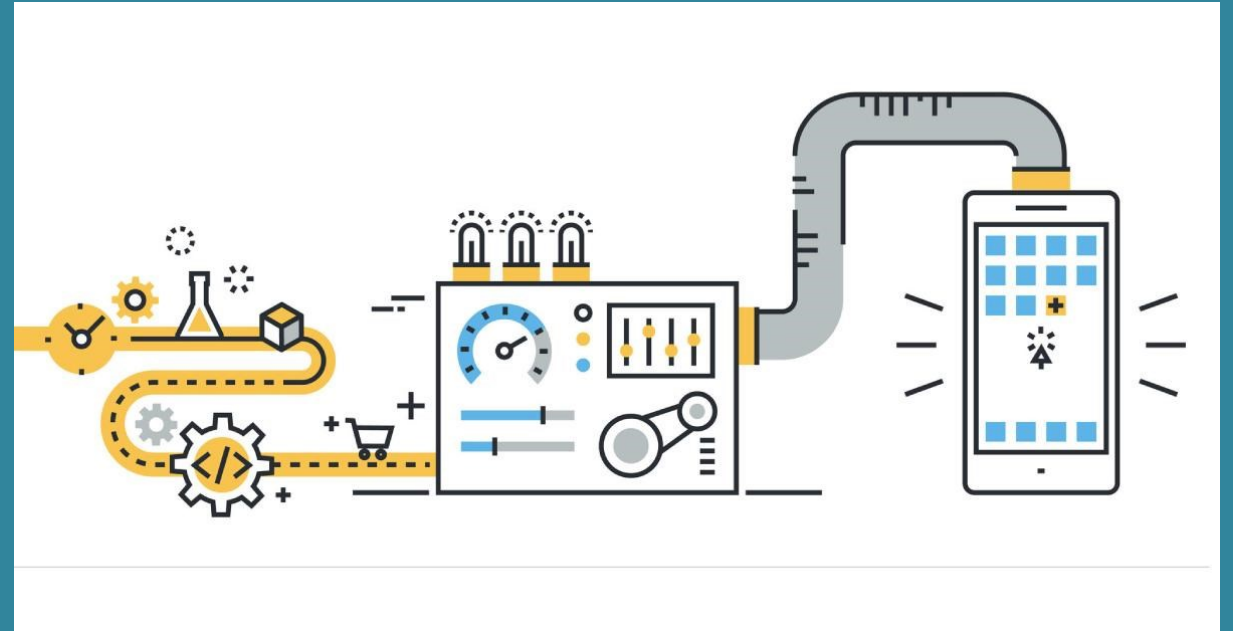


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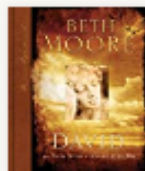
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## Harvest Moon (Riverbend #3)

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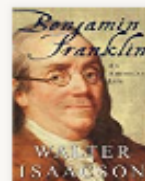
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Because you read Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever (The K...:



## Benjamin Franklin: An American Life

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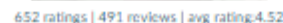
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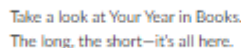




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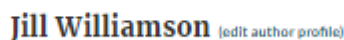
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<b>Influences</b>	Tolkien, Rowling, Brandon Sanderson, Frank Peretti, Lloyd Alexander ...more
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followers	1,388	total ratings	12,921
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1,739 ratings (4.25 avg) · 149 text reviews

to-read: 1,897 people

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965 ratings (3.84 avg) · 236 text reviews

to-read: 1,570 people

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- You post or interact.
- Your friends post about or interact with your books.



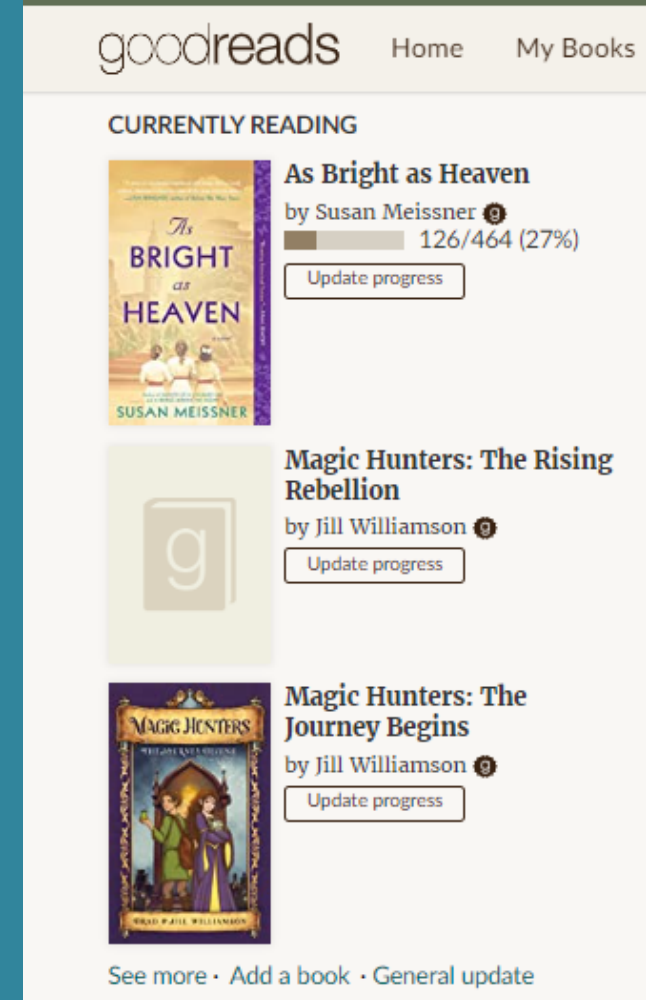
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  - Get an email when you:
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    - Host a book giveaway.
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- \*Unless they've opted out in their settings.



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- Post cool stuff.
- Use your three “Currently Reading” slots wisely. (At least two should be your books!)
- Periodically ask your followers on other social media to follow you on Goodreads.
- Run giveaways (on or off Goodreads).
- Look up other authors in your genre and add their friends. (For example . . .)





