

Timely Novel By Teen Author Tackles World Issues *Hunger Games* Style And Gets Funded By Kickstarter In Just A Few Days

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Teen author Leah E. Good's novel, *Counted Worthy*, releases on November 3rd— just one day after the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. The nineteen year old grew up learning that Christian persecution has existed throughout history. That knowledge inspired her to pen this, her first published novel. *Counted Worthy* is the story of Heather Stone, a teenager whose father is arrested for owning a Bible. The book will be available through Amazon. Good had overwhelming support when she listed her novel publication project on Kickstarter. More than half of her desired funding was raised in the first day, and at just ten days, she had nearly doubled her goal.

This year, Christian persecution has drawn the attention of the world. Over one million people signed a petition begging the Sudanese government not to flog and execute doctor and mother Miriam Ibrahim, for her Christian faith. Good's novel is a timely one. She hopes this story will make a difference and cause people to think.

"Telling stories is part of who I am," Good says with a gentle smile.

Writing since she was fourteen, Good authored *Counted Worthy* while in college. She wanted to learn how to market her books. Her parents offered her two years of writing time if she finished college early. It was great motivation. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration when she was just eighteen years old.

When asked which genre her book fits into, Good explains, "Technically, it's dystopian, but it's an uncommon term, so I say it's Christian futuristic." She clarifies by adding, "Right now the big name in dystopian is *The Hunger Games*. Mentioning that usually helps."

Dystopian, the latest trend in young adult fiction has been made wildly popular among teenagers by series like *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*. Good's novel fits right in with the trend of corrupt governments and determined teen heroines trying to save the day.

Good hopes *Counted Worthy* will help readers understand and respect the courage of people enduring persecution. "I think everyone wants to believe in something so strongly they'd be willing to die for it," she says. "This story is meant to bring such passionate conviction to life for readers."

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