



### **SHORT BIO**

Jill Williamson is a novelist, dreamer, and believer. She writes stories that combine danger, suspense, and adventure for readers of all ages. Her first book released in April 2009 from Marcher Lord Press. *By Darkness Hid* (Blood of Kings, Book 1) is a medieval fantasy. Jill has served alongside her youth pastor husband for the past ten years and loves working with teenagers, especially to encourage young writers. She gives writing workshops at churches and schools. You can learn more about Jill on her Web site at [www.jillwilliamson.com](http://www.jillwilliamson.com).

### **LONG BIO**

Jill Williamson grew up in rural Alaska with no electricity, an outhouse, and a lot of mosquitoes. Thankfully it was the land of the midnight sun. In the summer she could stay up and read by the daylight that wouldn't go away, but in the winter there was nothing better to do than daydream. Both hobbies set her up to be a writer.

She went to college in Idaho and met her husband, Brad, who wanted to make movies. Since she'd always wanted to be a fashion designer, Jill and Brad made a deal. They would go to Manhattan for one year—so Jill could attend the Fashion Institute of Technology—then they would move to Los Angeles. They did just that. They lived in LA for nine years. About halfway through that time they both discovered God was calling them to different things. Brad went back to school and became a youth pastor. Jill began to write articles in an effort to become a motivational speaker to teenagers.

When *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* released, it inspired a new barrage of arguments in the Christian community as to whether or not parents should allow their kids to read the series. Jill wished that she could do something constructive. She started looking to see what, if any, Christian books were available for teenagers. She found quite a variety of Christian novels for teen girls, but very few for boys. This inspired her to write that kind of a book, to combine the excitement and heroism of Harry Potter with her own faith.

Jill worked about three years on her first novel. She submitted it to publishers and agents, and while she waited to hear back, she wrote another book. Then she wrote another. *By Darkness Hid* (Blood of Kings, book 1) came out in April 2009. It was her first published novel, but the fifth one she completed.

Jill and Brad currently live in Eastern Oregon. Brad is a youth pastor and he and Jill both volunteer with Young Life. Jill is finishing up the second book in the Blood of Kings trilogy. She gives writing workshops and encourages teen writers through her website [www.teenageauthor.com](http://www.teenageauthor.com). She also reviews clean teen fiction on her blog at [www.novelfteen.com](http://www.novelfteen.com).

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