

# Jill K Willis WRITER



December 2021 Newsletter

# Amazon's elves are working hard!

Amazon is now offering special deals on *The Demons Among Us*. Each day it's different. Today the paperback and hardcover are on sale. I have no idea how they calculate pricing, but I still receive the same amount no matter what the price. If you're looking for a Christmas gift, you might be able to save a few bucks.



If you've already read *The Demons* 

Among Us and liked it, please leave a quick positive review on Amazon and Goodreads to boost the book's ranking. One sentence is fine.

Check out Amazon's daily discounts!



# My first book signing!

Many thanks to Gail Tomlinson, co-owner of Whole Being Cafe in Flowery Branch, for hosting a book signing for me last month. It was so much fun to speak with her clients as they waited on their coffee orders. Several old friends also dropped in to grab some autographed copies. I'm still offering personalized autographed copies through my

<u>website</u> at a discount. You may pay by Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, credit card, or check.

## Mom has some new digs

Please know how much I appreciate your continued prayers since Mom suffered a stroke Oct. 10 and moved in with us. She's doing much better. While we've enjoyed our time together, she prefers her independence, so we moved her to Charter Senior Living last week.

If you'd like to drop her a card, please send it to: **Sara Kirkpatrick**, **4450 Old Hamilton Mill Rd.**, **Apt. 180**, **Buford**, **GA 30518**.



# **Goodreads Choice Awards**

Each year Goodreads polls its readers in 17 categories to determine their most-loved stories. In 2021 more than 4.7 MILLION readers cast their votes. Following are the results from my six favorite genres. Log on to <u>Goodreads</u> for the full results.

#### **BEST FICTION**

Beautiful World, Where Are You? by Sally Rooney

#### **BEST MYSTERY & THRILLER**

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

#### **BEST HISTORICAL FICTION**

Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid

#### **BEST YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

Fire Keepers Daughter by Angeline Boulley

#### **BEST YOUNG ADULT FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION**

Rule of Wolves by Leigh Bardugo

#### **BEST MIDDLE GRADE & CHILDREN'S**

Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan

# Stay on top of word and phrase trends

I highly recommend you follow the Grammarly blog. Its writers are dedicated to teaching the proper use of the English language in a way that's fun and easy to understand. Each year they analyze word trends. Following are the 12 words and

sayings they identified with 2021. You'll find the explanations <u>here</u>.

Vaxxed . Variant . Languishing . Hybrid Work . The Great Resignation . NFT (non-fungible token) . Cheugy . It's the \_\_\_\_ for me . Understood the assignment . Red flag . Bones day / No bones day . Writing's not that easy





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### My most popular November blog:

#### A Perk and a Privilege

I'd love to send you one of my short stories as a gift for subscribing to my blog. Simply complete the short form on my <a href="https://www.nomen.com/homepage">homepage</a> (scroll down to the footer), and I'll email you a PDF of The Snake Slinger, a prequel to The Demons Among Us.



2 tbsp ground nutmeg2 tbsp allspice2 tbsp ground cloves1 lemon, sliced1 orange, sliced2 sprigs of rosemary1 cup of cranberries

#### Fill your home with scents of the season

### **Christmas Potpourri**

It takes only a few minutes to create this traditional *Southern Living* recipe. I've done it on the stovetop and in a slow cooker for all-day simmering.

4 cups of water

If using a medium saucepan, cover and bring all ingredients to a boil. Remove top and reduce to a simmer. Add more water as needed. If using a slow cooker, add 2 extra cups of water. Simmer on low uncovered as long as you wish.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season!

# **Quick Links**

#### **Book Trailer**

#### The Demons Among Us on Amazon

Order autographed copies

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