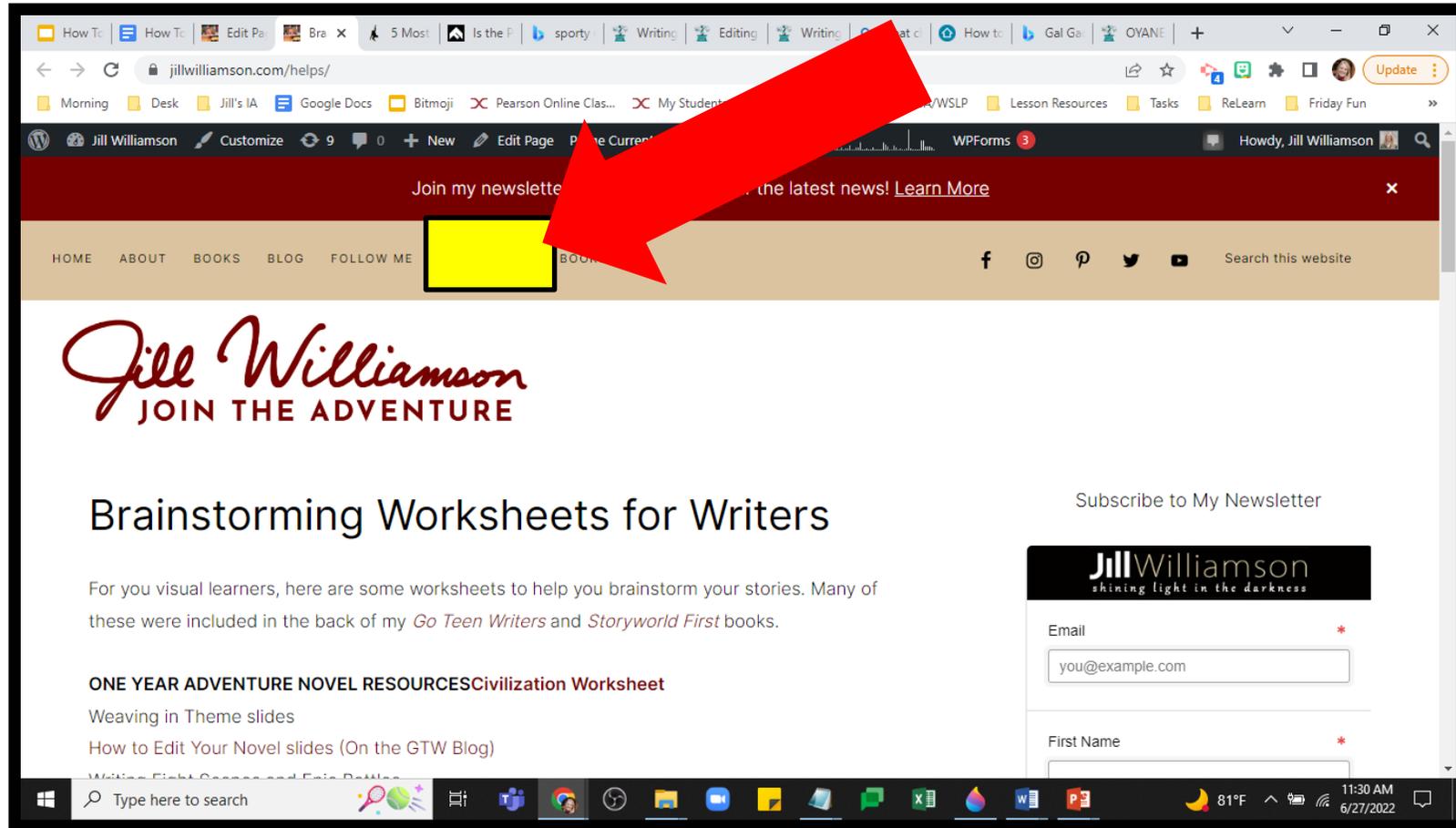


HOW TO USE

goodreads

AS A WRITER

[www.jillwilliamson.com/helps](http://www.jillwilliamson.com/helps)



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website [www.jillwilliamson.com/helps](http://www.jillwilliamson.com/helps). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website's navigation menu is highlighted in a light brown color, with a yellow box around the 'HELP' link. A large red arrow points from the top right towards this yellow box. Below the navigation menu, the website features a dark red banner with the text 'Join my newsletter' and 'the latest news! [Learn More](#)'. The main content area has a white background with the author's name 'Jill Williamson' in a red script font, followed by 'JOIN THE ADVENTURE' in a dark red sans-serif font. The main heading is 'Brainstorming Worksheets for Writers'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: 'For you visual learners, here are some worksheets to help you brainstorm your stories. Many of these were included in the back of my *Go Teen Writers* and *Storyworld First* books.' There are two sub-headings: 'ONE YEAR ADVENTURE NOVEL RESOURCES' and 'Civilization Worksheet'. Below these are two links: 'Weaving in Theme slides' and 'How to Edit Your Novel slides (On the GTW Blog)'. On the right side, there is a 'Subscribe to My Newsletter' form with an email input field containing 'you@example.com' and a 'First Name' input field. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screenshot, showing the time as 11:30 AM on 6/27/2022 and the temperature as 81°F.

I am not an  
expert, but . . .

# GOODREADS IS . . .

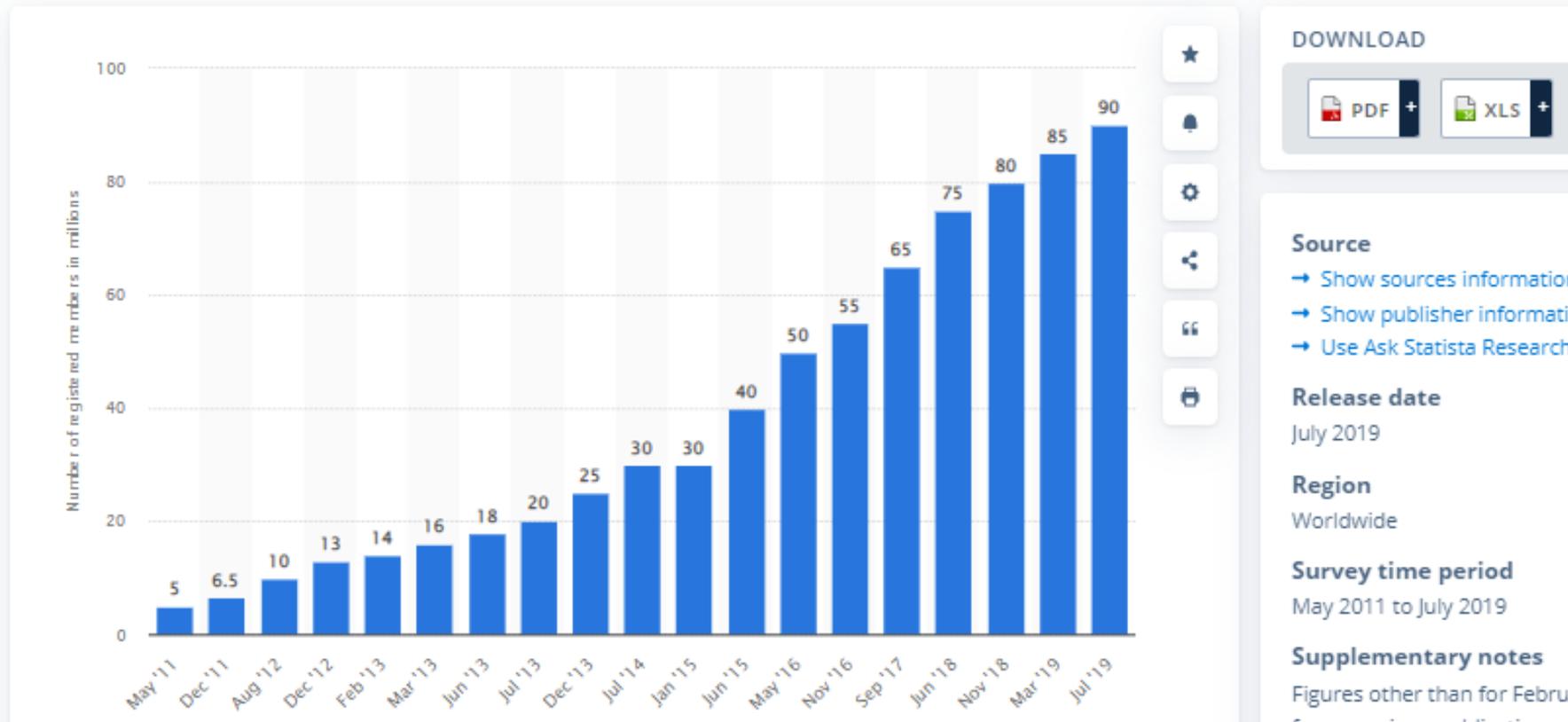
- A social media site for readers & books.
- A place to promote your books to people who really like reading books!

# According to Statista.com . . .

Internet > Social Media & User-Generated Content

## Number of registered members on Goodreads from May 2011 to July 2019

(in millions)



Today there are over 120 million users!

# The Cons of Goodreads

- The site is not user friendly. (When in doubt, find tutorial videos!)
- Harsh reviewers.
- Owned by Amazon.com. (Have to pay for giveaways now.)

“Goodreads was a rival to Amazon as a place for discovering books” and this deal “consolidates Amazon's power to determine which authors get exposure for their work.”

–*The New York Times*, regarding the 2013 Amazon acquisition of Goodreads

# On Goodreads Reviews

- Book reviews matter.
- Three and four-star reviews are important. You need these!
- Goodreads book reviews are individually more powerful than Amazon reviews because readers talk about them, share them, and interact with them.
- You can interact with Goodreads reviews to ensure more readers see them and your book.

What the stars mean.

	goodreads	amazon.com
★★★★★	It was amazing	I love it
★★★★	Really liked it	I like it
★★★	Liked it	It's okay
★★	It was okay	I don't like it
★	Didn't like it	I hate it

# Need help? Ask a Goodreads Librarian.

- They are volunteers.
- They can help fix things that authors cannot fix.
- Learn more here:

<https://help.goodreads.com/s/article/What-is-a-Goodreads-Librarian-1553870935316>



# The Pros of Goodreads

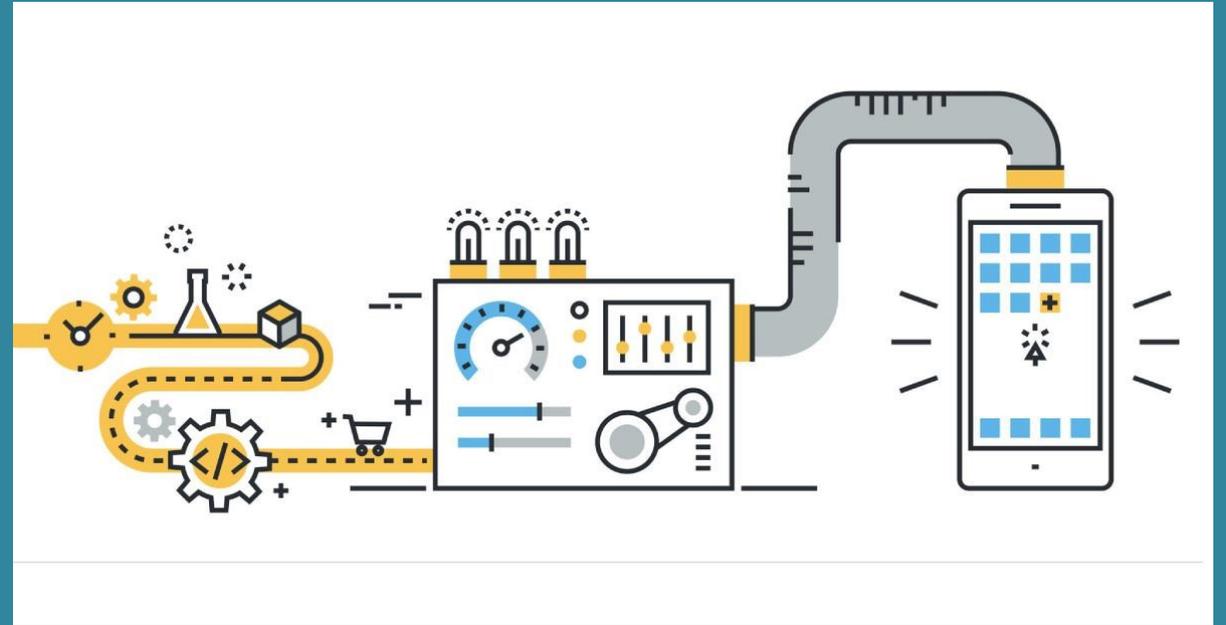
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- **Help your author friends get exposure for their books.**
- **Find new readers.**
- **Communicate with your readers.**
- **Share your own reading preferences.**
- **Do a Goodreads Giveaway—It is worth the price.**
- **There is so much more.**

