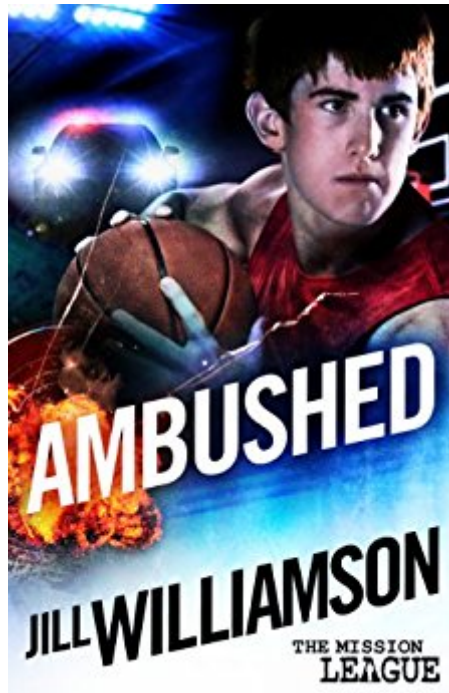




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Synopsis

All Spencer wants in life is an NCAA scholarship to play D-I college basketball. He visits universities when he can and works hard at his goal of taking his team to the state basketball championship. When disaster strikes, Spencer's desperation sends him to the one person he was determined to ignore: his father. Print length: 174 pages.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone who has been following my reviews knows two things: I love everything Ms. Williamson writes and Spencer is one of my favorite characters of all times. Because this series is encompassing Spencer's school years and summers, you really get to know who he is and what he is made of. And, for the record, he's a really great teenager. What I liked about this one: Spencer's voice stays true to who he is. He is so authentic, that never once do I feel like he is not a teenage boy. I particularly like the way Ms. Williamson deals with heavy topics like drug use and alcohol

because it comes across as natural. She is able to point out the bad without having the book stop and tell you it's bad. There's a natural flow to this novel that just works. And it's funny. I laughed out loud several times. Spencer's friends. I love the way each one is different and endowed with a unique personality. There really are a lot of people who are introduced over the series and yet, when I come across them, they are like old friends and so I am not confused about who is who and what is what. The mystery of Spencer's father grows. We meet Spencer's father in this book. Or do we? I cannot wait for the next one to come out. I love that just like Spencer is authentic, the spiritual gifts in this series are authentic. These guys recognize them and they use them, and I love it. There's also a scene where Spencer learns about Biblical manhood. Spencer being Spencer, it's going to take him a while to get it, but I love to see the seeds that dropped and watered. And more importantly, I love watching Spencer grow. What I didn't like: I didn't want it to end! Romantic Scale: N/A (though there are some interesting threads going on here. I hope Ms. Williamson continues the series until Spencer marries) Overall, such a great followup. I can't wait for the next one!

Spencer Garmond is back, and this time, his life is going completely off the rails. Sure, he's making progress with Grace, a girl that he keeps seeing hurt in visions. And universities are starting to make him offers so he can play college basketball. But then an accident seemingly derails his life. But he has a place to turn to for help. Or will that help ultimately cost him more than he expects? This is a great little story that helps move the Spencer's story forward. It's well written and, while not action packed, is loaded with great suspense and intrigue. My only complaint (if it's even right to call it that) is that there's so much character and story development in this book, I worry that people who miss it will be wondering what happened when the next book comes out!

I got such a kick out of reading this story. Being a grandmother, there were times I wanted to grab Spencer's shoulders and shake him. But I thought that were I in his situation and had his courage, I probably would have done the same dumb things he did. He would get so hyperfocused on what he wanted, he could not see alternatives nor where his choices would lead, which is exactly how the not-quite-finished teenage brain works. Because he made a potentially disastrous decision, we and he will never know if his grandmother's solution would have worked. It was fun to watch him engage his mouth before he engaged in thought. He was basically a sweet kid, but he did struggle with the arrogance of thinking he knew better than the woman raising him and than his teachers. I have a son who was just like that. Spencer was all boy in craving what he knew he should not have. This would be a book that would be good for girls to read, too. They need to know how hard they can

make life for a guy who is trying to live a pure life. I think most teenage boys would be able to identify with Spencer. As they follow his character development, they might learn what thinking through means. Now I want to read the earlier book, and am looking forward to the next book in the series.

This is the book that really convinced me I was in love with the series. I really like the progression in the friendship with Spencer and Grace. Later on in the story, Spencer is given an opportunity that a lot of guys would leap for, but recognizing the problems in the situation he decides to turn it down. It's neat to see how far Spencer has progressed since his first immature moments.

I enjoyed this installment of the Mission League series, and look forward to the next one! This book continues the trademark humor and realistic characters of its predecessors. The plot sometimes gets a little slow, as there is a focus on character development, but it always picks up again. It's nice to see how Spencer develops over the course of the book. A good read for all ages except elementary school, due to some mature themes.

The Mission League books are a fun read. The author sure knows how to get into a young teen's mind! The plot is fairly believable, and good plot twists keep your attention.

I love Spencer and the Mission League series. This was a fun supplement. Lots of questions still unanswered. I'm looking forward to the next installment. I'm a big high school and basketball fan, so that was a fun feature of this story.

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