

Thornton woman writes her first children's book

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Local News - Homegrown talent is behind the newest phenomenon in children's books.

The Gratitude Bugs was created, written, edited and illustrated in Thornton and Barrie The book is about a curious young boy who meets a bug with a limp who teaches children, and reminds adults, the importance of acceptance and gratefulness.

The book G-Bugs, Sam Meets Caterpillar Kaleb entertains and educates youngsters about important life issues such as self-esteem, confidence, responsibility and of course, gratitude.

“Each character has a quirk that makes them unique and it’s their attitudes towards their differences that makes the characters and the story special,” says creator and author Jackie Jones, of Thornton, Ontario.

The soft cover book is a result of months of hard work between Jackie, her editor and Barrie resident Mike Muxlow and illustrator George Athanasiou, also of Thornton.

For all three, this book marks their first endeavor into children’s literature and the book has already received an impressive endorsement from co-author of Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul, Janet Matthews.

“This book is a dream come true and I am grateful to have met and worked with some really amazing local people” said Jones. “There are plans for more stories. In fact, some have already been written, but for right now I want to enjoy this one” she added.

A percentage of the book sales will go directly to help sick and abused children.

Currently, G-Bugs, Sam Meets Caterpillar Kaleb is available online at g-bugs.com, but should land in bookstores soon.

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