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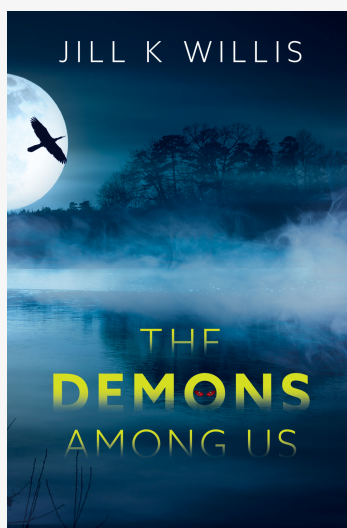


July 2021 Newsletter

IN GOD  
WE TRUST

**Happy 4th of July!!!**

I'm so thankful to live in the land of the free. In certain countries, I might not know how to read or write. And I certainly wouldn't have a book launching this fall. May God bless you and your family this holiday weekend as we remember the holy principles upon which our nation was founded.



*Still on track to launch this fall, although...*

### **COVID almost changed our timeline**

In April and May, a nasty strain of COVID slammed my sweet, uber-organized Redemption Press project manager, Carrie Stevenson. She deserves a shout-out for always returning my emails in a timely manner and even Zooming with me from home in her comfort clothes. Under her eagle eye, *The Demons Among Us* passed through the editing and typesetting departments to the

proofreader. I should have a polished copy July 19 to proof. The typesetter will then update any errors I discover. My launch team can expect a final PDF copy in August.

**Writing Tip**

Karen Allen, a former work buddy and editor extraordinaire, asked me to feature a writing tip aimed at correcting the grammatical error of placing "me" first in a sentence. "Makes me nuts," she said.

"Me" is an object pronoun, while "I" is a subject pronoun. This means "me" can never be used as the subject of a sentence. To make it easy, delete "and my friends" before forming a

sentence. You wouldn't say, "Me joined a book club." You'd say, "I joined a book club." For the sake of etiquette, you'd place your friends before yourself in the sentence, which should read, "My friends and I joined a book club."

You're welcome, Karen. If anyone else has a pet grammatical peeve, [email](#) me and I'll feature it.



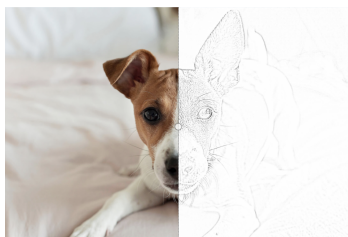
## BOOK REVIEW

### The Defiance

Laura Gallier is one amazing Christian storyteller. I stumbled upon her first book in *The Delusion* series as I surfed Amazon for comparable books to my own for publisher pitches. I'd never before read a YA speculative novel that so clearly spelled out spiritual warfare. She follows the life of Owen Edmonds during his senior year of high school and after graduation as he uses his gift of being able to literally see people's shackles, such as addiction, depression, and rage, to help them fight the demons holding them captive. While this third book in the series is the darkest, it leaves readers with hope and a few handy lessons to combat Satan's lies. I recommend it to older teens.



Check out all my [young adult book reviews](#)..



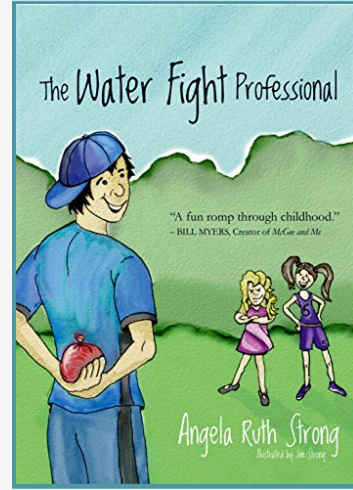
*Looking for unique children's summer activities?*

### Create a Coloring Book

This is so cool and easy! And costs nothing. My supremely clever music director, Gary Lenz, discovered the Mimi's Panda site to help him [create a coloring book](#) for our church's 150th anniversary. He took old fading photos and turned them into line drawings with a few mouse clicks. You can do the same for your kiddos. They'd be thrilled to receive a customized coloring book with photos of their pets, friends, family members, and home. BTW, you're invited to our church's anniversary celebration August 15. [Email](#) me for details.

## A Facebook Book Club for Tweens and Teens

[The Storyteller Squad](#) is hosting a [book club on Facebook](#) for teens and their parents. Each month, we feature a book and talk about it daily. We post author interviews, background research, ratings, reviews, and opportunities to receive giveaways. This month, we're reading *The Water Fight Professional* by Angela Ruth Strong. It's a terrific read for middle graders about two friends who place a bet to see who can earn the most money over the summer. Hilarious!



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