# How it Works (The Algorithm)

Exposure on Goodreads comes from one of two ways:

- User engagement
- Paid advertising

**THAT'S IT!** There is no mystery to figure out!



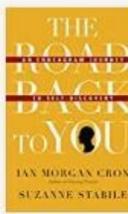
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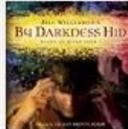
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It's a good idea to make sure at least one of your books is listed there!



**CURRENTLY READING**

 **The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey**  
by Ian Morgan Cron  
Update progress

 **By Darkness Hid (Blood of Kings, #1)**  
by Jill Williamson  
3 notes & 10 highlights  
Update progress

 **King's Blood (The Kinsman Chronicles, #1)**  
by Jill Williamson  
25%  
Update progress

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**2023 READING CHALLENGE**

 **26** books completed  
3 books behind schedule  
26/90 (29%)  
View Challenge

**WANT TO READ**



**Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**  
Discover more than 100 new and upcoming books from AAPI authors!

**UPDATES** Customize

 **Brett Shaffer** reviewed **A Flower Amidst the Flames** 12m

Rating ★★★★★ Read Brett Shaffer's review

I thought I would take a second to thank you all for reading my debut novel, A Flower Amidst the Flames. It truly encompasses everything I love about the genre of YA fantasy and I feel grateful to share it all with you!

From its action to characters,... More

 **A Flower Amidst the Flames**  
by Brett Shaffer  
Want to Read Rate it: ★★★★★

The allure of roses is undeniable, but beneath their delicate beauty lies a deadly they have thorns, and they will kill... Princess Belyx Velena is far from an ordinary princess... Continue reading

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 **Barb** entered a **Book Giveaway** 15m

 **Sword Catcher (Sword Catcher, #1)**  
by Cassandra Clare

**NEWS & INTERVIEWS**

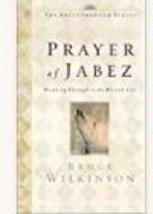
**New and Upcoming Books to Discover This AAPI Heritage Month**



49 likes · 14 comments

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Because you are currently reading **David: 90 Days with A Heart Like His**:

 **The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life**  
by Bruce H. Wilkinson  
★★★★☆ 3.96  
Want to Read

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, president of Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, takes readers to 1 Chronicles 4:10 to discover how they can release God's miraculous power and experience the...  
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## Jill Williamson [\(edit author profile\)](#)

Goodreads Author

**Born** in The United States  
July 11, 1975

**Website** <http://www.jillwilliamson.com>

**Twitter** [JillWilliamson](#)

**Genre** Fantasy, Young Adult, Children's

**Influences** Tolkien, Rowling, Brandon Sanderson, Frank Peretti, Lloyd Alexander ...more

**Member Since** February 2008

**URL** <https://www.goodreads.com/jillwilliamson>

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## Author Dashboard

Check the stats for your books and giveaways, and learn more about how to promote your books on Goodreads.



**Jill Williamson's Stats**  
★★★★★ 4.18 avg rating — 12,921 ratings

number of works	54	total books added	68,882
followers	1,388	total ratings	12,921
friends	1,220	total reviews	1,994
books I've added	1,360	on to-read shelf	47,344
books I've reviewed	491		

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**By Darkness Hid (Blood of Kings...**  
by Jill Williamson  
2,747 ratings (4.19 avg) · 320 text reviews  
to-read: 6,979 people  
currently-reading: 176 people

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**To Darkness Fled (Blood of King...**  
by Jill Williamson  
2,002 ratings (4.21 avg) · 145 text reviews  
to-read: 2,053 people  
currently-reading: 54 people

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**From Darkness Won (Blood of Kin...**  
by Jill Williamson  
1,739 ratings (4.25 avg) · 149 text reviews  
to-read: 1,897 people  
currently-reading: 30 people

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**Replication: The Jason Experiment**  
by Jill Williamson  
965 ratings (3.84 avg) · 236 text reviews  
to-read: 1,570 people  
currently-reading: 26 people

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**Captives (Safe Lands, #1)**  
by Jill Williamson  
756 ratings (4.00 avg) · 173 text reviews  
to-read: 5,736 people  
currently-reading: 37 people

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**King's Folly (The Kinsman Chron...**  
by Jill Williamson  
487 ratings (4.16 avg) · 114 text reviews  
to-read: 6,020 people  
currently-reading: 90 people

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# YOUR GOAL AS A GOODREADS AUTHOR IS TO . . .

- Get a lot of followers (and friends too!)
- Continually add new friends (capped at 5K).
- Post updates to get your books into your followers' and friends' feed often to make use of that free engagement exposure.

# HOW TO GET IN THE FEED

**-You post or interact.**

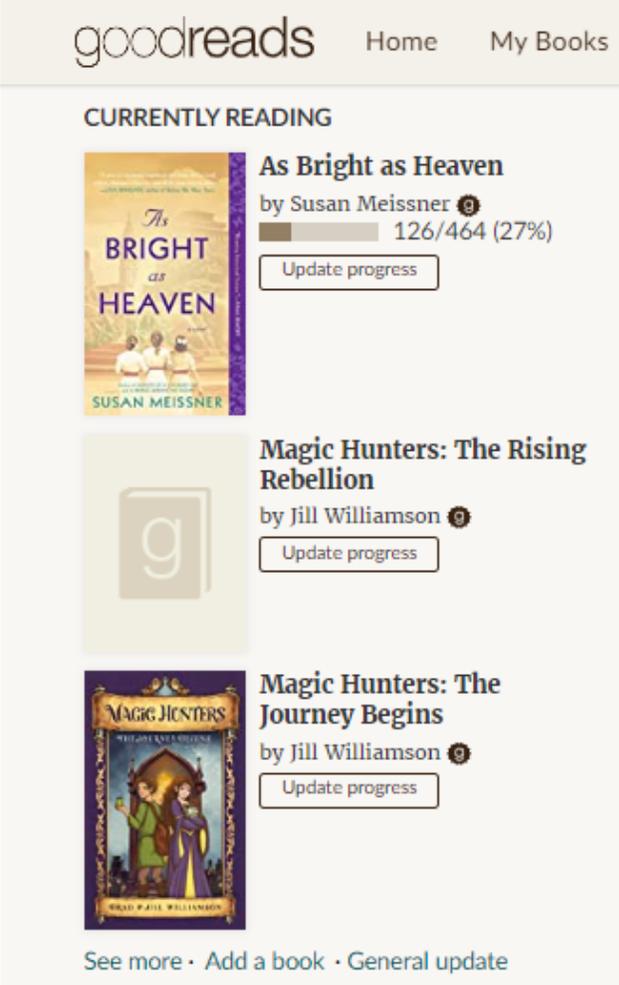
**-Your friends post about or interact with your books.**

# FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS WILL . . .

- See your activity in their feed.
  - See in their feed when their friends post about your book.
  - Get an email when you:
    - Have a new book release.
    - Host a book giveaway.
    - Write a blog post.
- \*Unless they've opted out in their settings.**

# HOW TO FIND FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS

- 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 . . .)



The screenshot shows a Goodreads user profile with the following details:

- goodreads** logo and navigation links: Home, My Books
- CURRENTLY READING** section:
- Book 1:** *As Bright as Heaven* by Susan Meissner. Progress: 126/464 (27%). Includes an "Update progress" button.
- Book 2:** *Magic Hunters: The Rising Rebellion* by Jill Williamson. Includes an "Update progress" button.
- Book 3:** *Magic Hunters: The Journey Begins* by Jill Williamson. Includes an "Update progress" button.
- Footer: See more · Add a book · General update

# WAYS TO GET IN THE FEED

- Ask your followers to add your book to their “Want to Read” shelf.
- Update your book review section.
- 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.

CURRENTLY READING

David: 90 Days with A Heart Like His by Beth Moore 175/448 (39%) Update progress

Murder, Marriage and Maisie by Kimberly Titus 75% Update progress

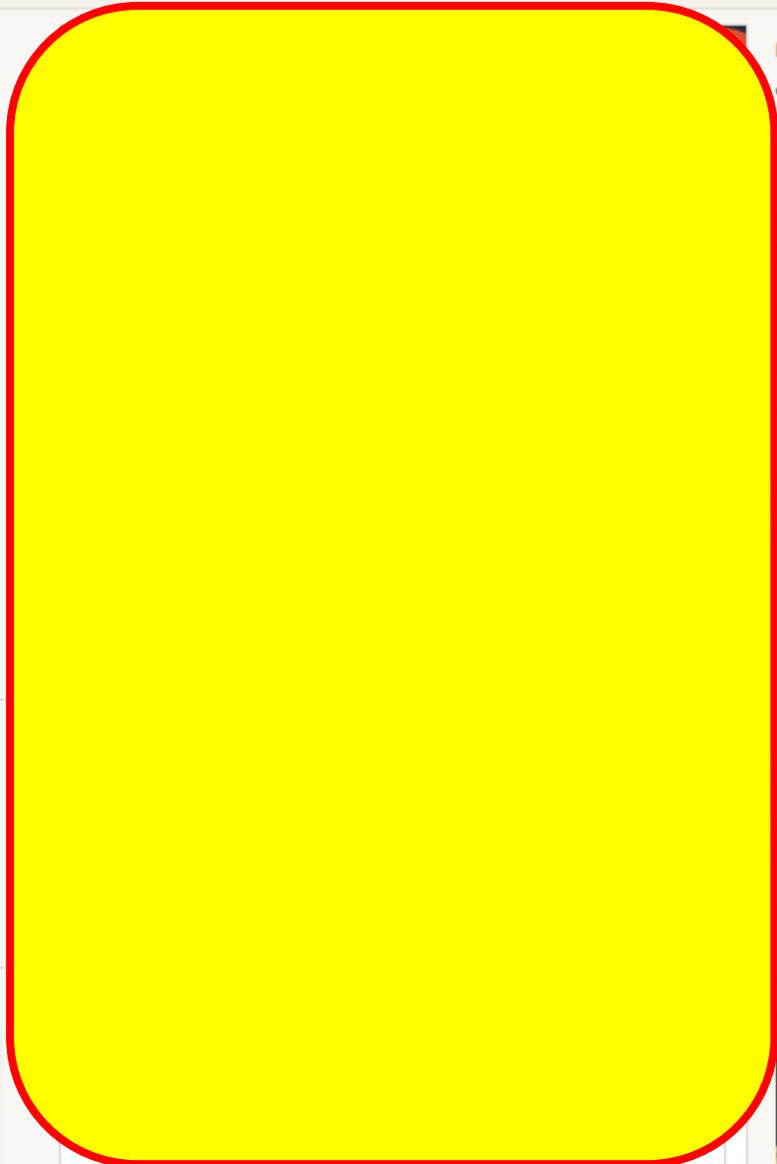
Love & Other Great Expectations by Becky Dean Update progress

See more - Add a book - General update

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2022 40 books completed 14 books behind schedule 40/101 (40%) View Challenge

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NEWS & INTERVIEWS

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Pseudonim by Daniel Mahendra 3.65 Want to Read

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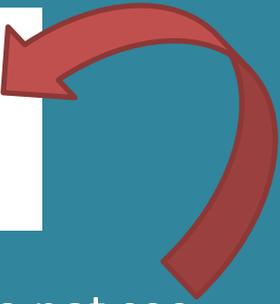
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If you do not see that badge in your profile, you have not yet joined the Author Program!

