



### **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 Warden'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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