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Stevenson College Edinburgh Student Has Book Published May 2009

In May Stevenson College Edinburgh student Brian Dillon had his book 'Galactic Peacemaker' published by YouWriteOn. The book is a Science Fiction adventure that covers many contemporary themes. Brian's achievement is made all the more special due to the fact that he has dyslexia.

Brian has been a client at West Edinburgh Action, a department of Stevenson College Edinburgh that works with the local community to provide help in developing employability skills and widen opportunities into learning. Brian has been helped in various ways over a number of years including confidence building, learning to suit his requirements, jobsearch, in work support and IT development.

Brian became interested in writing 16 years ago when, while studying Social Work at Edinburgh University, a fellow student committed suicide. This tragic event inspired Brian to write a poem in the style of a suicide note. Brian left this poem lying on a desk to be found by another student who took the note to be real. The police were called and frantically tried to track him down. When they finally did so, the truth behind the note came out.

Brian was understandably embarrassed by these events and decided to write another poem entitled 'Sorry' apologising for the trouble that he had caused. Both incidents enflamed Brian's passion for writing and he has continued to write ever since.

Brian's aim was to write a story that was universal and appealed to a wide range of readers. He wanted to create an old fashioned story of good triumphing over evil which covered a number of contemporary themes. Brian is keen to stress that the main purpose of the story is to entertain.

Quote from Brian:

"This book was difficult to write but I hope a pleasure to read."

"Galactic Peacemaker" (ISBN: 978-1-84923-909-7) is available from Amazon.co.uk priced at £7.99.

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