**Jill Williamson**

Author

54 books

1,388 followers

*This is different than simply having an author page.* This allows you to claim your book, interact with readers, do paid promotions, and more!

# GOODREADS AUTHORS CAN ALSO . . .

- Start building book buzz as early as when you're writing the first draft.
- This allows readers to add your book months to years before its published.
- Which gives you a head start at being seen and building word-of-mouth interest for your book.

# HOW TO BECOME A GOODREADS AUTHOR

1. Create your profile.

2. Look up your books. Click the author name.

At the “Is this you?” prompt, click “Let us know.”

3. Submit your application. They'll email you when you're approved.

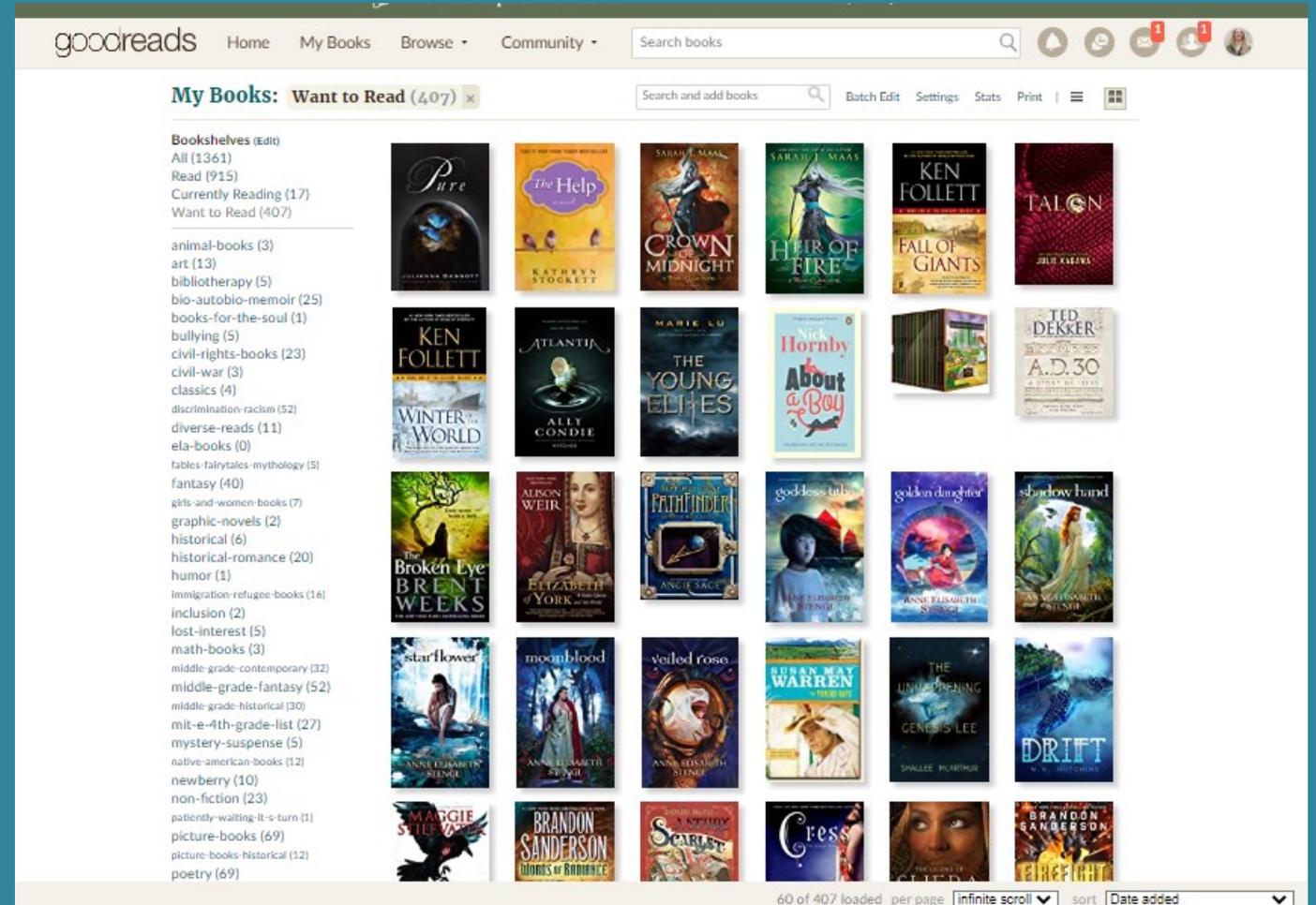
4. Once you have your author page, update your headshot, bio, and add a link to your website.

Instructions: <https://www.goodreads.com/author/program>

A good article: <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/1106-what-authors-should-know-about-joining-the-goodreads-author-program>

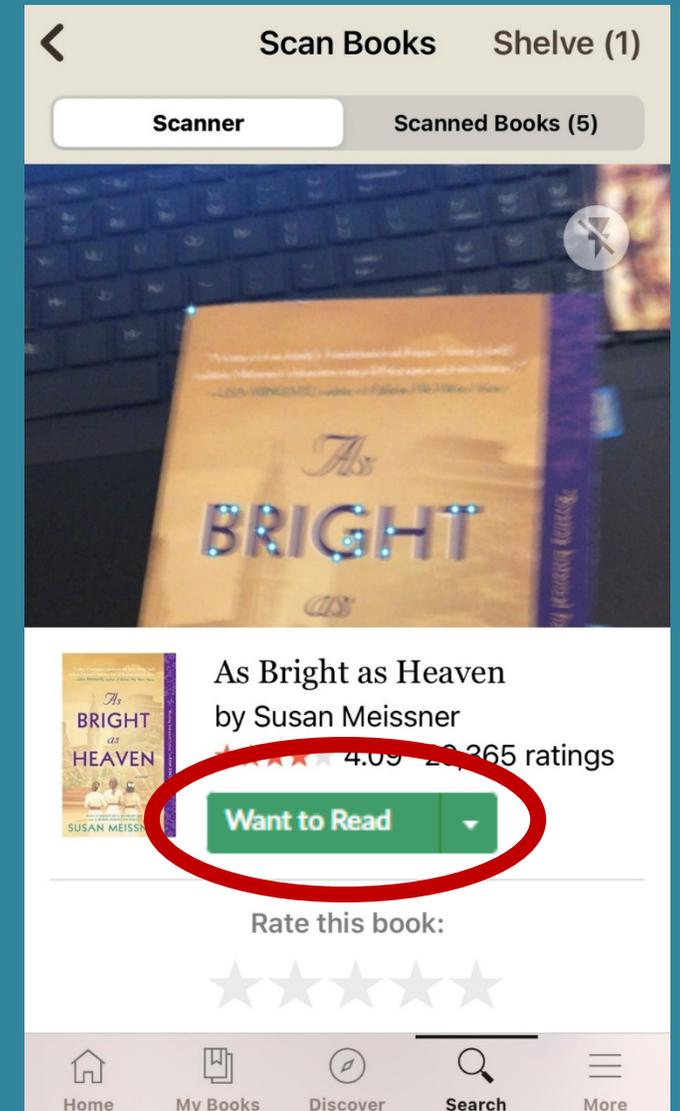
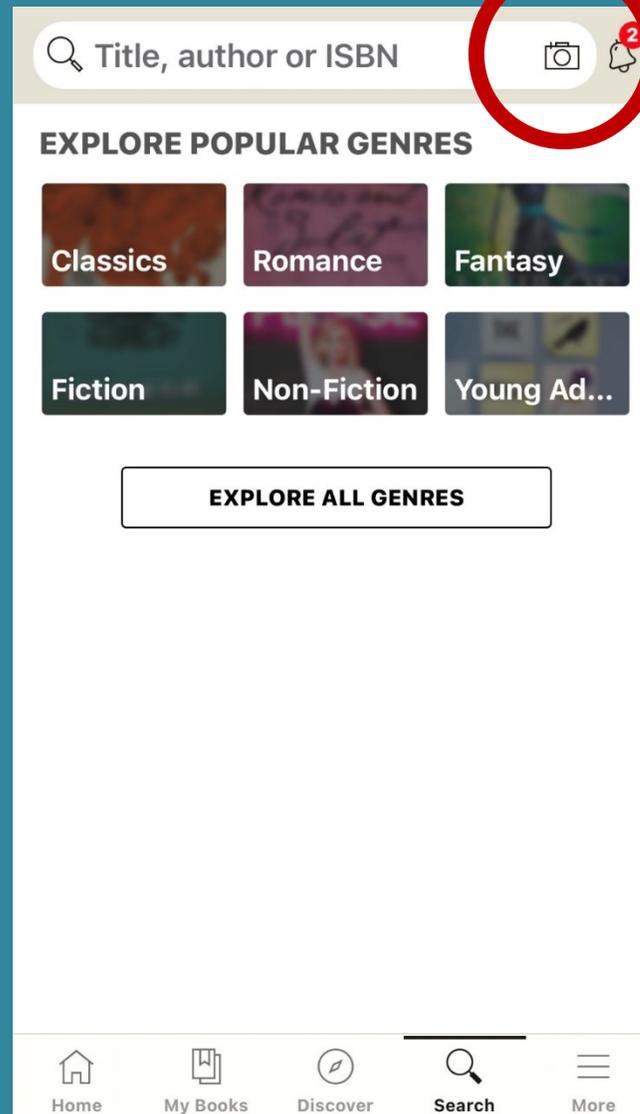
INTERACT AS A READER

