

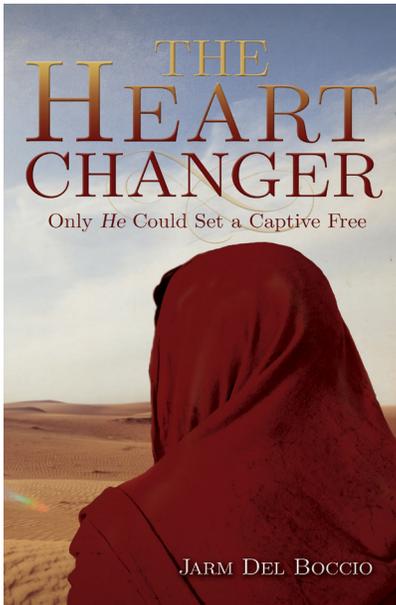


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## MIDDLE GRADE BIBLICAL FICTION ADDRESS ANGST AND HOMESICKNESS OF REFUGEES IN A FOREIGN LAND



RELEASE DATE: April 26, 2019  
TRADE Paperback  
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**For immediate release:** Feeling sorry for the children in the Bible who had no name and no back story but important roles, debut author Jarm Del Boccio tried to answer these questions for inquisitive minds while also sparking a love for Scripture in her new middle grade fiction *The Heart Changer* (Ambassador International, April 26, 2019, \$12.99).

In *The Heart Changer*, Miriam has been wrenched from the only home she has ever known. But that's mild compared to being taken and employed by the wife of her captor. How can she possibly live in this strange household and be content? Not even this Hebrew girl could guess the far reaching influence of her presence.

This middle grade biblical fiction addresses the angst and homesickness a young refugee experiences in a foreign land where all seems lost.

### About the Book

Can an Israelite captive, wrenched from all she loves, serve the very man who destroyed her village?

Miriam is asked to do the impossible: serve the wife of Naaman, commander of the Syrian army. Clinging to treasured memories of home and faith, Miriam faces captivity with worry and bitterness. Little does she know the Heart Changer is wooing and preparing her for a greater mission—far beyond what she could imagine.

This middle-grade historical novel reflects the heartache and angst of a young refugee in a foreign land where all hope seems lost.

### About the Author

Jarm ('J' pronounced as a 'Y') Del Boccio finds her inspiration in everyday life, but in particular, when she travels the globe, observing the quirky things that happen along the way as she checks off destinations on her bucket list.

A former teacher and librarian, Jarm's passion is to make the Bible and history come alive for her readers. She believes with inspiration from the past, children can be the heroes of their own stories. You can find more about the author on her website/blog "Making the Write Connections" at [www.jarmdelboccio.com](http://www.jarmdelboccio.com).

Jarm is content with the journey God has placed her on, and lives with her husband, son and daughter (when they are at home) in a tree-lined suburb of Chicago. *The Heart Changer* is her debut novel.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *The Heart Changer*, please contact publicity director Liz Burgdorf at [media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com).

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### **Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:**

1. Have you always loved to write?
2. What sparked that interest later in life?
3. How do you get inspiration for your stories?
4. What is your favorite time in history to write about?
5. What is your favorite Bible Story and why?
6. Why are you inspired to write for children?
7. What is your latest work-in-progress?
8. What is your most difficult writing challenge?
9. What was your favorite vacation in the last ten years?
10. What is one thing most people don't know about you?

### **Endorsements:**

“A captivating story that weaves characters together from a volatile time in Israel’s history to reveal the power of faith and forgiveness. Young hearts will find hope to face their perplexing and changeable world.”

—TINA CHO,  
author of *Rice From Heaven*

“*The Heart Changer* is a touching tale of loss, faith, and healing. Jarm Del Boccio spins together vivid details that bring Miriam’s world to life. Her story is sure to capture readers’ hearts.”

—CARMELA A. MARTINO,  
author of the award-winning novel *Playing by Heart*

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