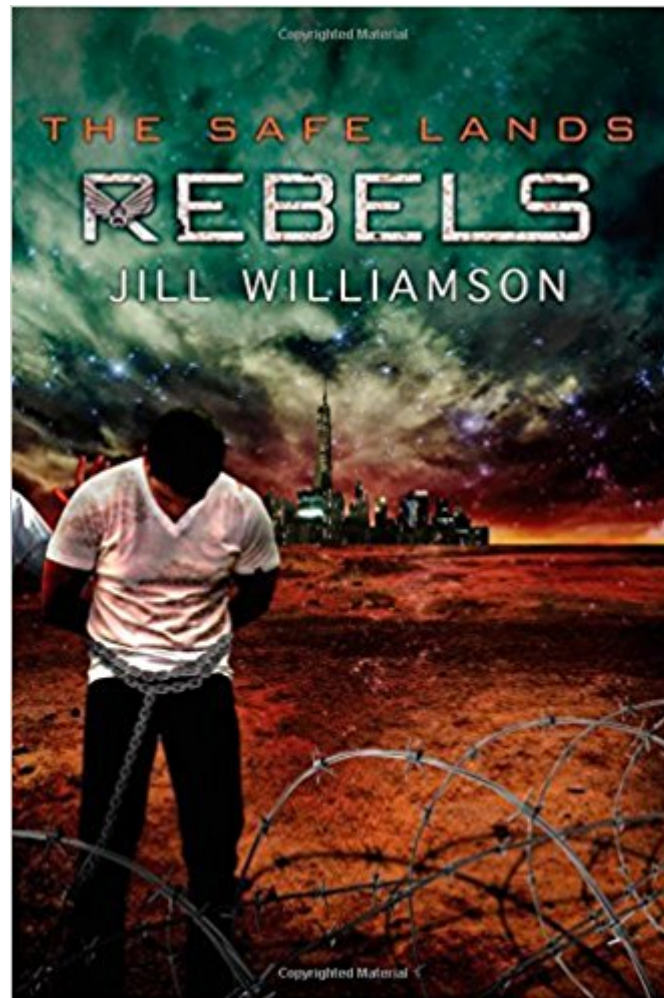




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Rebels (The Safe Lands)



Synopsis

The remnant of Glenrock has been scattered. But they are not beaten. The Safe Lands have long kept the true meaning of Liberation secret from their people. But after being sentenced to Liberation themselves, Mason and Omar soon discover the truth. Levi watched his brothers' public sentencing and tries to hold out hope they are still alive. He is forced to focus his attention elsewhere, however, when his new wife, Jemma, is captured and made the Safe Lands' newest Queen. His only choice to save Jemma may be to take up Omar's old role of undercover vigilante, leading the rebels in their quest to overthrow the government. But will Levi's new role be enough? Meanwhile, Jemma's sister, Shaylinn, is ready to give birth to the Safe Lands' children, but not even Ciddah is sure they can be delivered safely in the midst of a rebellion. And Mason must face the fact Omar's illness could be fatal. If they can all unite their efforts, together they may be able to expose the Safe Lands' lies to the people. But if they fail, they will all surely die.

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Customer Reviews

Award-winning author Jill Williamson returns with *Rebels*, the final book in her dystopian series.

Three teen brothers—Omar, Levi, and Mason—decide how they will live in a land that is not their own, one where pleasure is valued more than human life and where many temptations make it difficult to stay true to their faith. In *Rebels*, after freeing the women and children from the Safe

Lands, Levi and his wife Jemma lead their group underground to join the rebels Levi befriended. The new residents aren't welcome among the rebels, and tensions escalate, especially since Ciddah (a Safe Lander) is among Levi's group. But there are others still to rescue. During the next rescue attempt, Levi is betrayed, and Jemma is captured. Meanwhile, Omar and Mason are imprisoned and sentenced to immediate liberation. But what is liberation? A firing squad or something more sinister? Can they be saved from their fate? Who are the Ancients? What happens when the rebels join forces to overthrow the Safe Lands Guild? Williamson creates a plausible futuristic world where believers are endangered, and most people live as if personal pleasure is the only thing of value. Unfortunately, they are seeing the ramifications of that choice. At the heart of this book is the theme of forgiveness, both giving and receiving it, and the difficulty of accepting its reality in one's life. There are plenty of plot twists in this final book, even though the storylines are completed. Fans of teen dystopian fiction should like this series. Discussion questions make this a good selection for teen book clubs. Recommended for teen collections in school and public libraries. Carol R. Gehringer, worthy2read.wordpress.com (Christian Library Journal)