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-RECOMMEND  
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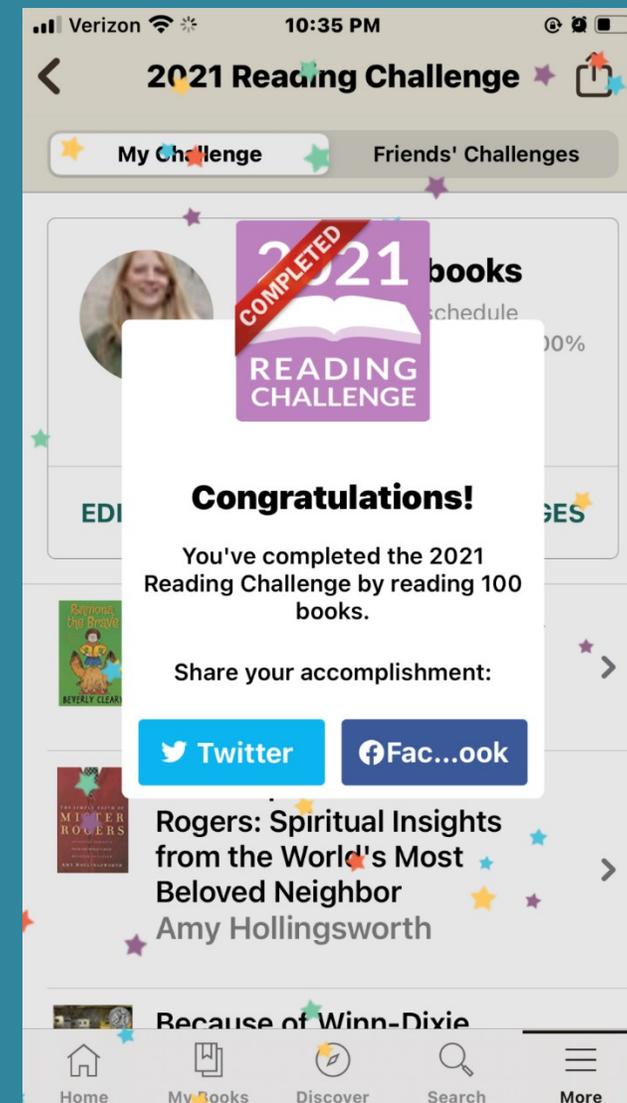
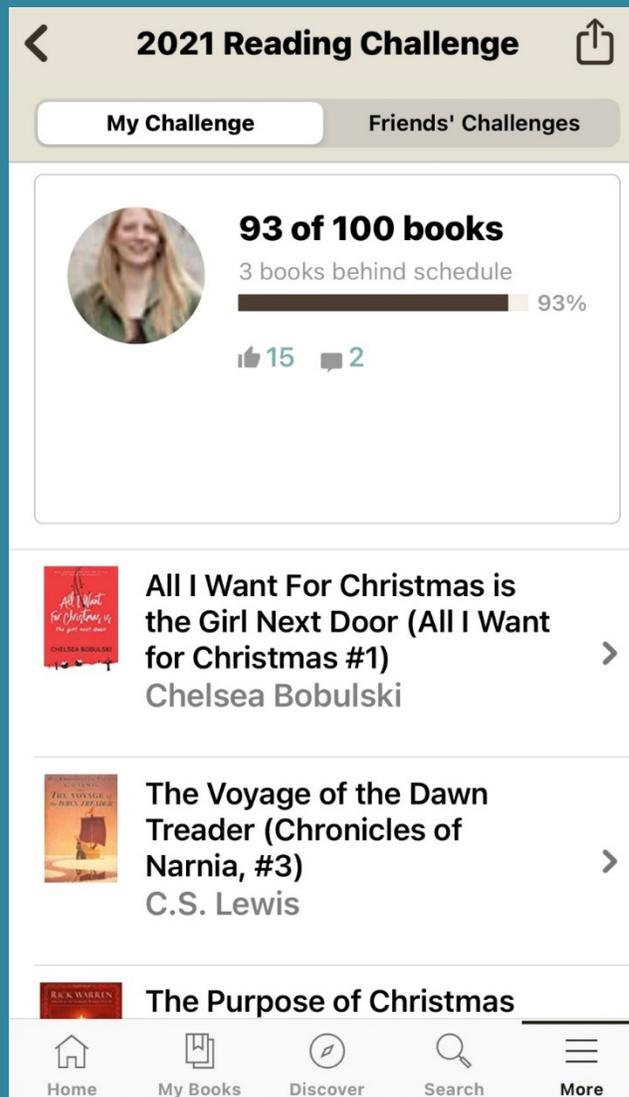


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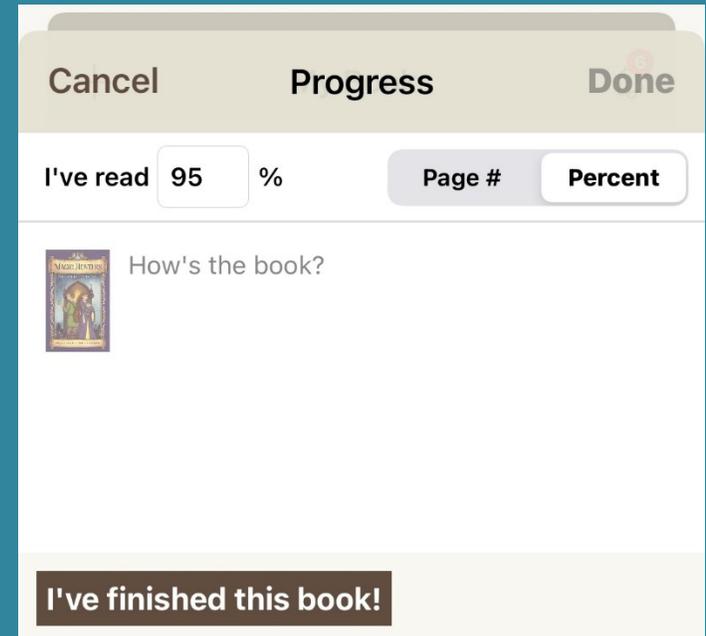
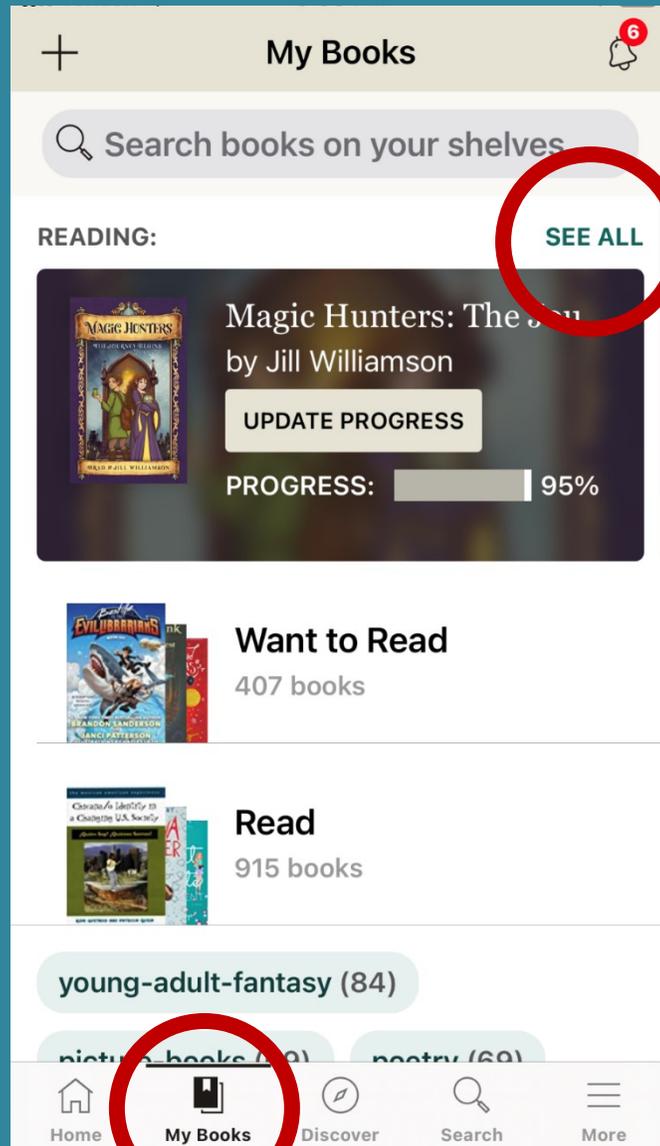
# USE THE APP TO ADD BOOKS BY SCANING THE COVER



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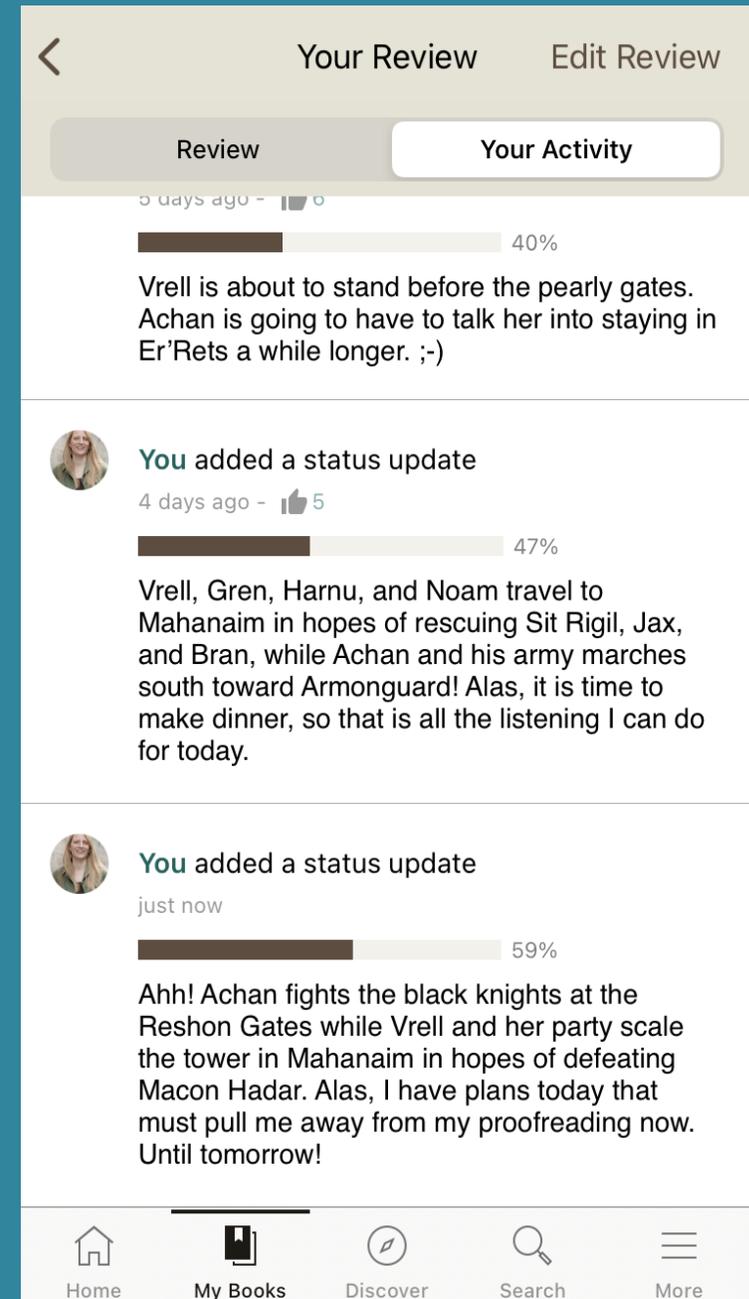


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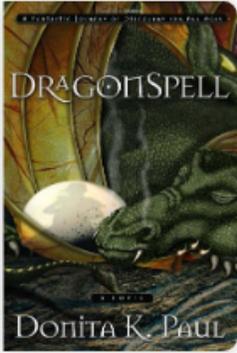
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**My Review**

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★★★★★ December 11, 2020

After a lifetime of slavery, fourteen-year-old Kale is set free. She travels to The Hall in Vendela where she will receive her training as a servant. Before she can reach her destination, ogres attack her. She escapes into a cave where she finds seven small dragon eggs. When she comes back outside, she is rescued by Paladin servants. They inform her that Paladin has given her a gift, the ability to find dragon eggs, and persuade her to leave her journey to The Hall for another quest: find a missing meech dragon egg and fulfill her destiny as a dragonkeeper.

Donita K. Paul crafts a wonderful adventure into an amazing fantasy world. It's no wonder why this book won a Christy award. I found the characters marvelous, my favorites being Gymn and Metta, two dragons so tiny they often ride on Kale's shoulders. I highly recommend his novel for boys and girls of all ages. Looking forward to book two.

