

# Jude Willhoff

*Writing stories that touch the heart*

*Get Hooked!*



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## Fan Update From The Foot of Pikes Peak

Hello everyone! I want to thank you all for signing up for my newsletter and to be on my review team! I have an announcement to make to my awesome fans that I think you're going to enjoy. For my Spring Fan Drawing, I'm giving away a \$50 Amazon gift-card. All you have to do is read one of my books, any one of them, and then post an honest review on Amazon.com and let me know it's up. The more of my books you read, the more reviews you post, the more chances you have to win the \$50. Each time a new review is posted, email me at [jude2@prodigy.net](mailto:jude2@prodigy.net) and let me know it's up and your name goes in the random drawing to be held on June 1, 2014. The winner will be announced that day. Good luck and Happy Spring!



## What's Happening in My Life

Tonight it's snowing outside and I'm longing for spring flowers, lilacs, and green grass. This time of year in Colorado is always hard for me. I grew up in the Ozarks of Missouri with planting gardens and flowers in March. In Colorado, March and April are our snowiest months. Guess I'll have to wait until mid-May, that's when it's okay around here to plant flowers without danger of frostbite.

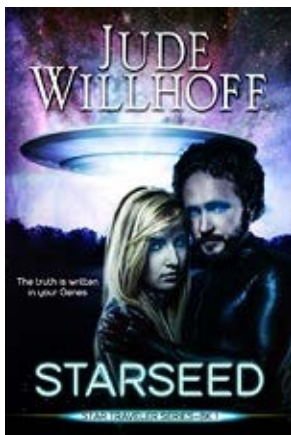
To let you know a little bit more about me, 2013 was a rough year. Because I was having major back issues my neurologist sent me to the hospital to have a myelogram. During the test, I had a stroke caused by the contrast dye. Be aware of contrast dye, it can be a killer.

Other than my back issues, I was fine when I went in for a 4 hour test, expecting to go back to work after the test. Instead, I stayed in the hospital on the stroke floor for four days. I came out of there with nerve damage on my left leg and arm, partial blindness in my right eye, speech problems, walking with a walker and my brain felt like it was scrambled. They told me I couldn't drive. In a heartbeat, I had lost my independence. Scary stuff.

You know you're a writer when you're going through a life event like this and the whole time in the back of your mind you're filing away what's happening to you to use in a book at a later date. Anyway, for months, I was a mess, but I am a survivor and I fought back with neuro-therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and pool therapy. I still have issues, but I'm driving again and not walking with a limp. At this time, people don't know I had a stroke unless I tell them. Needless to say, this has changed my life. Today, I am following my dream of getting my books out there and telling my stories to others. Follow your dreams now! Don't wait, life is short. But that's enough about my personal

## What's Happening with My Writing

I'm so excited that my paranormal romantic suspense, *Starseed*, the first book in my Star Traveler series is now available on my website: [www.judewillhoff.com](http://www.judewillhoff.com) and on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for e-readers and in print. Some inside information for my special fans, the prologue of *Starseed* is based on an actual event that happened to me when I was a child. Do you believe in UFO's, or aliens? Have you ever experienced a sighting of a UFO, an alien, a ghost or any other kind of high strangeness? If so, I would love to hear about it. Just email me at [jude2@prodigy.net](mailto:jude2@prodigy.net) and let me know. You



are not alone!

Currently, I'm working on *Visitations*, the second book in the Startraveler Series which will be coming out this fall. And I'm also doing research on another nonfiction project. I'll tell you more about both of these books in our next visit. Below you will find an excerpt from *Starseed*. Enjoy!

journey for this quarter. Let's get to the good stuff, my writing. Until next time!

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## Starseed Star Traveler Series ~ Book One

***He's not what she expected...***

*Starseed* is a paranormal romantic suspense about Elle Thomas, a hairstylist with psychic abilities. When her hometown of Sweetwater, Colorado is suddenly plagued by UFO sightings, cattle mutilations, abductions and murder, fear is in the hearts of its citizens. Because of her abilities, Elle is shunned. An orphan found in the wilderness, strangely drawn to the stars, she has always been taunted by her peers about being part alien. It's the last thing she'd ever wanted to be, but her strong psychic abilities make things worse than ever for her. When she meets a handsome mysterious stranger, Kole Stith, her attraction to him is overwhelming and she can't understand why the feelings aren't mutual. Her abilities tell her otherwise.

