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April 2021 Newsletter



I'm thrilled to reveal the front cover of *The Demons Among Us* to you first as a newsletter subscriber. After I asked your opinion last month, the majority of you chose this design. We tweaked it by adding an anhinga flying across the moon, a different title typeface, and evil eyes in "Demons." Thank you so much for your honest feedback.

Receive an advance PDF of my novel

Join my launch team!

I would be honored if you'd consider becoming a

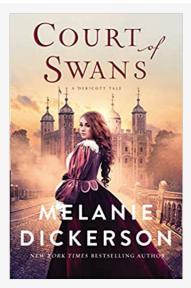


member of my launch team. In a nutshell, you'd need to read *The Demons Among Us* and post your honest review on Goodreads, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. It would be a bonus if you could talk up my novel on your social media accounts. The typesetters should have the manuscript ready for eReaders by the end of June. Please email me by May 30 at jill@jillkwillis.com if you'd like to join my team.

BOOK REVIEW

Court of Swans

I'll admit that I'm not a huge fan of romance novels, but my Storyteller Squad peeps encouraged me to read this one. So glad I listened to them. *Court of Swans* turned out to be so entrancing that I couldn't put it down. The novel has a definite fairy tale flavor with . . . spoiler alert . . . a happy ending. Great for female teens who need a break from real life. Set in 1381, this Christian story revolves around Delia, her seven brothers, and a brave knight who is forced to arrest the brothers for treason. He later regrets his actions and joins with Delia to rescue her brothers.



View my entire review on my website.



I'm a founding member of the Storyteller Squad, twelve Christian writers of MG and YA fiction. Established in 2016, we banded together to help parents and teens find clean reads and assist young writers with their craft. We've posted book reviews, writing tips, and words of motivation three times a week on our blog.

Starting this month, we're changing our format a little to offer more resources to parents and teen readers. On Tuesdays, we'll host a Book Club and delve deep into a different book each month (MG in even months and YA in odd months). Our blogs will feature video interviews with authors, background information on settings, Facebook Live discussions, and quizzes with prizes. <u>The Court of Swans</u> is the first book we'll read together.

On Thursdays, we'll continue to provide parents of teens with ideas to motivate reluctant readers, MG and YA publishing industry news, and writing tips. We invite you and your favorite teen to check out our <u>site</u> and our <u>Facebook page</u>.

Writing Tip



Use hyphens with compound modifiers that appear before nouns, but don't hyphenate modifiers containing adverbs.

Correct: This hard-hitting article frightens me.

Incorrect: Don't believe the clearly-impossible story.

Questions? Check out Grammerly.com.

Happy Easter!

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.



- Author Unknown

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