Less ^

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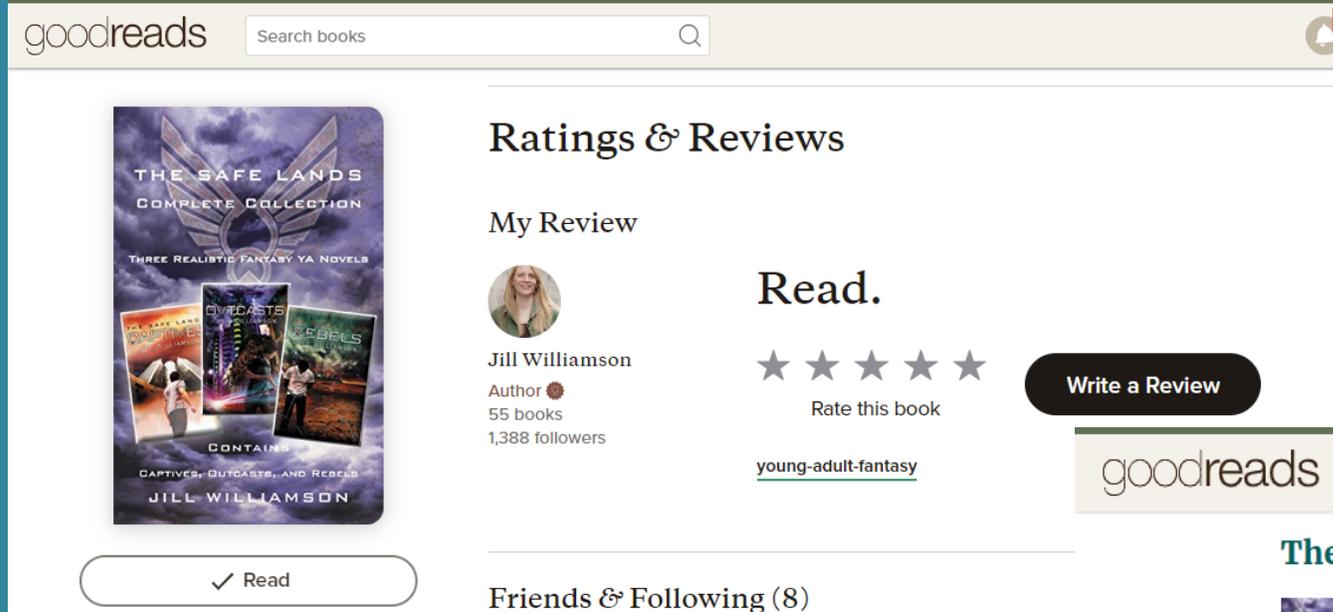
 **Bill Tillman**  
1,615 reviews

★★★★★ November 18, 2016

The fantastic land of Amara is recovering from years of war inflicted on its citizens by outside forces—as well as from the spiritual apathy corroding the Amarans' hearts. With Kale and her

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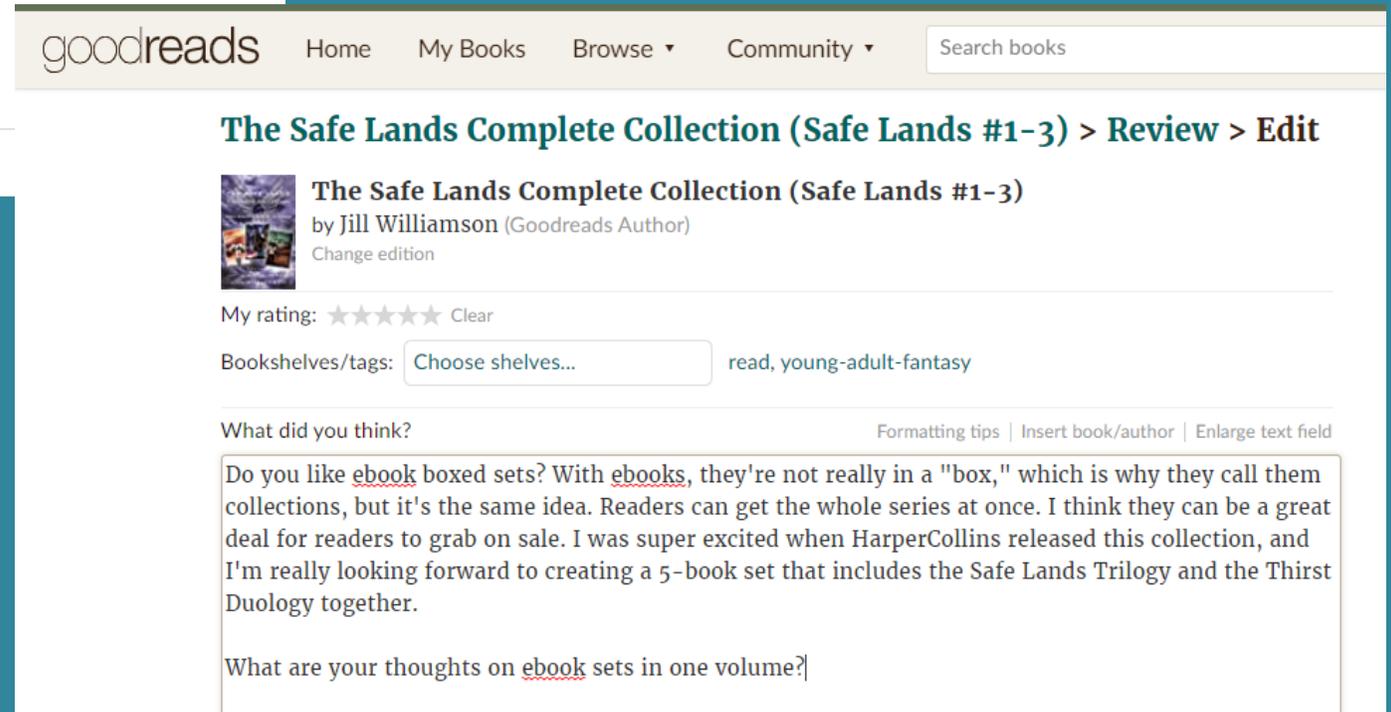
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**The Safe Lands Complete Collection (Safe Lands #1-3) > Review > Edit**

 **The Safe Lands Complete Collection (Safe Lands #1-3)**  
by Jill Williamson (Goodreads Author)  
Change edition

My rating: ★★★★★ Clear

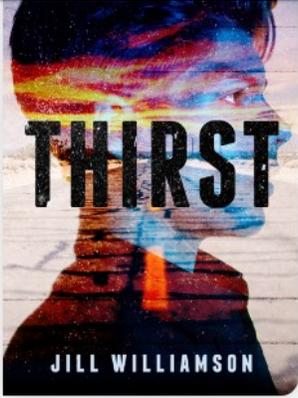
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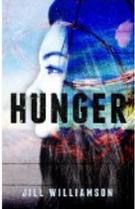
### My Review

  
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Learn more about book two, Hunger, here:



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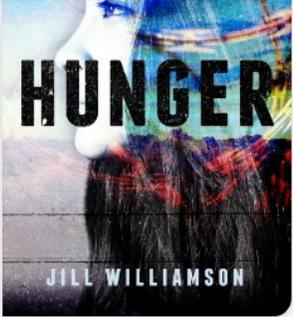
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Kindle \$2.99 ▾

★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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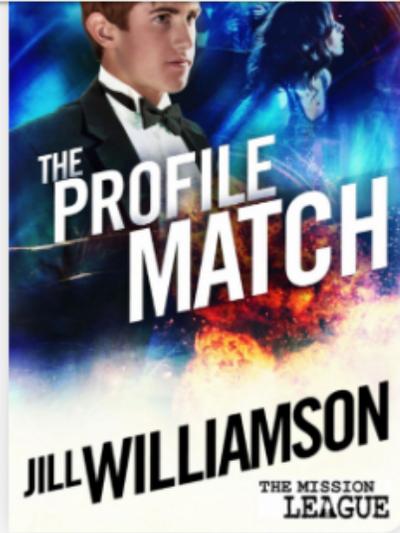


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## Ratings & Reviews

### My Review



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July 24, 2021

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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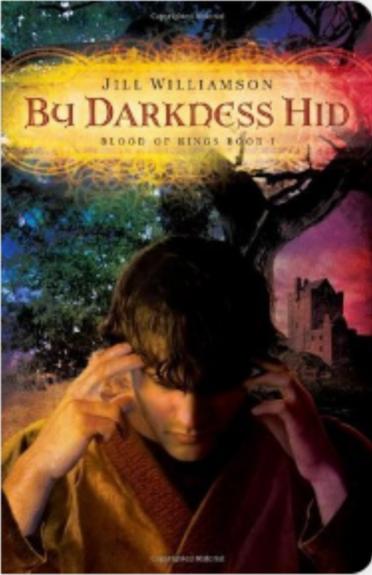
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★★★★★ March 22, 2009

What I enjoyed most about Williamson's style is her dialogue. Witty. Snappy. Humorous. The interaction between characters is entertaining and sometimes surprising. Williamson truly has a knack for clever conversation.

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 13 years ago  
Thanks, Michelle!  
:-)

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The screenshot shows the Goodreads interface for the book 'The Safe Lands Captives' by Gill Williamson. The page includes a book cover, a 'Read' button, a Kindle price of \$5.49, and a 5-star rating. A user profile for 'Rebecca (pagescollective)' is visible, showing 457 reviews and 93 followers. The review section features a 5-star rating and a date of November 25, 2015. The review text reads: 'Just as good on a re-read!' and 'Review when first read in April 2014:'. Below the review, there are social media icons for Like and Comment, and a list of comments from other users, including Sierra Faith and Ally, who discuss their experiences with the book and its characters.

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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."*

The next two books are good!  
Less ^

Rebecca (pagescollective) 7 years ago ...  
Yay! That's great to hear! I look forward to reading them! :D

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# Onyx Eyes

Jill Williamson

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The princess is missing, and Drake, Captain of the Guard, has until the next moon to find her or it will mean war between the Grounder and Aerial kingdoms. His search leads him to the human realm where he finds a changeling slave impersonating a teenage boy. When the boy's sister learns Drake's true name, she commands him to take her to the faery realm to find her brother. Drake doesn't have time for human games, but the girl controls him now. The sooner he finds the boy, the sooner he can find the princess and stop a war. Unless this girl enslaves him forever.

