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May 2021 Newsletter



Do you like short stories?

I love to read them on my iPad while waiting—in the doctor's office, at the car wash, in line to get my vaccine—and listen to them in the car while running errands. My Go-To short story source is Havok Publishing. They offer tons of digital and podcast stories across all genres for an annual membership fee of \$4.99. Some are five-minutes long, and others may run 25 to 30 minutes. Best of all ... they're all clean reads for both teens and adults. Enjoy!

Check out Havok Publishing!

We're on schedule! The manuscript has passed through two rounds of editing and is now in the typesetter's hands.



Join my launch team!

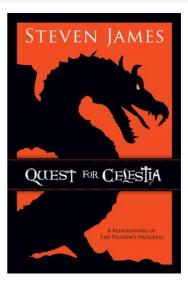
I would be honored if you'd consider becoming a member of my launch team. In a nutshell, you'd need to read *The Demons Among Us* and post your honest review on Goodreads, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. It would be a bonus if you could talk up my novel on your social media accounts. The typesetters should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

BOOK REVIEW

Quest for Celestia

This is the best book I've read in awhile, and that's saying something because I read a ton. Just check out my <u>Goodreads page</u>. Great for teens and adults, this stand-alone fantasy novel is a reimagining of *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

When 16-year-old Kadin's health deteriorates after an encounter with a strange man, he embarks on an epic journey to determine the cause of his frightening condition. The dangerous quest opens



his eyes to the truth that could heal both his mind and his body. This is an amazing read with mind-blowing twists and turns. Steven James is a master storyteller.

Check out my entire review on my website.



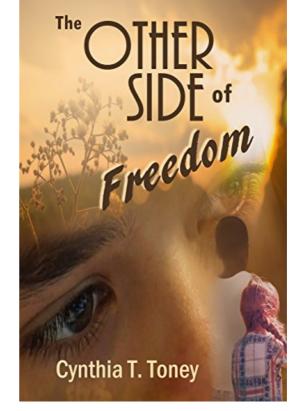
Writing Tip

If and whether are often interchangeable, but have distinct uses. It's best to use whether in reference to a choice or alternatives ("we'll attend the wedding whether or not we receive an invitation") and if when establishing a condition ("we will go if we receive an invitation").

Join our online book club!

The Storyteller Squad is hosting an online book club 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 Other Side of Freedom* by Cynthia Toney. It's a hard-hitting novel set in a 1925 southern farming community called Freedom. Thirteenyear-old Salvatore and his Italian immigrant father become entangled in a crime that results in a murder. It's a non-stop adventure for middle grade readers.

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