# WAYS TO GET IN THE FEED

- Ask your followers to add your book to their “Want to Read” shelf.
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- Like and comment on existing (positive) reviews.
- Ask readers (plus your street team!) to like and comment on existing reviews (do this for Instagram and Facebook giveaways).
- Create a Goodreads Giveaway.



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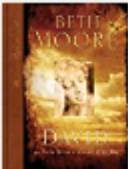
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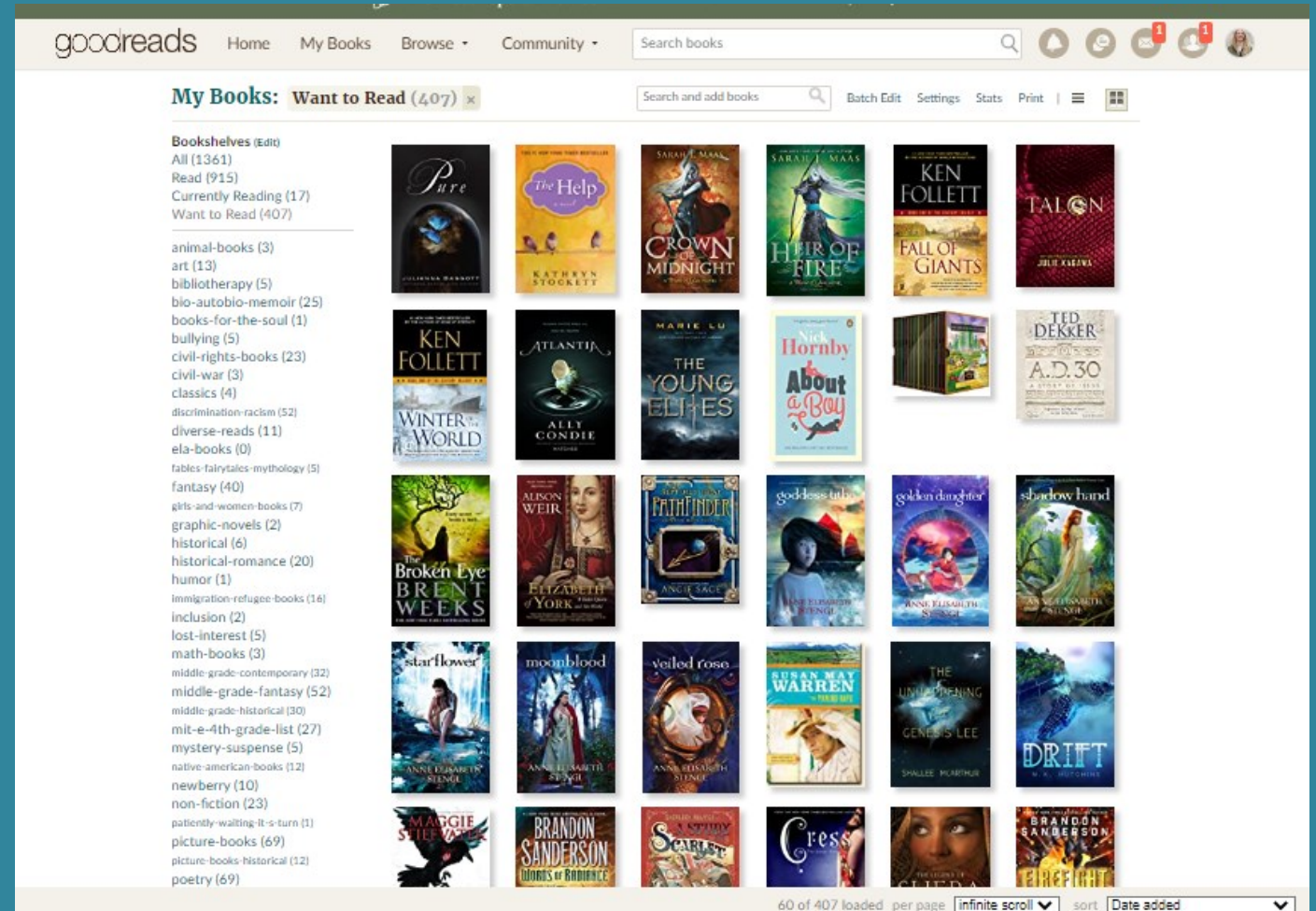
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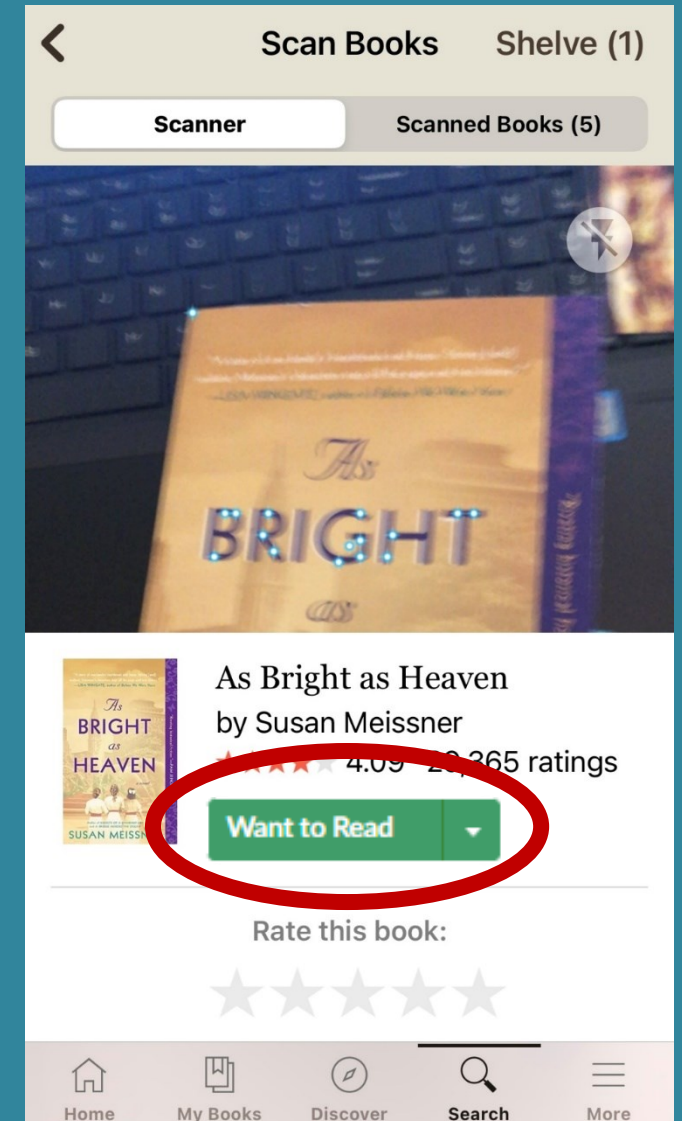
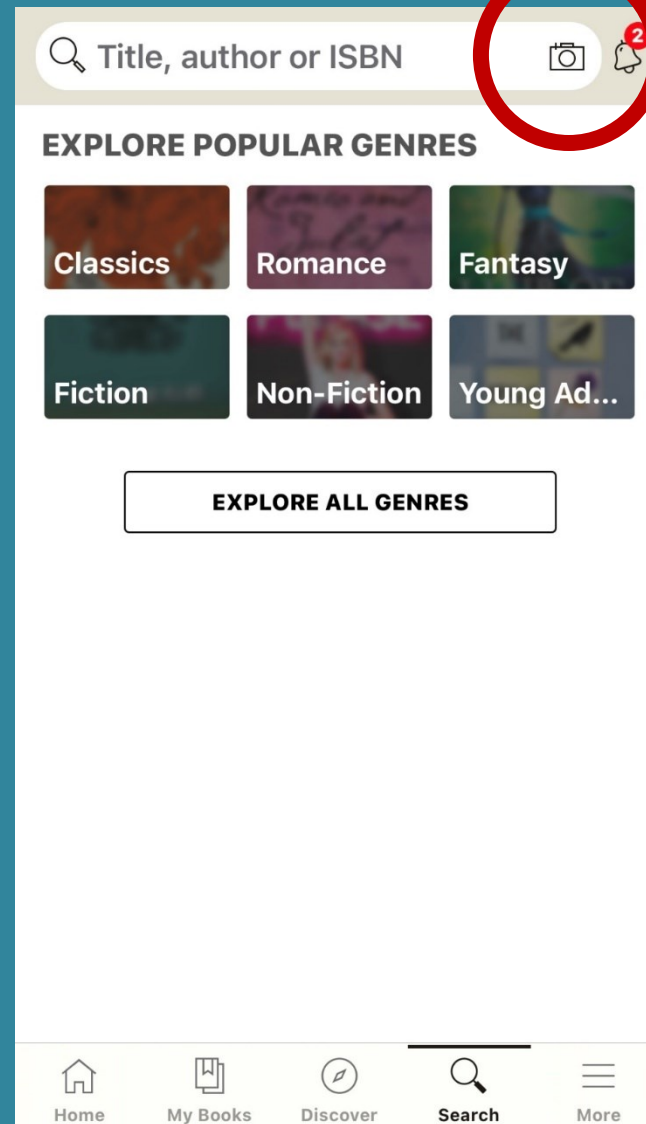
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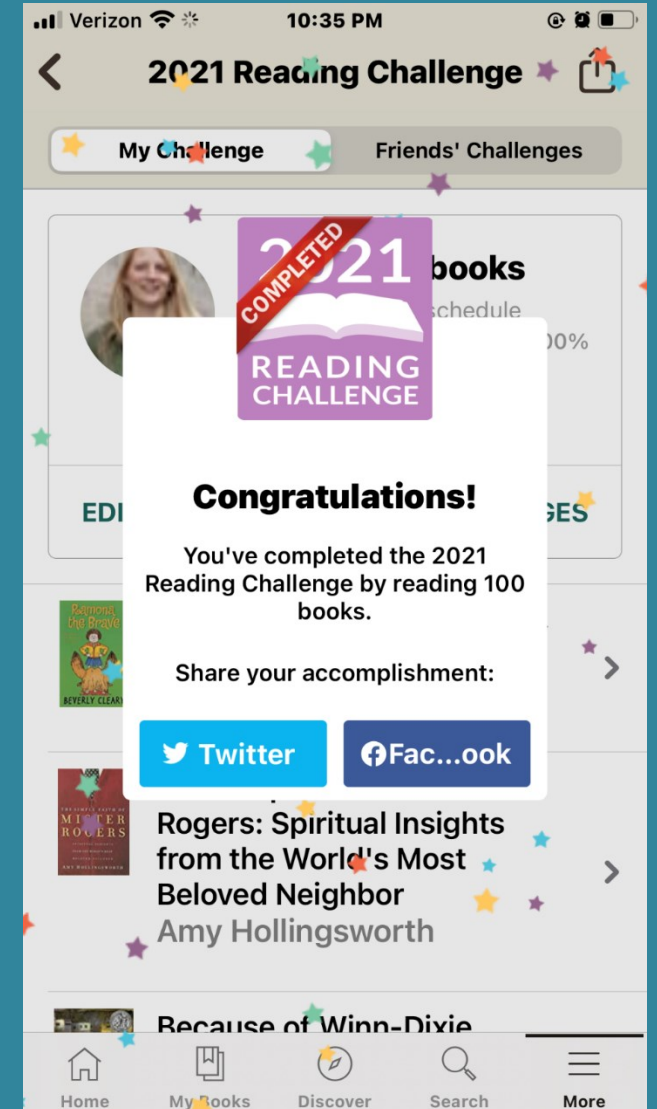
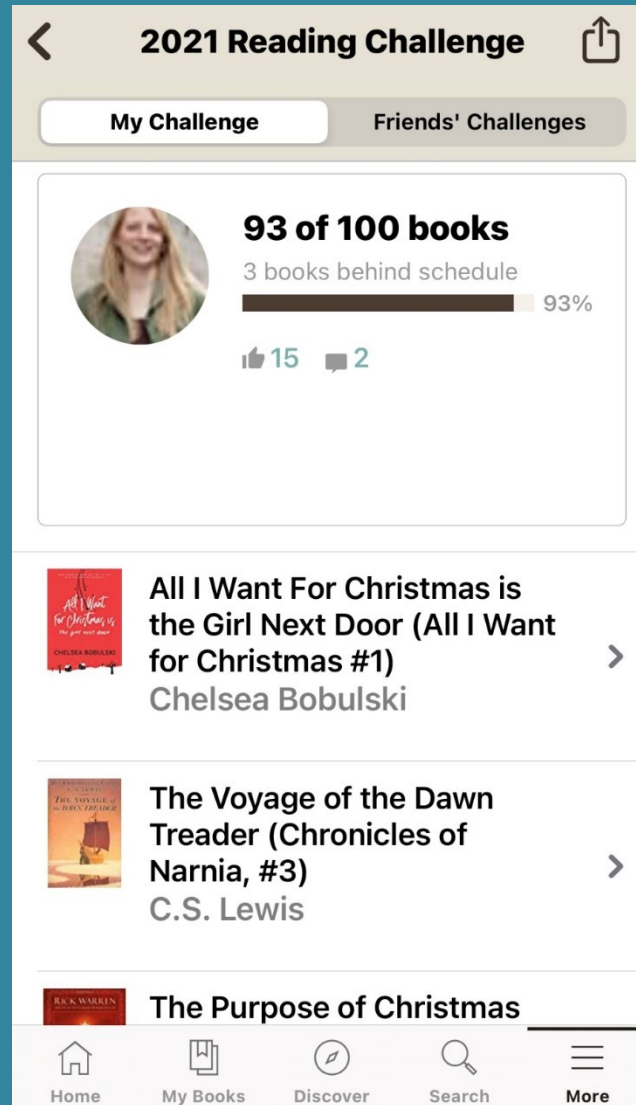


