



February 2021 Newsletter

## Which do you prefer?



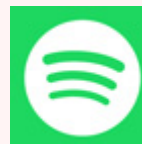
Redemption Press has requested a photo for the back cover of *The Demons Among Us*. These were taken by the ultra patient Mallory Jo Zynda, the lead photographer at the Blue Ridge Mountain Christian Writers Conference last November. Which do you like best? The one on the left or the right? Please email [me](#) your thoughts.

## Valentine's Day Faves



### Love Quotes

[Goodreads](#): Extra help for writing that special card.



### Timeless Love Songs

[Spotify](#): Perfect for a quarantine dinner.



### Top 200 RomComs

[Rotten Tomatoes](#): My favorite is #59.



### Top Romance Novels

[ProWritingAid](#): My favorite is #2.

## Would you please pray for me?

I've discovered I can't do it myself. I need a team of strong prayer warriors to get me through the next eight months. Though my work has appeared in magazines, newspapers, blogs and on websites, I've never published a novel.

This new territory has wound me into a tight bundle of nerves. I would appreciate it so much if you could pray for me to make wise decisions, leave my worries at the altar, and give me hope for a successful launch. It would bring me such peace if you were to drop me a note every once in awhile to let me know you're lifting me up.



## Writing Tip

I see this misused so often. **Lay** is a verb that means "to set (something) down." **Lie** is a verb that means "to be in **or** to assume a horizontal position." So, you would lay down a book before you lie down for a nap.

For past tense and participles, visit [Britannica](#). As a bonus, the cat-loving editors threw in a photo of a cute orange tabby.

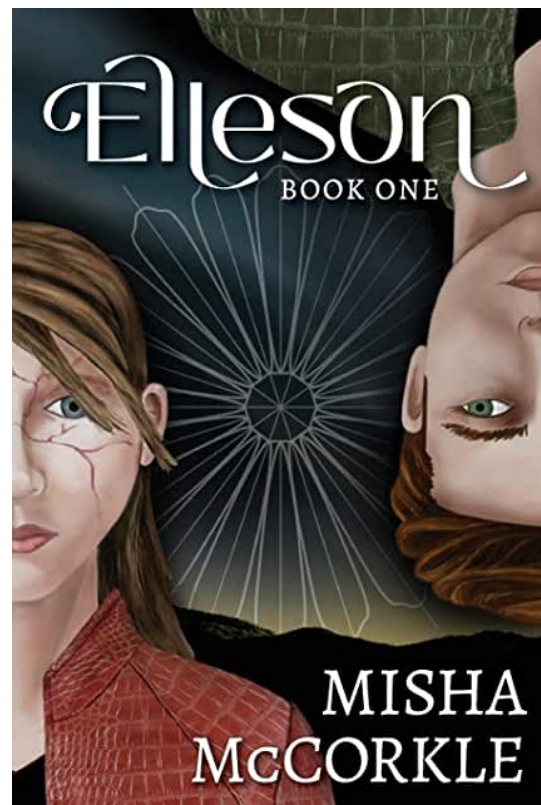
## NEW RELEASE!

### Elleson

It's such a thrill to see a manuscript I helped critique transform into a beautiful novel. Misha is a master with words and gifted with an incredible imagination for realm building.

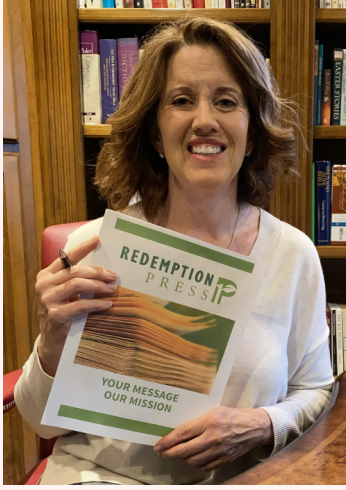
[Elleson](#) follows the story of two misfit teens. Brogan, hailing from New York City, loved his life until his father transferred to Seoul and sent him to live with his grandparents. Even with his city slicker ways, Brogan adapts better to Layton High School than Daisy, who suffers from a painful hip injury and facial scarring caused by a car accident. Soon, strange occurrences unsettle them. Then Daisy disappears, and Brogan sets out to find her.

At this point, Misha's imagination soars. Readers are taken into another world, Elleson, packed with amazing settings, ethereal characters, and wild plot twists. Throughout it all, she weaves in lessons from the Eternal One. I love how she offers a Christian message without being overt. [View my entire review](#) on my website.



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**My most popular January blog**



I announced that I signed a contract with Redemption Press. *The Demons Among Us* will be available on Amazon and in your favorite bookstore in September.

I'd be so grateful if you could please subscribe to my blog, which I post the first and third Friday of each month. Simply complete the one-question form on the bottom of any page on my [website](#).

*Coming in March...*

## **Baking & Bonding**

In *The Demons Among Us*, the main character, Joy, and her mom whip up a nutritious dinner while conducting a pretty serious discussion. I like the relationship between these two characters, similar to the one between my daughter, Julia, and me. She and I love to get in the kitchen and putter. Beginning next month, Julia (a pescatarian) and I will share our recipes with you. We'll begin with a basic recipe, then we'll each add our own twist to it.

*Julia experimented last weekend with a chocolate peanut butter cake. It was over-the-top yummy!*



I set a New Year's goal of reading one young adult novel each month this year. What books would you recommend?

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