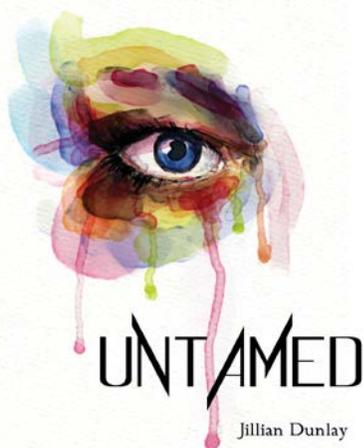


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## OVERLAND PARK TEEN'S DEBUT NOVEL GARNERS 5-STAR REVIEWS

*Author Jillian Dunlay pens thriller, in dystopian genre, that resonates with fans.*

**Overland Park, Kan.— (July 31, 2017)**—A 16-year-old award-winning writer from Overland Park, Kansas, recently published her first novel and it's quickly becoming a fan favorite on Amazon.com.

Jillian Dunlay's novel, "Untamed," is a 280-page dystopian thriller about five teens whose lives unexpectedly shift when they discover they were genetically modified for government use and are part of a rare group called the Untamed. The book was released on April 25 in paperback and Kindle eBook formats and has earned a perfect 5-star rating from readers. The paperback version is available for \$10.99 and the eBook sells for \$.99 on Amazon.com.

Dunlay will be a sophomore at Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park in the fall and stays busy with honors classes, Color Guard and working a part-time job, but her true passion is writing. She was first published as a poet in the Johnson County Library's 2015 edition of Elementia Magazine. Before finishing "Untamed," Dunlay entered the Kansas Author's Club 2015 Youth writing contest and won first place in the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade division with an excerpt from "Untamed." Her strong character development and unique writing style have helped her gain more than 9,300 followers on Instagram (@authorjilliandunlay), and a growing fan base on Facebook (@authorjilliandunlay) and Twitter (@jilliandunlay).

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"I've spent two years developing the characters and storyline, researching, writing and self-publishing this book," Dunlay says. "All the hard work—setting and achieving writing deadlines, rewrites and edits and choosing cover art— has been worth it when my fans tell me how much they love the story."

Dunlay is already working on her second novel, a mystery, which she hopes to publish in 2019.

For more information about Jillian Dunlay or "Untamed," visit [www.jilliandunlay.com](http://www.jilliandunlay.com).

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### About Jillian Dunlay

Jillian Dunlay is an Overland Park, Kansas teen novelist who developed her style and voice over the years by writing dozens of shorts stories and reading. Fascinated with literature, Dunlay started writing at age six. When she was nine, Dunlay began her foray into poetry, satisfying an obsession she had with its beauty, discipline and approach to the written word. In her elementary years, Dunlay had three poems published, including "Just a Driveway," which appeared in Elementia Magazine in 2015. The budding poet was selected to read the poem in front of a crowd of 300 at Johnson County Community College, a moment that Dunlay considers a defining, humbling experience. Gaining confidence from her voracious reading and studying the works of other authors, Dunlay wrote her first novella at age 11, "By the Seashore," which inspired her to write a full-length novel. Little did Dunlay know that a seventh-grade English assignment would provide fodder and motivation to pursue the dream of a novel. The 2,000-word school project eventually became "Untamed," the dystopian novel that 16-year-old Dunlay published in 2017.