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BUDDING AUTHOR TAKES HIS IMAGINATION TO NEW HEIGHTS

Livonia resident wants to write books and sail the great seas

Livonia, MI—May 7, 2007-- Talking dolphins, underwater shipwrecks, multiple storms on the high seas, two good-looking heroes and even a little bit of romance, sound like the latest fantasy novel on the bookstands or on the big screen? Maybe someday.

Meet writer and Livonia resident Darin McClelland, author of three action-packed books designed to keep the reader on the edge of their seat.



“Some of these stories are based loosely on real-life but most of it is made up by me,” said college student McClelland. “I really love the open water and the cool adventures that I can create along the way.”

McClelland, who has a mild disability, decided after attending Franklin High School, to pursue his passion of writing, taking Journalism classes at Schoolcraft College. But even before his college education started, he was penning his very first book.

“Once I start writing, it goes pretty fast,” said McClelland. “The last book I wrote only took four months to write and now I’m starting a ‘prequel’. I’m not sure how long that will take.”

When he’s not putting pen to paper, McClelland likes to build elaborate Lego displays and spends time working in the college’s computer lab. When asked about inspiration for his three books, there is not a moment of hesitation.

“Dr. Seuss and J.K. Rowling. Theodor Geisel had quite a challenge getting his writings published, as a matter of fact; they were rejected 26 times before someone even gave him a chance. The Harry Potter series is just thrilling and so well written.”

McClelland is currently researching publishing companies and thinking up more action-packed adventures to include in his current book.

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