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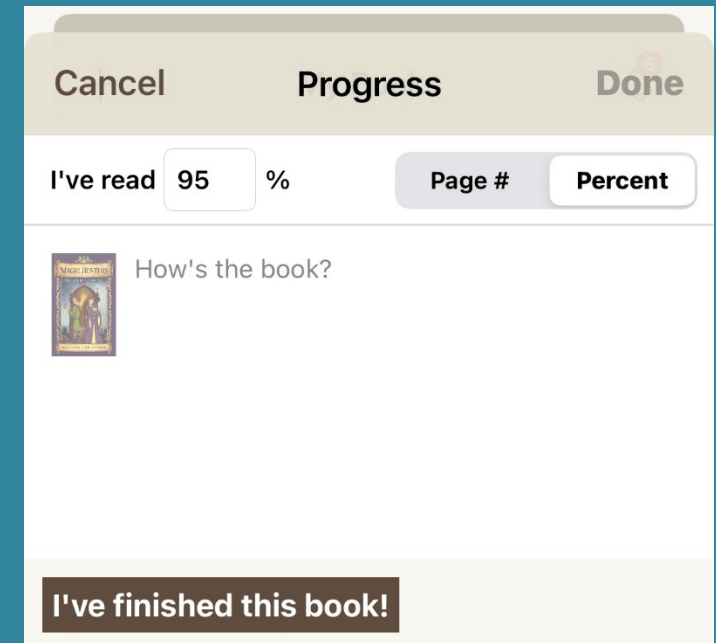
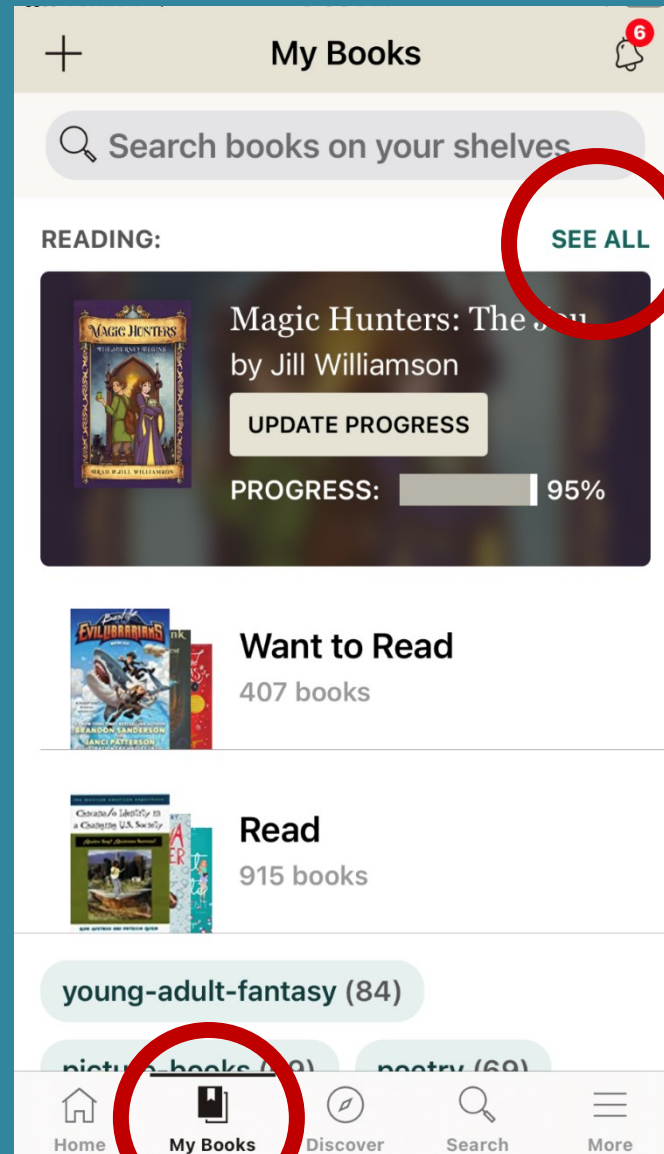