***She's what he never knew he always wanted...***

Confirmed bachelor Kole Stith is sent to Earth to retrieve a Starseed—Elle Thomas, and the Dropa Stones—disks that hold secrets of the universe and return them to the Ancient One. Kole discovers he possesses human emotions and falls for Elle. But he must put his feelings aside and discover who is abducting and murdering the citizens of Sweetwater to prove his people aren't to blame. And fulfill his mission on Earth: Together, Elle and Kole are the only hope to heal Earth's endangered polluted waters. *Starseed* is a romantic suspense with a twist of Paranormal. Aliens need love, too! Elle and Kole must travel to other worlds to discover their strength and love for each other.



## Starseed Chapter One

10 Years Later

A few miles outside Sweetwater, Colorado

*Damn, we should've stopped at that last excuse for a town.* Driving home from Denver at night, across the desolate high plains of Colorado a blowing sandstorm came out of nowhere. Elle Thomas gripped the steering wheel so tightly her knuckles turned white. If she wasn't careful, she'd kill herself and her best friend, Sara Banks. She slowed the car. Her body started to tingle and she drew in a shuddering breath. *No, not now!* The familiar sensation had her sixth sense working overtime.

Without warning, a bright light blazed through the blinding sand pitting against her windshield. Elle instinctively slammed the brakes to the floor but the car refused to obey. She slid off the road, jerking against the seatbelt. Elle turned to Sara and squinted for a better view. "Do you see that?"

"Yes, what is it? I've never seen anything like it." Sara held on to the dash with both hands.

Out of the darkness, the brilliant glare broke into three bright lights similar to those of a freight train and barreled toward them, growing larger by the second.

Eyes narrowing, Sara stared through the swirling sand. "It's going to hit us." She screamed.

Black fright swept through Elle as she pressed her foot against the accelerator. The engine whined and tires dug deeper in the sand. They were trapped. Her breath caught in her throat, leaving her woozy. Forcing her mind to focus, she watched the lights rush toward them. Adrenaline pumped through her veins. "This can't be real." The strange lights engulfed the car. Elle threw her arms in front of her face. Sara screamed, again.

Yet, nothing hit them. Elle watched the large black mass with pulsating lights stop before them in the dim glow from the headlights. It silently rose and hovered over the car, showering them with more blinding white light. The radio died. The dash went dark. The engine ground to a halt and the headlights blinked out. "Oh, crap," Elle said. A haunting childhood memory rushed in. She'd been through this before. *Go away!*

The only sound was their labored breathing and the howling wind hammering sand against the car. Elle's chest pounded like a thrashing machine stuck in high gear. A bad taste of rusty pennies trickled down her throat from where she'd bit her lip when they hit the ditch.

The last time the aliens had left her with the ability to foretell the future. She didn't know how she did it. It just happened. Growing up, the other kids had treated her like a freak. Now what was in store for her?

Fear, stark and vivid glittered in Sara's brown eyes as she leaned against the passenger side door. She pushed the straight brown hair away from her face and scooted across the seat to grab Elle's arm. "Oh, God. What is it?"

"I'm not sure," Elle whispered, glancing at her friend. Sara couldn't handle the truth. They huddled together, holding each other for comfort. The silent, pulsating colors shone through the car's glass moon-roof as if looking for something...or someone.

*"Starseed. It is time."*

The thought burst forth in Elle's mind. *They're after me.* She swallowed...hard and shivered in anticipation of the worst. *No! I won't go. Please go away!* In self-defense she locked the car doors.

**You may purchase a print edition or e-reader copy of *Starseed*, Book One of the Star Traveler Series or any other of Jude's books at [www.judewillhoff.com](http://www.judewillhoff.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)**

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