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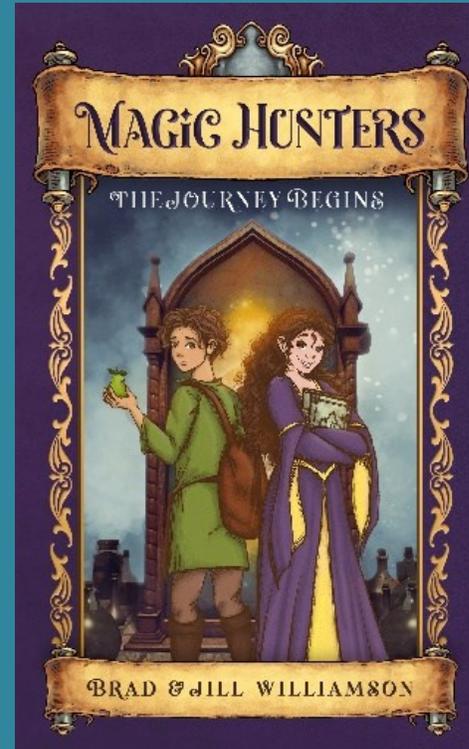
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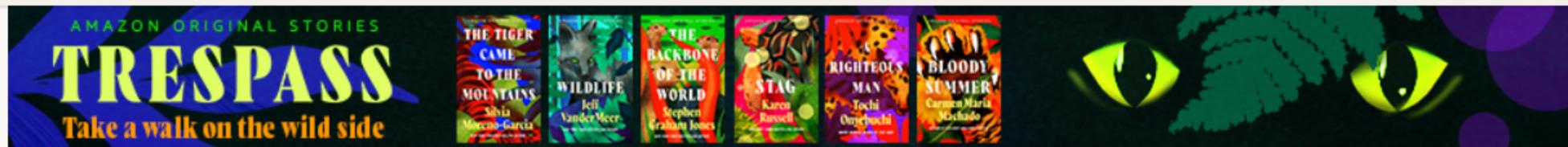
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Okay, I'm a little over halfway through this book, and one thing I've realized is that this book is very different from the books I write. It feels like a middle grade book. I'd like to rewrite it as a young adult book. I'm thinking, perhaps, it could be a young, young adult book/an upper middle grade book, like Percy Jackson. I've been taking notes as I read. I'll know more when I'm done.

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Still trying to decide what I will change about this story and what I will leave as is. The plot reminds me of two other popular middle grade fairytale mashups, so I'm going to try my best to give this story something unique.



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Jill Williamson reviewed Drawn in Ash

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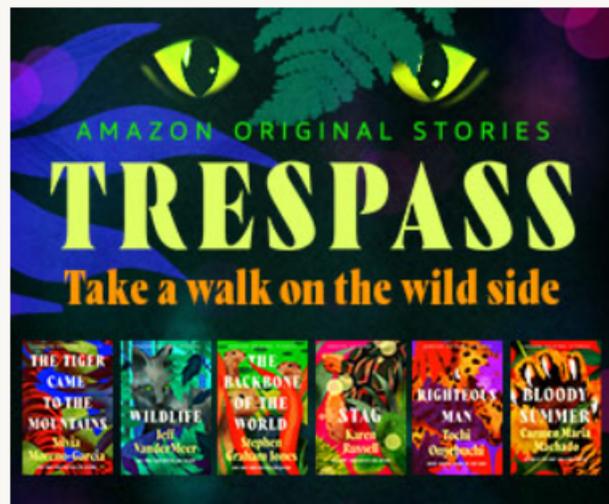
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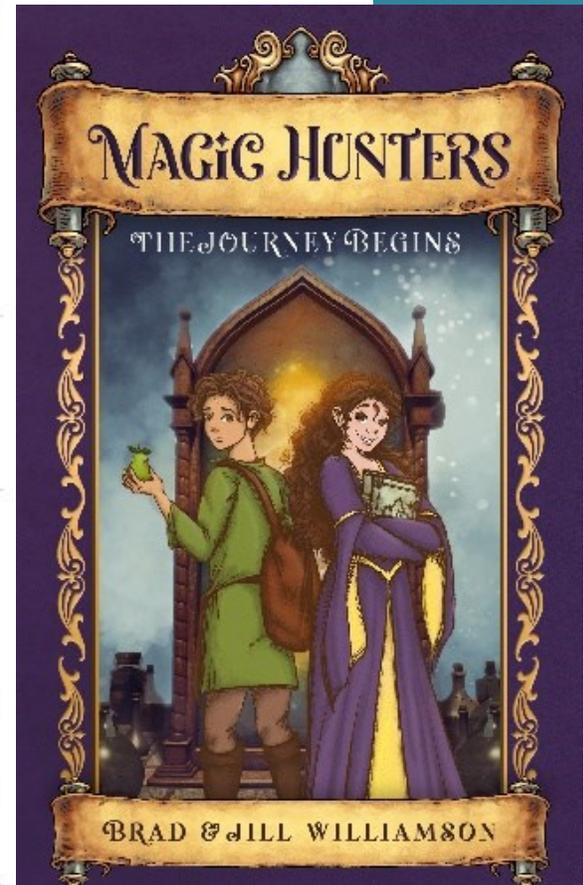
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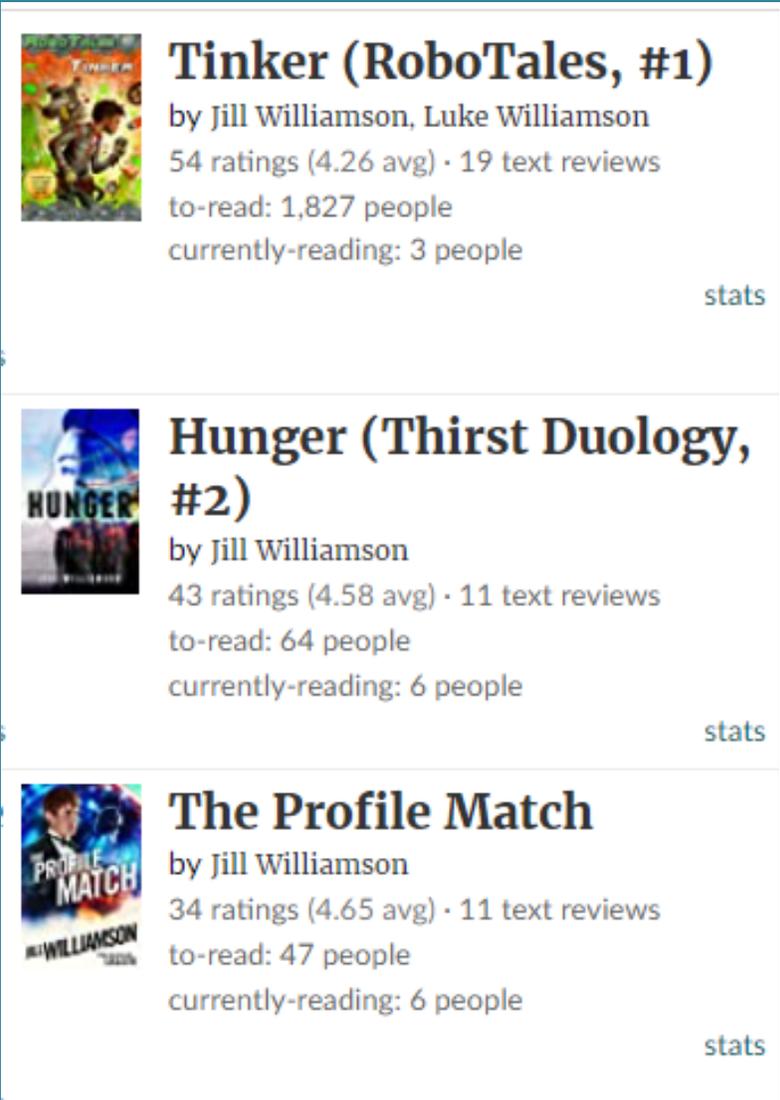


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**Hunger (Thirst Duology, #2)**  
by Jill Williamson  
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currently-reading: 6 people  
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by Jill Williamson  
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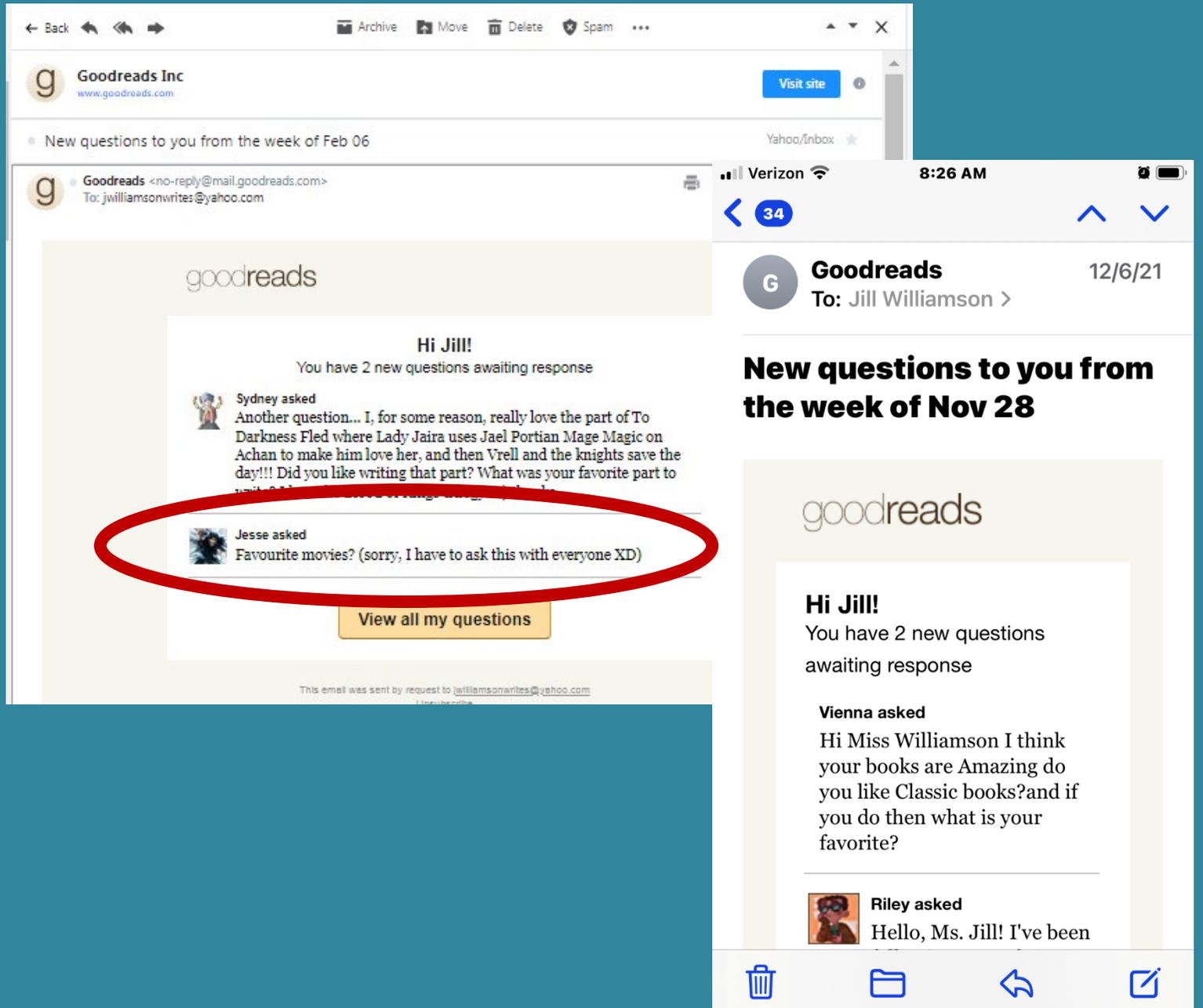
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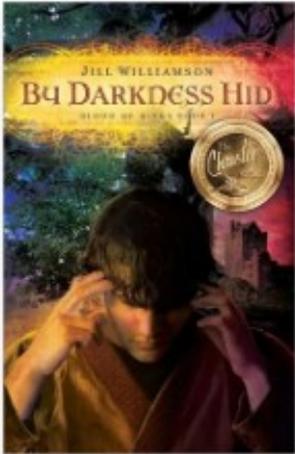
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by Jill Williamson

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 Jane  
1 highlight

Achan leaned the pitchfork against the wall, he had to pause. A chill ran through him that had nothing to do with the temperature. He felt the familiar pressure in his head. It wasn't painful, but it brought a sense of a looming, sinister shadow. Someone was coming.

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The one time he'd refused, he'd received a personal summons from Lord Nathak.

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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.