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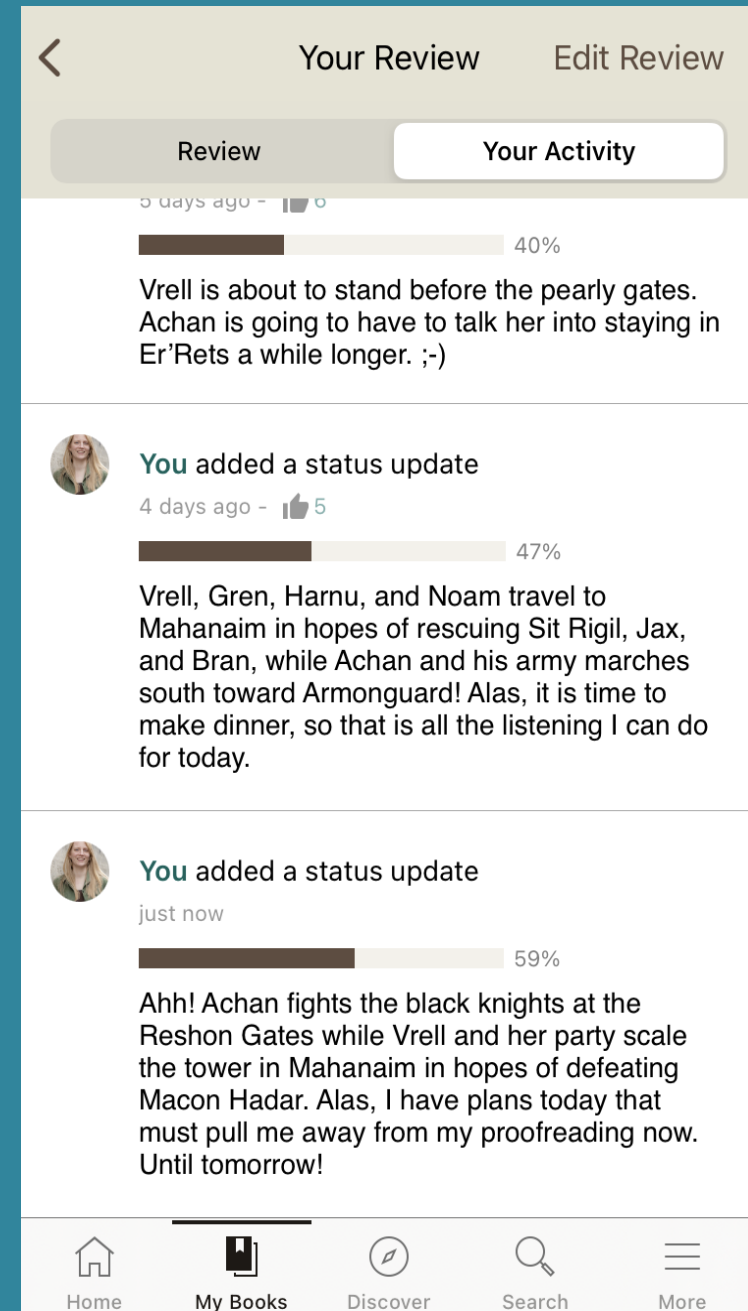
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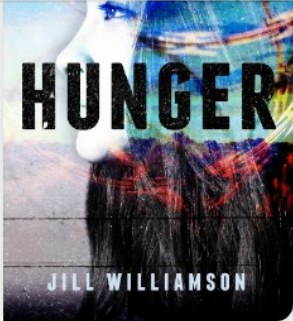
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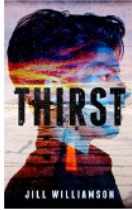


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I'm SO EXCITED to finish Spencer's story. He was my very first character from my very first novel. You know, the book everyone tells you is the one you learned on and you should put it in a drawer? I refused! The first book in this series, The New Recruit, was my sixth published novel. It's been FOURTEEN YEARS since I started writing this fellow. (He should be married with kids by now.) But I've kept at it, squeezing in one of his books where I could. And Spencer has been very patient. Now I've finally reached the end of his tale. I'm so proud of him and how much he's grown. I hope you all enjoy the ending of this series. :-)

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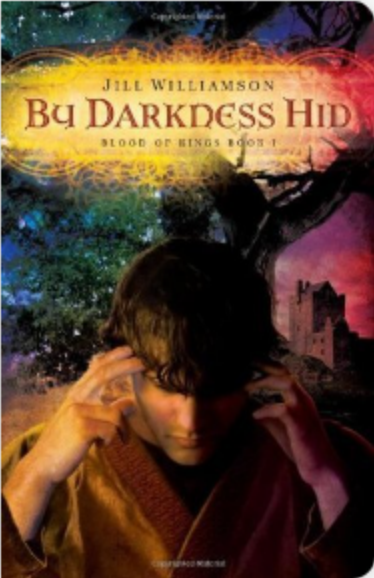
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My favorite character is hero Achan Cham. Besides the fact that he's handsome, this is one humble protagonist. He's got his flaws all right, but he owns up to his shortcomings with a modest and sincere grace. This is the kind of leading man every girl dreams of.

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Jill Williamson

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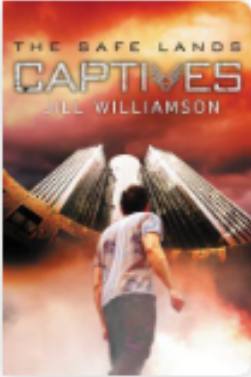


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Sierra Faith 7 years ago  
I loved this book! THOUGH I was sad the way she ended it...

Ally 7 years ago  
I love this series! Mason's was my favorite POV too. I love the whole cast of characters, although I never connected much with Levi.

Rebecca (pagescollective) 7 years ago  
Yeah, this is a reread for me. Then I plan on finishing the series! I liked Levi more the first time through, but I'm not really connecting with him on this read.

