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September 2021 Newsletter



Online Launch Party!

Chat with me online **October 23** to celebrate the launch of *The Demons Among Us*! Log on to my [author Facebook page](#) at 4 p.m. EDT to listen to me read a few pages and learn about my publishing journey. You can also ask me questions and win giveaways, including the bookmark in the photo. Its back features a QR code that teens can scan to access categorized scriptures for when demons invade their lives.

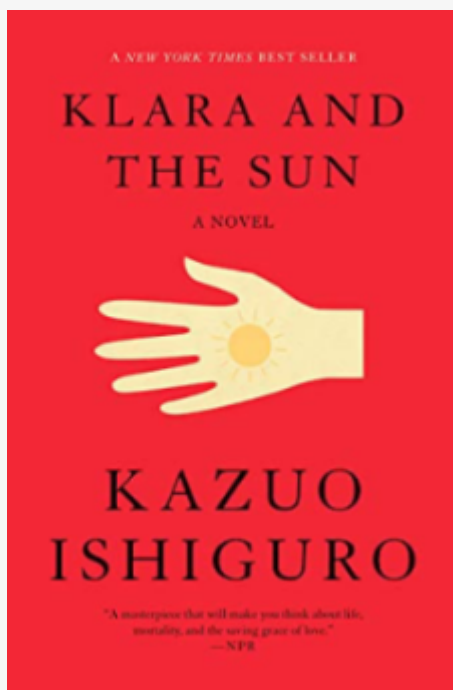
Pre-order autographed copies of *The Demons Among Us* in both softcover and hardback on [my website](#).

A Prayer Request

for the people of Afghanistan

My son, Sgt. Marvin Willis, served five years in the US Marine Corps with the last nine months in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. During his deployment, he relied on a major in the Afghan National Army to interpret for him. They became close friends, acknowledging their differences and their commonalities. Yesterday, Marvin discovered that the major and his family did not make it out of Afghanistan and are in hiding with no money and no opportunity for employment. Please ask God for a mighty miracle for this talented, trustworthy man who did so much to ensure my son's success in communicating with the people of Afghanistan.





BOOK REVIEW

Klara and the Sun

I love crossover books, and this is one of the best. Both adults and teens will enjoy the unique story of a friendship between a human and a humanoid. I've never read anything like this. The author has a mind-blowing imagination. In a futuristic world, humans can buy humanoids to keep them company. After Klara (the humanoid and narrator) moves into Josie's house, she discovers that her new teen friend is sick. Klara makes it her mission to make her well again. Her sometimes-strange campaign teaches them both about peer pressure, deceit, parental love, sacrifice, and goals.

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

A FUN FACT ABOUT ME

I love to play handbells

I started playing at Roswell United Methodist during my high school sophomore year. Since that time, I've played in two other choirs in the Atlanta area. I'm currently a member of Buford First UMC's Chancel Ringers, playing the middle D and E. I have two amazing performance memories. First, as a high school senior at Roswell UMC, I played in the White House's Rose Garden. And second, I played during Buford First UMC's 150th anniversary worship service. Both left me with chills running down my spine. *(In the photo, I'm the fifth one from the left in the front row standing. Zoom in and note that I'm running my mouth instead of smiling.)*



Slacker words and phrases

Be aware of filler words and phrases that add nothing to help readers understand the meaning of your sentences. I recommend you delete the following from your writing: all of, as a matter of fact, as yet, basically, each and every, essentially, in order, just, really, truly, and quite.

Examples:

All of your readers will appreciate your streamlined writing.

These words basically don't add value. They're essentially useless.

If your sentence works without it, you just don't need this word.



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"The Demons Among Us"...**

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