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Jill Williamson is a creative author with a great imagination and a willingness to push her characters. She doesn't disappoint with *Rebels*, the last book in the Safe Lands series. There's a little bit of catching up with the cliffhanger from the second book, but the plot takes off quickly and leads the remnant of Glenrock village through twists and turns that I couldn't see coming. There were nice surprises, and the book was, like the others in the series, an engaging read. There are a few too many minor characters named that make a few scenes a little confusing, but that is a minor issue. Overall the main characters of Levi, Mason, Omar, Jemma, and Shaylinn all have challenges to overcome as the story progresses to the dramatic ending. Jill's also not afraid to address some issues that were set up in prior books: despair, drug abuse, and control by authorities. The Safe Lands series is a great YA dystopian trilogy, and *Rebels* is a fitting conclusion to it. Don't miss it.

Rebels is the exciting conclusion of the Safe Lands Trilogy. We find the captives thrown into a different layer of the land they had been dragged away to. In the Lowlands they work in the "dirty" jobs

that those in the higher lands choose to act as if they don't exist. Meanwhile they are trying to learn the culture in the Lowlands, they are also planning the rescue of their friends, their eventual escape, a cure for the plague that threatens the people of the Safe Lands, and exposing the hierarchy's lies to the people. Rebels is a great story, but you need to read the whole series to get the whole affect. Start with Captives, then Outcast, and finally Rebels. All three are great books and tell a single story. I can't recommend this series enough. 5 Stars!

Finally, the citizens of Safelands discover the truth about "Liberation" and it is not pretty. Omar and Mason have been sent to the Lowlands to a task prison where they are reunited with other members of their family who they thought had died. The rebellion is active and now the captives from Glenn Rock are closer than ever to escaping. Rebels ties up a lot of loose ends for fans. Omar finds redemption and proves he can come through for his family, including Shay who is pregnant with twins. What I love about Shay is even though she loves Omar, she expects him to demonstrate he's changed with his actions and to follow through on his promises. He's forgiven but he must put his words into behaviors over the long haul. Jemma is a great model for forgiveness as she rejects bitterness when mistreated by several women and embraces love instead. Multiple moral messages throughout the series will speak to youth but remember my earlier caution that the subject matter is for more mature teens. Not too many surprises in this installment but a great wrap up to the series, although I do wonder if there will be a spin off?

This was a great conclusion to the Safe Lands trilogy. In my opinion, Jill's writing went from a 3, to a 3.5, to a 4. So much happened in this series and this book in particular. I don't want to give anything away, but I will say we FINALLY learn what liberation means! The story once again focuses on Mason and Omar, and Elder Levi of course. Mason and Omar have been liberated, and meanwhile Levi is living underground with the Kindred people, trying to formulate a plan to get everyone out of the Safe Lands and back to Glenrock. This was all in all a good series, and I was very satisfied with the conclusion. Jill did a great job of wrapping everything up and I had no further questions.

Oh my gosh!! I'm gonna miss these characters so much!! I got this book immediately when I was still reading the second book on a road trip. When I finished this book, we were almost home from the road trip. And I had brought other books with me in case I had finished I got bored. But nope! I kept loyal to this book the entire time until I finished it! And it was soooo satisfying! There were a couple times I was yelling at the characters(cough cough Omar), and then I was awwwwing at the

characters(Shaylinn and Omar). This book was so good!! Highly recommend this series!!! Great job on a trilogy ending, Jill Williamson!!!

This is the last book in the trilogy. Jill Williamson is a terrific author. I imagine she could write a series of books with this. The book is fast paced imaginative. It kind of left some things open ended at the end, which leads me to believe there could be other books down the road. I like that there are perspectives from different characters in the book.

I love this series. Jill delivers (again) a book that keeps you intrigued without being able to anticipate what's coming.

This is another Jill Williamson book that I could not put down when I had the time to read. The action comes fast and furious as the Rebels seek to rescue their family members and others from the Safe Lands. Omar and Mason come to grips with the reality of Liberation. Operation Lynchpin is finally launched and it is a race to the finish!

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