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December 2022 Newsletter

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Amazon has lowered the price on my book!

Amazon is now offering special deals on *The Demons Among Us*. Each day it's different. Today the paperback is \$14.60, down from \$21.99; but the hardback is still full price. I have no idea how the Amazon bots calculate pricing, but I still receive the same amount no matter what's charged.

You're welcome to order directly from me for a further discount. I'm happy to





Check out Amazon's daily discounts!



ACFW N. GA's last Christmas dinner

Last month, I announced that our American Christian Fiction Writers N. GA Chapter will merge with the NW Chapter January I to form the ACFW Georgia Chapter. I was thrilled to hear from so many of you about joining. Thank you for forwarding my

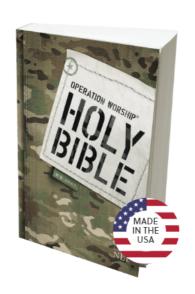
newsletter to your friends and family members who are interested in publishing.

The membership elected Janette Melson as the Georgia Chapter's new president. Those interested in joining may email her directly at Janette@jjmelson.com. I'm happy to step down and concentrate on my writing, which has slowed this past year.

The N. GA Chapter held its last meeting and Christmas dinner at the Diner at Sugar Hill Dec. 6. We had such a good time that we vowed gather there again in 2023. (Photo: left-right, top row) Jennifer Purcell, Clint Hall. (middle row) Hope Welborn, me, Pat Nichols, Ruth Trippy, Cele LeBlanc. (front row) Tony Trendl, Rebekah Quattlebaum, Robert Quattlebaum, Randy LeBlanc.

Operation Worship

Help Tyndale House send bibles to our troops this Christmas season. My son appreciated the one he was given when deployed to Afghanistan. I understand that military chaplains receive requests from soldiers and military families every day to help fight fear, stress, anxiety, and depression. For \$6, you can provide a bible to those serving our country. One hundred percent of your donation will go toward printing and shipping the bibles. Please donate now.



Goodreads Choice Awards

Each year Goodreads polls its readers in 17 categories to determine their most-loved stories. In 2022 close to 5.8 MILLION readers cast their votes. Following are the results from my six favorite genres. Log on to Goodreads for the full results.

BEST FICTION

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

BEST MYSTERY & THRILLER

The Maid by Nita Prose

BEST HISTORICAL FICTION

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid

BEST YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The Final Gambit by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

BEST YOUNG ADULT FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

Gallant by V.E. Schwab

BEST MIDDLE GRADE & CHILDREN'S

I am Quiet by Andie Powers

Christmas card

The advent of social media seems to have cut into the tradition of sending Christmas cards. Last year, I received about half the number I usually do. I'm still sending to my full list, but have deleted the full-page letter that I usually tuck in with it because of its redundancy to my Facebook and Instagram posts. This year, there's a family photo on the front and a brief update about our antics on the back.



According to Grammarly, if you send out a generic card—maybe with a glittery snow scene on the front—you should include a personalized note inside with the following components:

- 1. Heartfelt personalized message -- In no more than 150 words, write something meaningful to the recipient—something they won't see on social media, like an inside joke or hopes for next year.
- 2. Sign off -- "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" are solid sign offs. You could also use "Miss you," "Love," or "Warm wishes."
- 3. Signature -- Always handwrite it... in cursive.

If there's room beneath the signature, you might add a bible verse, an appropriate quote, or a song lyric. Whatever you do, know that the recipient will appreciate your efforts to spread holiday cheer.

My most popular November blog:

How to Engage with the Writing Community
(published on the American Christian Fiction Writers blog site)



Our Christmas morning treat

Sausage Balls

On Christmas morning, Marvin and I make sausage balls together, and our family gobbles them down with coffee while we open our stockings. We hope you enjoy our tried-and-true, three-ingredient recipe.

3 cups Bisquick 1 lb. Jimmy Dean sage sausage

1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

Heat your oven to 400°. Mix the ingredients together, roll them into balls, and place them on a cookie sheet sprayed with Pam. Bake for 15-18 minutes, turning them over halfway through.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season!

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