Sierra Faith 7 years ago  
Rebecca "Silvan Elf" wrote: "Yeah, this is a reread for me. Then I plan on finishing the series! I liked Levi more the first time through, but I'm not really connecting with him on this read."  
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Rebecca (pagescollective) 7 years ago  
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Jill Williamson

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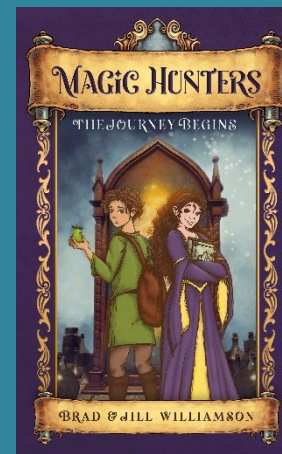
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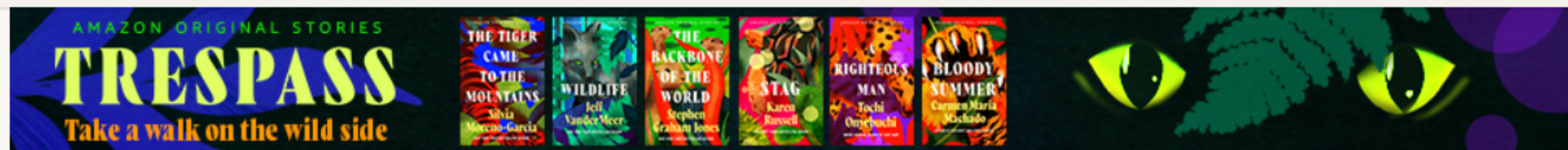
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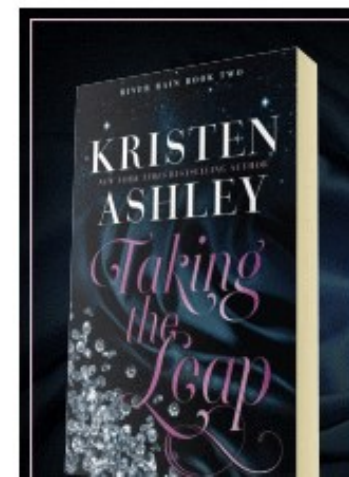
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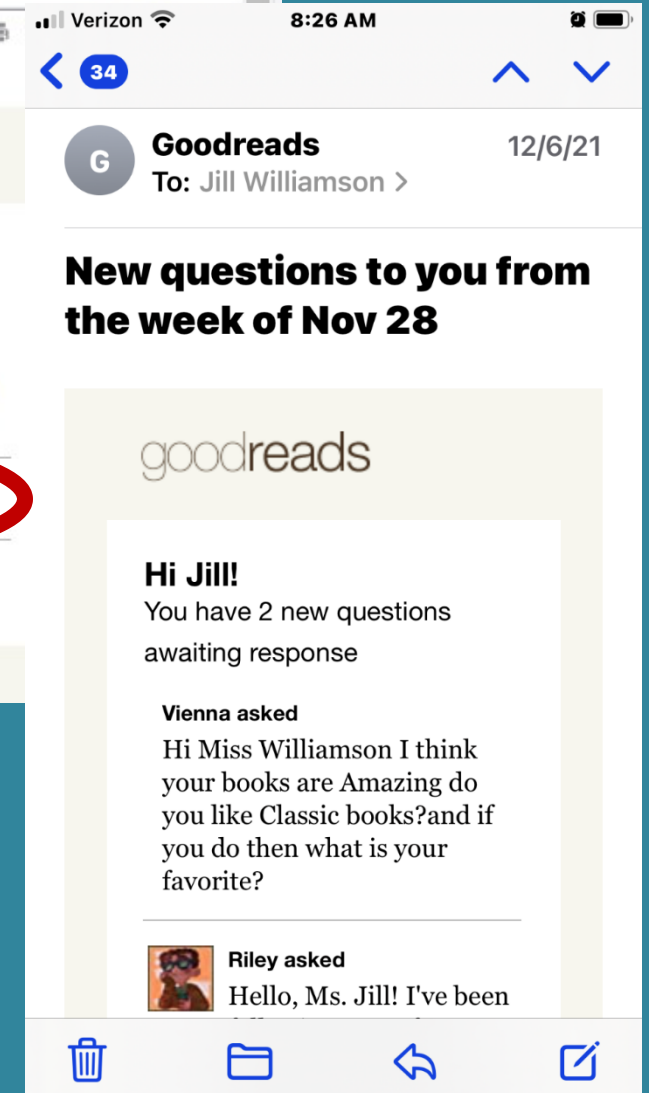
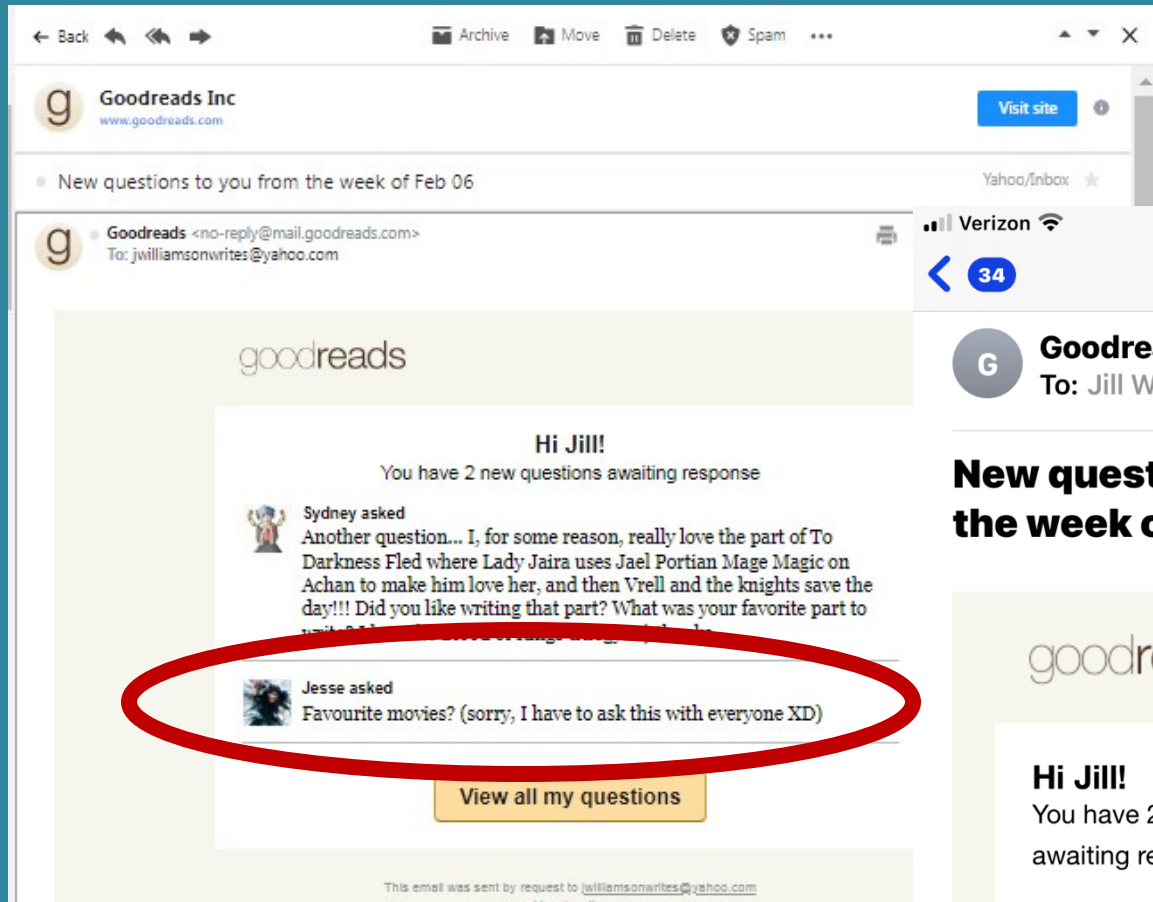
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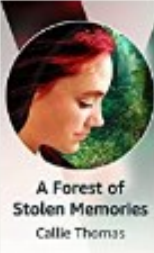
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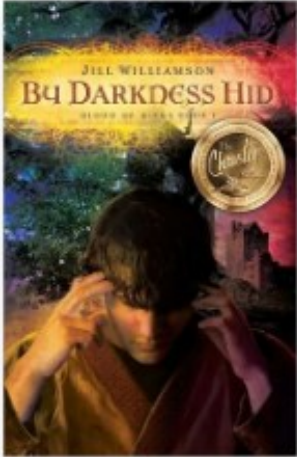
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"Never wanted yeh, Poril didn't. But the master brought yeh to Poril to raise, and that's what Poril's done. Yeh brought none but trouble to the kitchens, the gods know. None but trouble. 'Tis why I named yeh so." As if an orange tunic wasn't humiliation enough, achan meant trouble in the ancient language.



