



Home-schooled teen uses unusual curriculum to publish first book

Most high school seniors come away from their final English assignments with a grade they hope is good enough to earn a diploma.

Rachael Wardyn finished her high school English class with something a little more tangible than a grade. She published a book.

The 18-year-old home-schooled student who lives south of Brady has a 246-page paperback book with her name on it ... as the author.

“I guess I would describe myself as a dreamer,” Wardyn says. “I enjoy reading and writing and I also consider myself an artist. Writing, for me, is just another way of making pictures.”

Wardyn started writing short stories with a special friend, Brianna, when she was 10 or 11 years old.

She said they would take a published series and make their own characters.

“She would be the editor,” Wardyn said. “She was more into the structure than the story.”

WHERE TO FIND IT

Rachael Werdyn's book 1964, "The Black Robin of Fern" is available to purchase at Lasso Espresso in Gothenburg and A-to-Z Books in North Platte. It is also available to buy directly from her by calling 308-686-5221.

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