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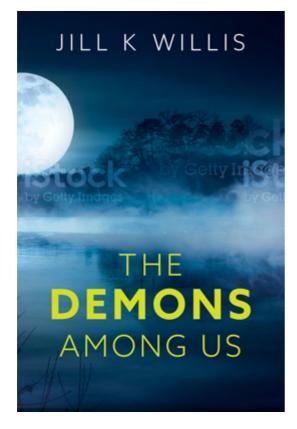


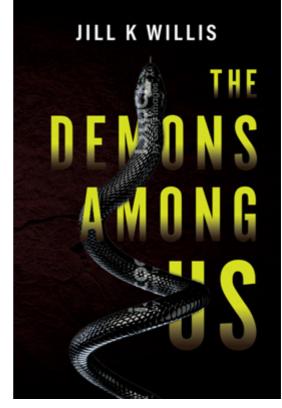


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# Photo or art?

Help! I need your honest opinion. Redemption Press has sent me two options for the front cover of *The Demons Among Us*. Which appeals to you? If you know a teen, could you please ask for feedback from him or her? Thank you for walking beside me on this tough decision-making journey. My email is jill@jillkwillis.com





This image depicts a pivotal lake scene where God shows his might to the demon-possessed creatures that are chasing the main characters. I know this is simple, but snakes make a guest appearance in the story. Also, art is trendy on young adult book covers.



## Writing Tip

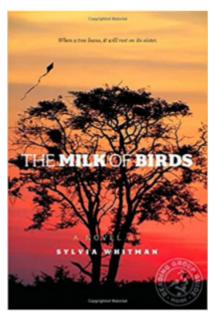
Different words that express the same idea are called **tautologies**. Examples include **close proximity**, **large crowd**, **evening sunset**, **frozen ice**, **hot water heater**, **and please R.S.V.P.** Though these tautologies are common in everyday speech, we should avoid them in writing to keep our sentences concise and easy to read. Email me one of your favorites, and I'll publish it next month.

"It's deja vu all over again." - Yogi Berra

#### BOOK REVIEW

### **Milk of Birds**

Never have I read a book that has taken me on such a roller coaster of emotions. In one chapter, I'm giggling over K.C.'s crazy schemes, and in the next chapter, I'm holding my hand over my mouth, gasping in disbelief at Nawra's everyday life. This work of historical fiction follows the lives of two 14-year-old girls: K.C. in Richmond, Va., and Nawra in Darfur, Sudan, through their Save The Girls pen pal letters to each other. Though they live on different continents, they discover similar longings and



heartaches. Both adults and older teens will appreciate this crossover book.

<u>View my entire review</u> on my website.



## **Baking & Bonding**

Like the mother and daughter in *The Demons Among Us*, Julia and I whipped up some conversation and banana bread together one afternoon and decided to post the experience on our social media platforms. We highly recommend baking as a productive way to catch up with your family and friends.

While I received a record number of likes, Julia received 6,800 on her Instagram reel <u>(@jules.grove)</u>. Wow! We discovered that people love banana bread.

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I set a New Year's goal of reading one young adult novel each month this year. So far, I've reviewed three. Check out my reviews on my <u>website</u>. What books would you recommend?

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