 I liked the idea that no matter what someone tries to name us in life, we make our own way. We decide what kind of person we are going to be.

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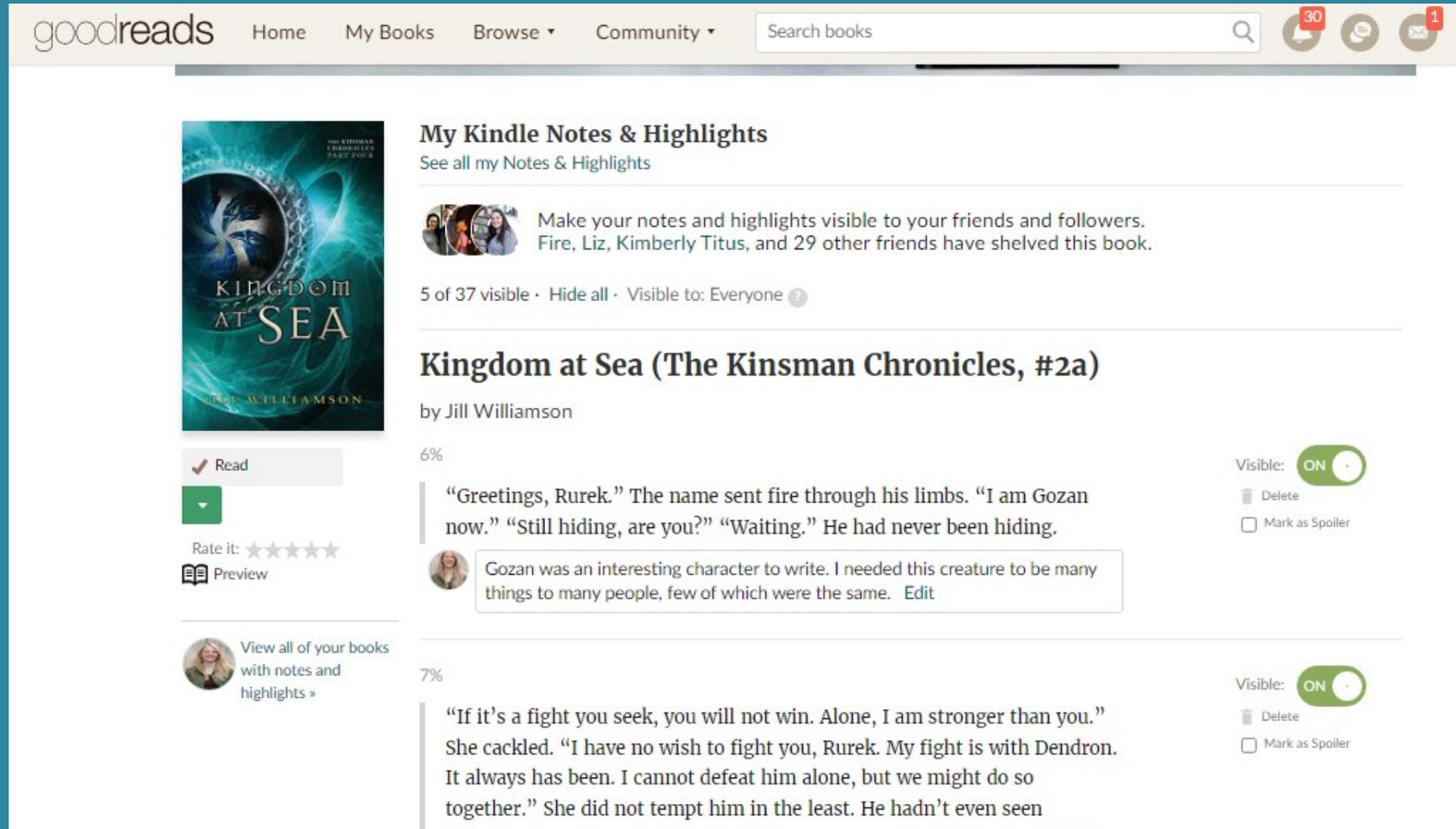
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Vrell thought back to Po's fur boots.

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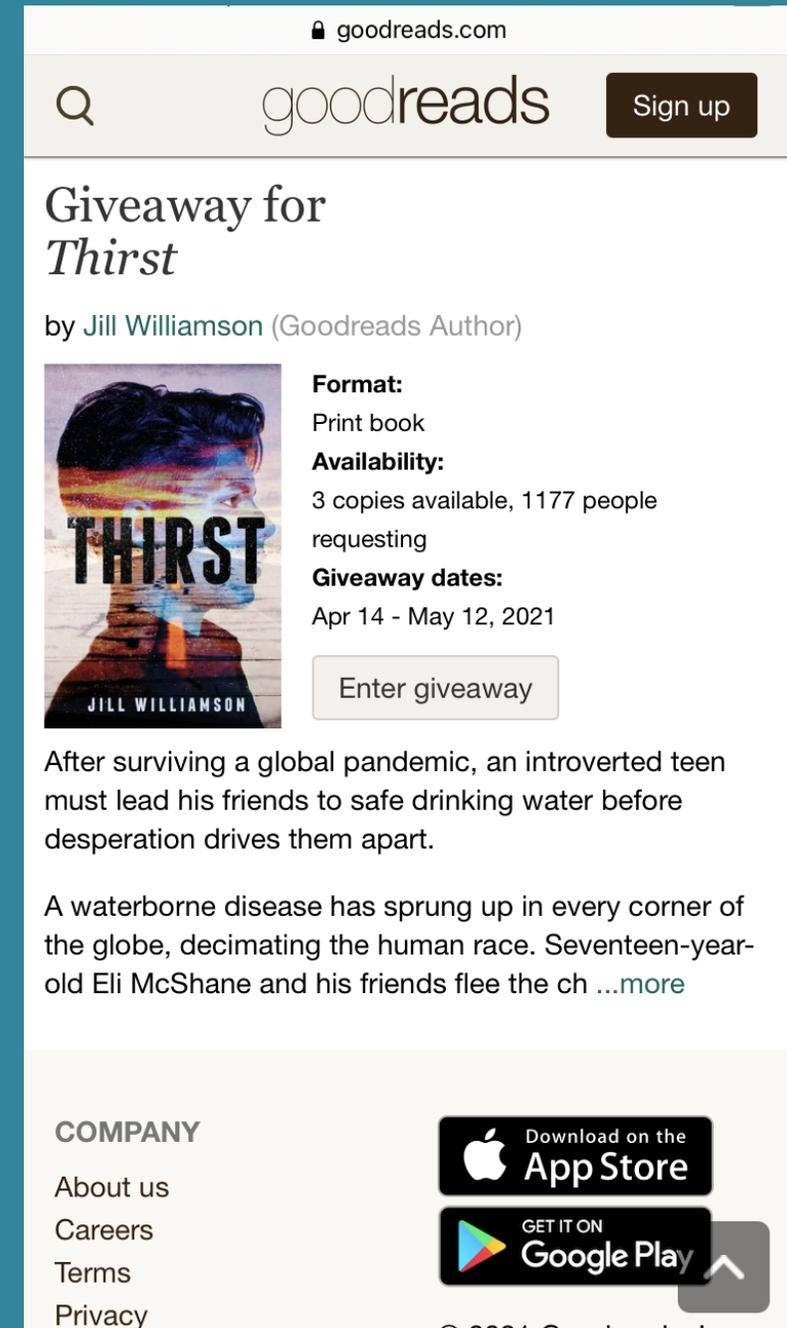
# Kindle Notes and Highlights



The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Goodreads logo, links for Home, My Books, Browse, and Community, a search bar, and notification icons for 30 messages and 1 email. The main content area is titled "My Kindle Notes & Highlights" and includes a link to "See all my Notes & Highlights". Below this, a social sharing section indicates that the user's notes and highlights are visible to friends and followers, specifically mentioning "Fire, Liz, Kimberly Titus, and 29 other friends". A visibility control shows "5 of 37 visible" and "Visible to: Everyone". The featured book is "Kingdom at Sea (The Kinsman Chronicles, #2a)" by Jill Williamson, with a "Read" status and a 6% progress indicator. A quote is displayed: "Greetings, Rurek." The name sent fire through his limbs. "I am Gozan now." "Still hiding, are you?" "Waiting." He had never been hiding. A user note states: "Gozan was an interesting character to write. I needed this creature to be many things to many people, few of which were the same." To the right of the quote are controls for "Visible: ON", "Delete", and "Mark as Spoiler". Below the quote, another quote is partially visible: "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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The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface for a giveaway. At the top, there is a search bar, the Goodreads logo, and a 'Sign up' button. The main heading is 'Giveaway for *Thirst*' by Jill Williamson (Goodreads Author). Below this is a book cover for 'Thirst' by Jill Williamson, which features a man's face in profile against a sunset background with the word 'THIRST' in large, bold letters. To the right of the cover, the following details are listed: **Format:** Print book; **Availability:** 3 copies available, 1177 people requesting; **Giveaway dates:** Apr 14 - May 12, 2021. An 'Enter giveaway' button is positioned below these details. A short synopsis follows: 'After surviving a global pandemic, an introverted teen must lead his friends to safe drinking water before desperation drives them apart.' Below the synopsis is a truncated description: 'A waterborne disease has sprung up in every corner of the globe, decimating the human race. Seventeen-year-old Eli McShane and his friends flee the ch ...more'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'COMPANY' section with links for 'About us', 'Careers', 'Terms', and 'Privacy'. To the right of these links are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'. A copyright notice for 2021 Goodreads, Inc. is visible at the very bottom.



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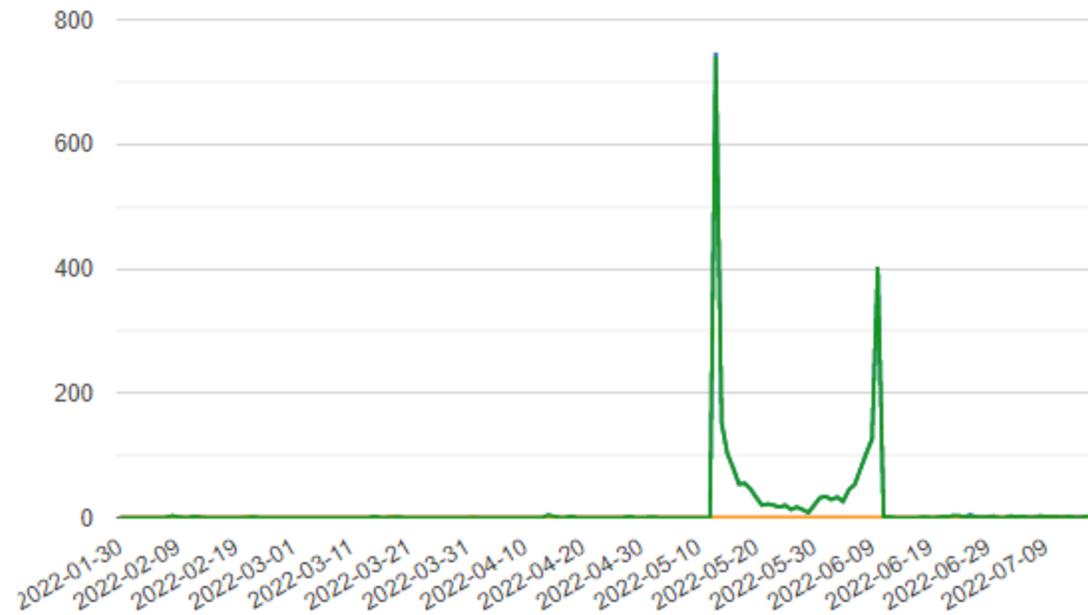
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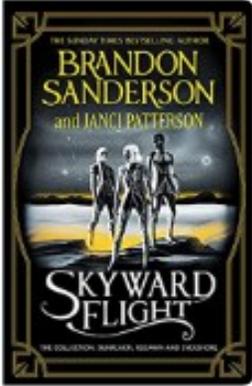
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Brandon Sanderson