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“Greetings, Rurek.” The name sent fire through his limbs. “I am Gozan now.” “Still hiding, are you?” “Waiting.” He had never been hiding.



Gozan was an interesting character to write. I needed this creature to be many things to many people, few of which were the same. Edit

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“If it’s a fight you seek, you will not win. Alone, I am stronger than you.” She cackled. “I have no wish to fight you, Rurek. My fight is with Dendron. It always has been. I cannot defeat him alone, but we might do so together.” She did not tempt him in the least. He hadn’t even seen

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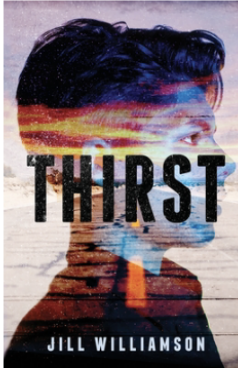
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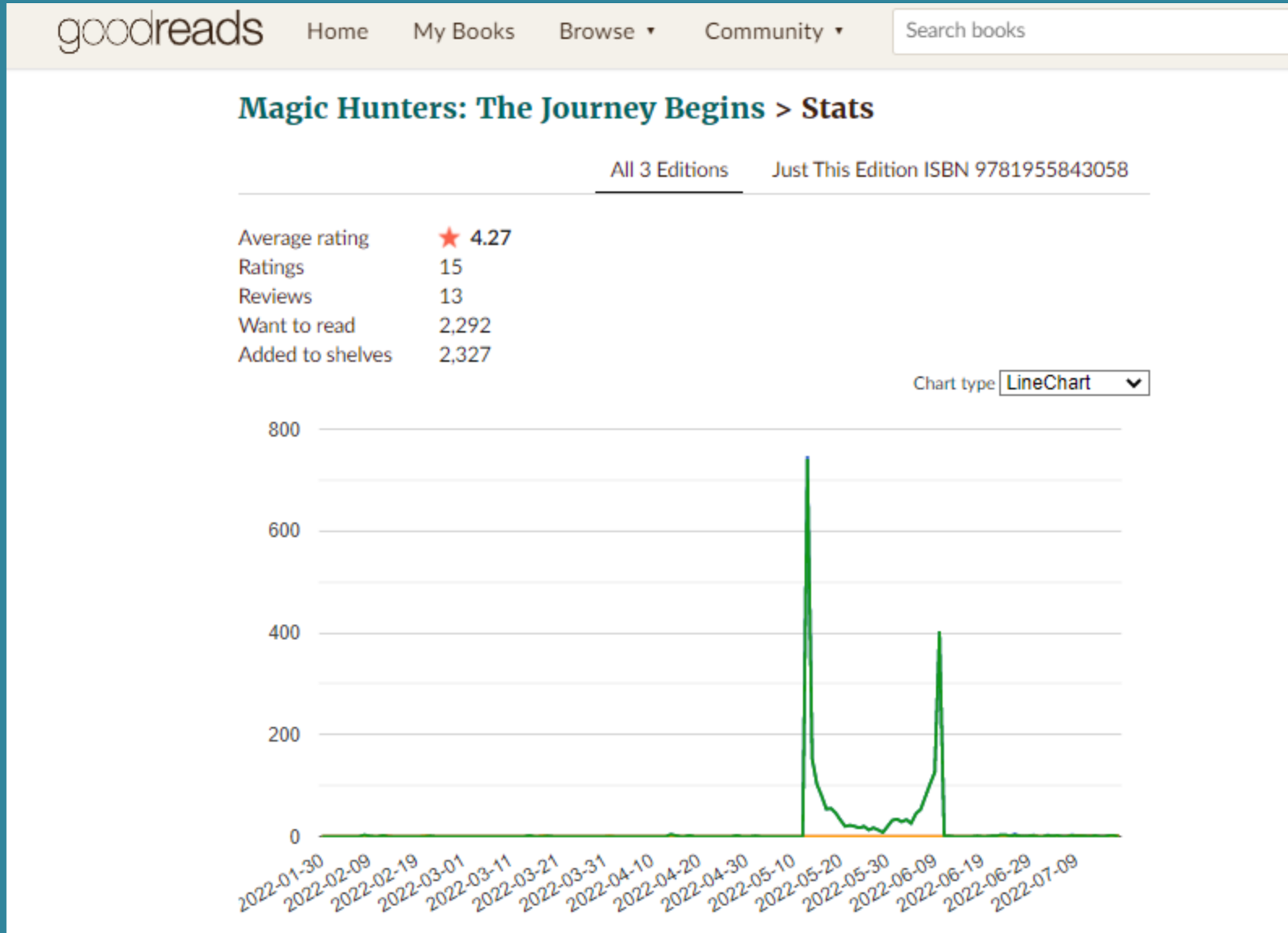
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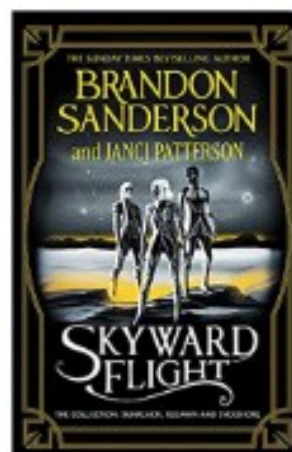
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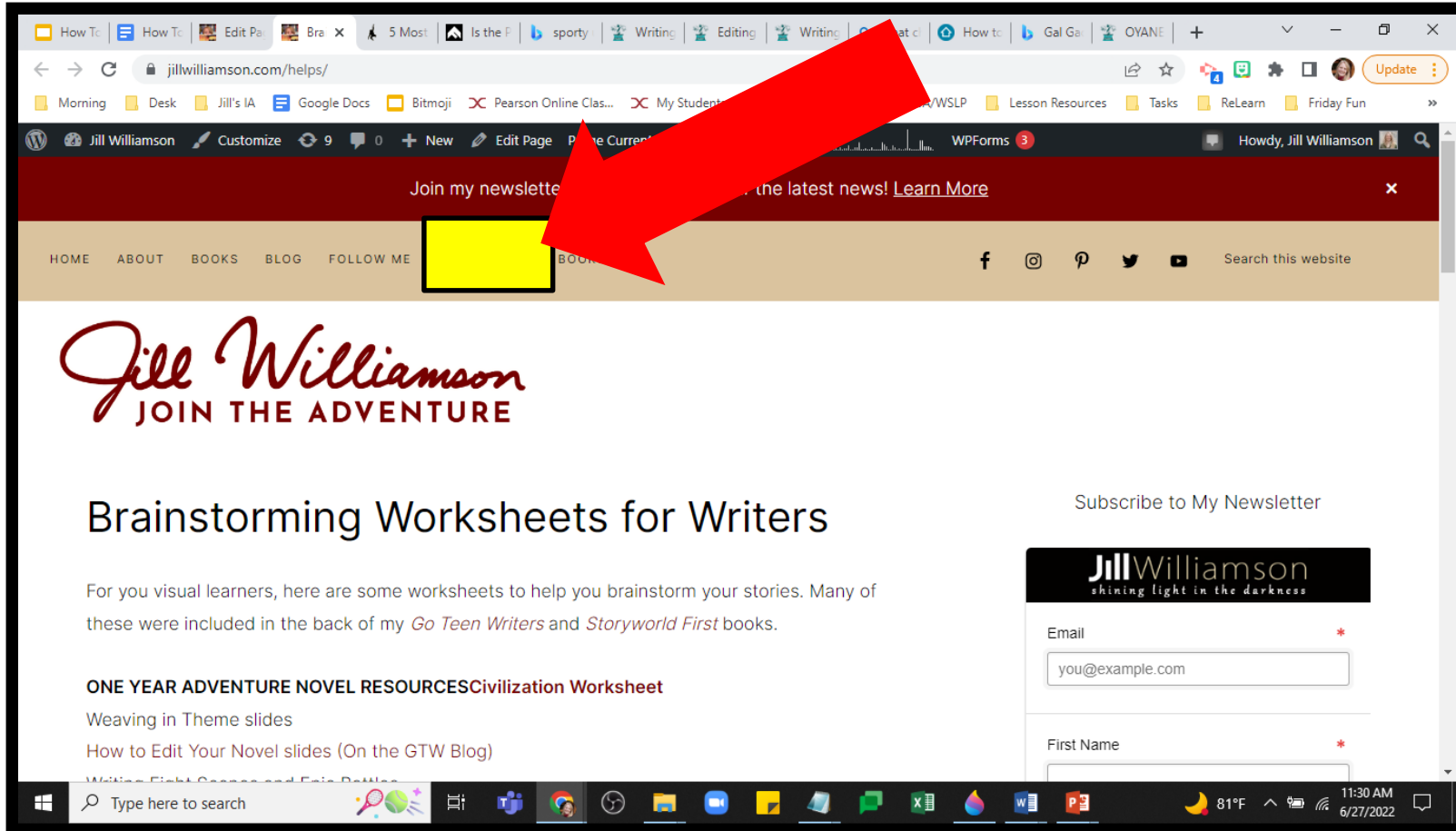


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