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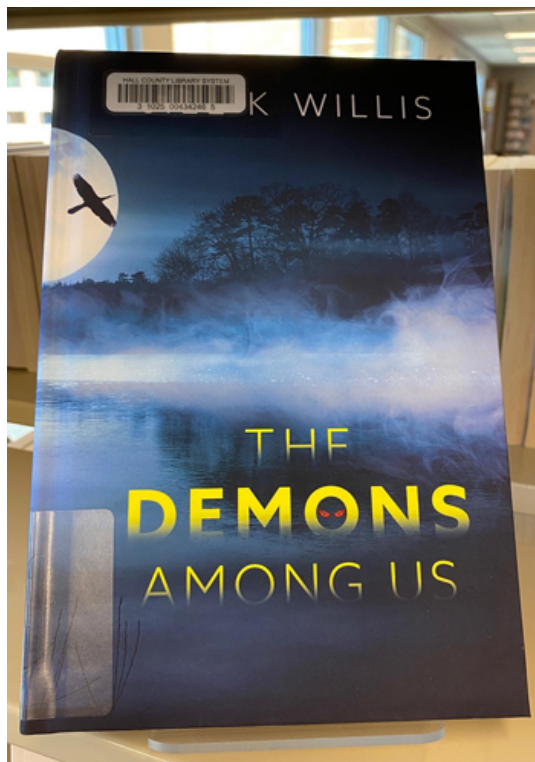


October 2022 Newsletter

Library Author Fair

The youngest author I've ever met bought one of my books for her big brother at the Hall County Library Author Fair Sept. 29. Do this budding writer, Miss Laney Bonds, a favor and leave a positive Amazon review on [Black Hole](#), written when she was eight years old. Her grandmother helped her indie publish it.

I also met children's author, Jan Walker, who had a character in her book, a Neepie, tattooed on her knee. The *Kingdom of Neep* is no longer in print, but you might find a copy in your local library. You never know who you'll meet at an author fair!



Please ask your library to carry my book!

What a thrill to see my book in the Gainesville branch of the Hall County Library! Next time you visit your local library, please ask the librarian to order my book. Autumn is the perfect season for teens to read a spooky Christian novel.

Recipe: Mexicali Chicken

I love to use the slow cooker in late summer/early fall (yes, it's still shorts & T-shirt weather in Georgia) because the kitchen stays cool.

2 medium green bell peppers cut into thin strips

1 large onion, quartered and thinly sliced

4 chicken thighs, skin removed

4 chicken drumsticks, skin removed

1 TBSP chili powder

2 tsp dried oregano

1 jar (16 oz.) chipotle salsa

1/2 cup ketchup

2 tsps ground cumin

1/2 tsp salt

Hot cooked noodles



Place bell peppers and onion in slow cooker; top with chicken. Sprinkle chili powder and oregano evenly over chicken. Add salsa. Cover; cook on LOW 7-8 hours.

Remove chicken pieces to serving bowl; keep warm. Stir ketchup, cumin, and salt into liquid in slow cooker. Cook, uncovered, on HIGH 15 minutes. Pour mixture over chicken. Serve with noodles.



Following are my ratings for the books I read in September.

Friend me on [Goodreads](#) to view how I've rated books since 2010.

Defying Destiny, Sharon René ██████

(See review of this YA Christian dystopian novel below)

I Am In Here, Creston Mapes ██████

(See review of this Christian suspense novel below)

You Are Never Alone, Max Lucado ██████

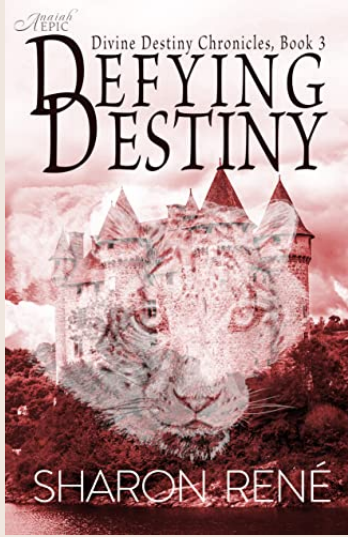
A Trick of the Light #7, Louise Penny ██████

Murder at Beacon Rock, Alyssa Maxwell ██████

Everything I Never Told You, Celeste Ng ██████

YOUNG ADULT DYSTOPIAN BOOK REVIEW

Defying Destiny

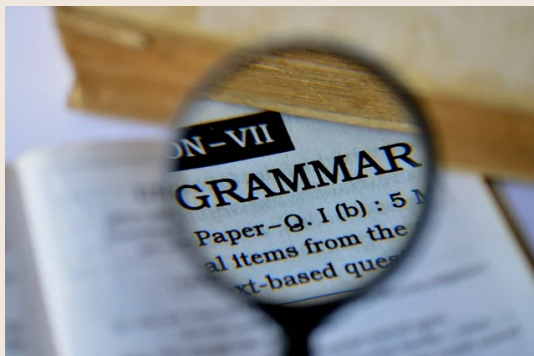


This thrilling conclusion to the [Divine Destiny Chronicles](#) launched Oct. 4. I loved it so much that I held publishing this newsletter until after I'd finished the book. I highly recommend this entire series for your favorite teen—male or female. Written by one of my critique partners and co-founder of The Storyteller Squad, [Sharon René](#) has woven a Christian dystopian novel that prompts readers to imagine life in 2042 when an evil brother-sister duo has conquered the world and the adults are too afraid to challenge them. A group of teen rebels are the only ones brave enough to fight against the Global Collective Council. *Defying Destiny* had me on the edge of my seat from start to finish.

ADULT CHRISTIAN SUSPENSE REVIEW

I Am In Here

[Creston Mapes](#) has penned another imaginative nail-biter of a Christian suspense novel—lucky 13. I've read every one and am in awe of how he rallies readers around his characters. In this case, I wanted to grab a set of pom-poms and yell, "Go, Hale!" Mapes tugs on our heartstrings with [I Am In Here](#) when we learn a paralyzed teen, Hale Frodele, is being victimized. This action-packed uplifting tale left me yearning for a sequel. All of Mapes' thrillers are free on Kindle Unlimited.



GRAMMAR TIPS

Avoid Capital Offenses

Capitalize specific job titles when they appear before a person's name, but lowercase them if they come after it.

President Jill Willis

Jill Willis, president of ACFW N. GA

Capitalize formal and informal family-relationship labels, except when an adjective precedes it.

"Don't tell Mom I ate the last cookie."

"I told your mom that you love to rake the yard."

Terms of endearment aren't capitalized.

"Sure, honey, I'd love to clean the litterbox."

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