★★★★☆ 4.18

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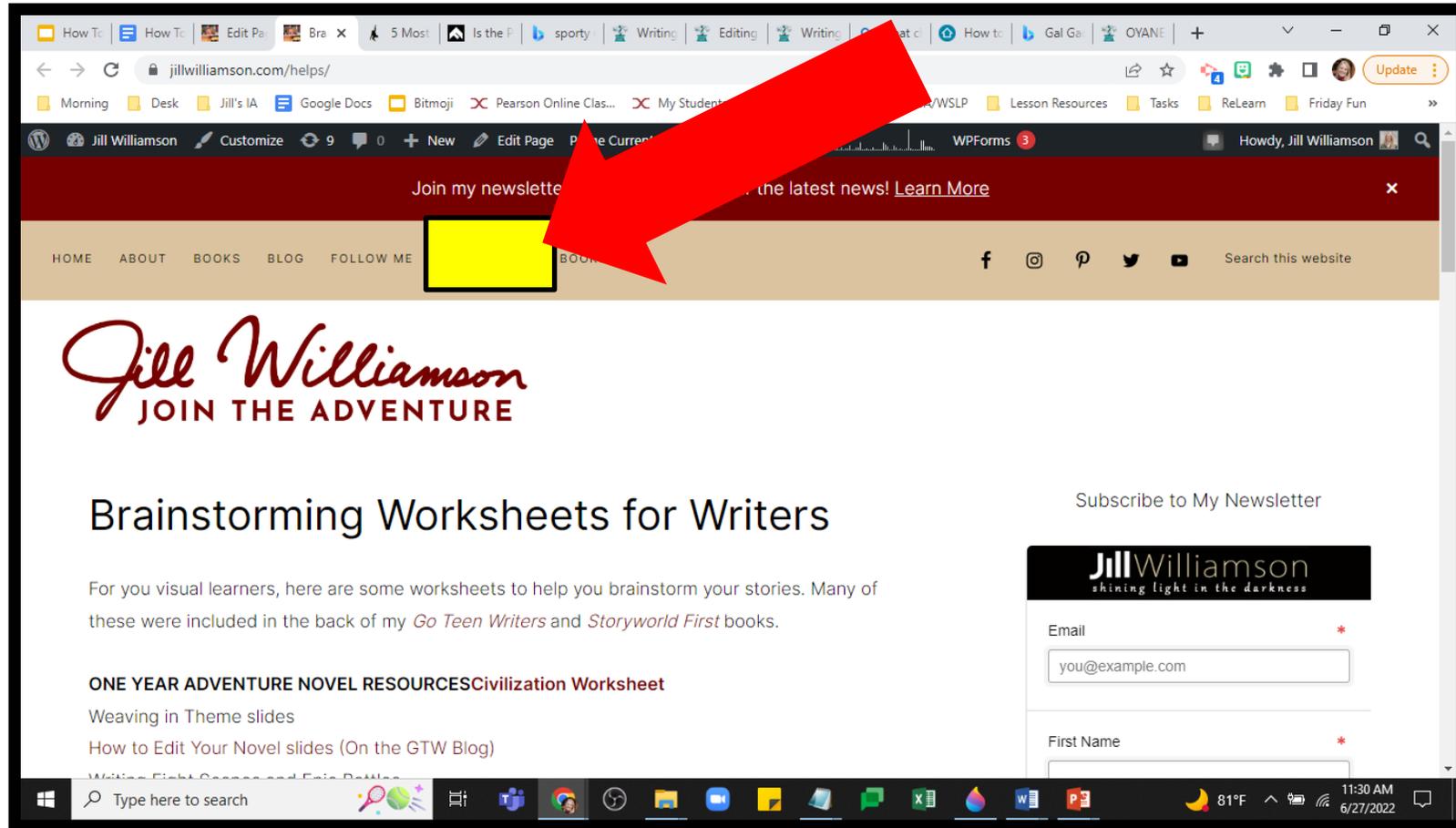
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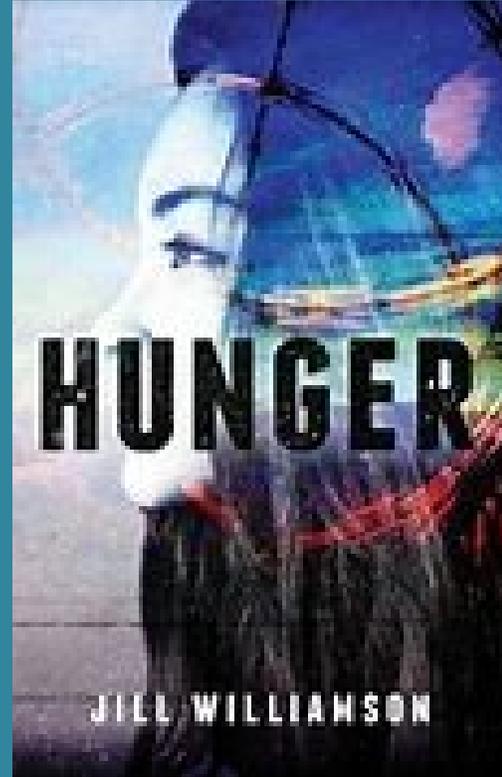
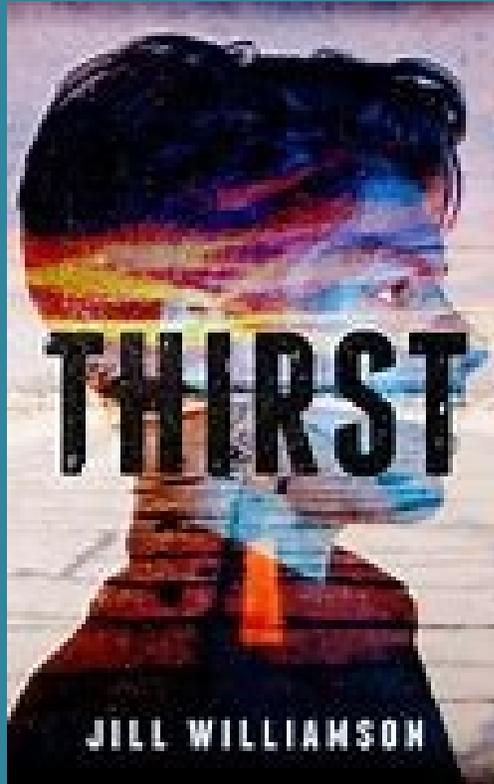
# IT'S OKAY TO FEEL OVERWHELMED

- Pick one thing and try it.
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- Every little bit helps.
- Growth on Goodreads happens slowly, over time. Be patient with yourself and the process.

[www.jillwilliamson.com/helps](http://www.jillwilliamson.com/helps)



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website [www.jillwilliamson.com/helps](http://www.jillwilliamson.com/helps). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website's navigation menu is highlighted in a light brown color, with a yellow box around the 'HELP' link. A large red arrow points from the top right towards this yellow box. Below the navigation menu, the website features a dark red banner with the text 'Join my newsletter' and 'the latest news! [Learn More](#)'. The main content area has a white background with the author's name 'Jill Williamson' in a red script font, followed by 'JOIN THE ADVENTURE' in a dark red sans-serif font. The main heading is 'Brainstorming Worksheets for Writers'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: 'For you visual learners, here are some worksheets to help you brainstorm your stories. Many of these were included in the back of my *Go Teen Writers* and *Storyworld First* books.' There are two sub-headings: 'ONE YEAR ADVENTURE NOVEL RESOURCES' and 'Civilization Worksheet'. Below these are two links: 'Weaving in Theme slides' and 'How to Edit Your Novel slides (On the GTW Blog)'. On the right side, there is a 'Subscribe to My Newsletter' form with an email input field containing 'you@example.com' and a 'First Name' input field. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screenshot, showing the time as 11:30 AM on 6/27/2022 and the temperature as 81°F.



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PREFERENCES**

# What Kate Showed Us:

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The Goodreads logo and navigation menu are at the top left. A red circle highlights the 'Home' link in the navigation menu. Below the navigation, there are several sections: 'CURRENTLY READING' with book covers and progress bars, '2023 READING CHALLENGE' with a progress bar showing 26 books completed, and 'WANT TO READ' with book covers. A central banner for 'Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Month' features a 'Customize' button, which is also circled in red. A 'UPDATES FEED PREFERENCES' modal window is open, showing options for 'Content' (Book updates only, Reviews only, Everything) and 'People' (Goodreads community, All friends and people I follow, Top friends and people I follow, Top friends only). The 'All friends and people I follow' option is selected. The main feed shows a review for 'The Swindler's Daughter' and a recommendation for 'Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life'.

By clicking on “Customize” on your home page, you can change what you see in your feed.

# What Kate Showed Us:

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface. At the top, there are browser tabs for 'Recent updates | Goodreads', 'Account Settings | Goodreads', and 'Colleen Hoover (Author of It Ends with Us)'. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My Books', 'Browse', and 'Community'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The user's profile picture and name, 'JILL WILLIAMSON', are visible in the top right corner, circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into several sections: 'CURRENTLY READING' with book covers for 'The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey' and 'By Darkness Hid (Blood of Kings, #1)'; 'UPDATES' featuring a review for 'The Swindler's Daughter' by Stephenie H. McGee; '2023 READING CHALLENGE' showing 26 books completed; and 'WANT TO READ' with book covers for 'The Girl on the Train' and 'Death by Water'. On the right side, a dropdown menu is open, listing various options such as 'Profile', 'Author Dashboard', 'List a Giveaway', 'Friends', 'Groups', 'Discussions', 'Comments', 'Reading Challenge', 'Kindle Notes & Highlights', 'Quotes', 'Favorite genres', and 'Account settings'. The 'Account settings' option is circled in red.

To update your preferences, click on your author picture, then choose “Account Settings” at the bottom.

# What Kate Showed Us:

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface. At the top, there are browser tabs for '#events | Sunrise Pu...', 'Post Attendee - Zoom', 'Account Settings | Goodreads', and 'Colleen Hoover (Author of It End...'. Below the browser tabs is a navigation bar with the Goodreads logo, 'Home', 'My Books', 'Browse', and 'Community'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search books'. The main content area is titled 'Account Settings' and includes sub-sections: Profile, Settings, Emails, Feeds (selected), Apps, Widgets, Book Links, Purchases, and Seller Account. Under 'Feed Settings', it states 'Updates are published to your profile and your friends' update feeds when you take the following actions:'. The 'Book Activity' section has four checked items: 'Add a book to your shelves', 'Add a quote', 'Recommend a book', and 'Add a new status to a book you're reading'. The 'Reviews' section has two checked items: 'Comment on someone's review' and 'Vote for a book review'. The 'Only on Goodreads.com' section is circled in red and contains: 'Add a friend' (unchecked), 'Comment on a book or discussion' (checked), 'Join a group' (unchecked), 'Answer a poll' (unchecked), 'Enter a Giveaway' (unchecked), 'Ask or answer a question' (checked), and 'Follow an author' (unchecked). A 'Save Feed Settings' button is at the bottom.

In your Account Settings, you can unclick anything you don't want your friends to be updated about. I turned off “Add a friend,” “Join a Group,” “Answer a poll,” etc.

That way, all of your friends won't get updates when you do these things.