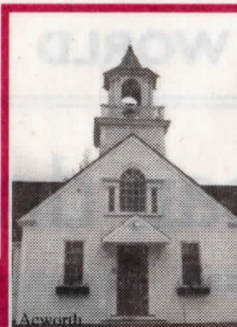


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Local author, 15, publishes second book

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ACWORTH — Ceara Comeau (pronounced Kara) is 15 years of age, and is fast becoming one of the area's recognized local authors. With her second book in print, she will be doing book signings over the next few weeks.

Comeau started writing 4 years ago, and with the inquiring mind of a normal 15-year old girl, she sees a "mystery" in almost any subject.

"I love to read and I have a passion for mystery," Comeau said. "I started reading the Nancy Drew mysteries when I was younger, and I just loved them. That gave me the idea that I would like to write."

When Comeau sees any type of situation she asks herself, "What if this happened?" This leads her thoughts to other "what ifs" and soon she has the makings of a good story in her mind.

"At first, I kept it to myself, then I decided to write children's stories," Comeau said. "I started a series called 'The Amber Oak Series' and volume one is already in print. My second book, *Adventures of the Young and Curious*, is a short mystery story, and will be in print in the next week or two. I am planning to work on the *Amber Oak Mysteries* while I get ideas for something else. If I don't write the story in the 'Amber Oak' series, it will just be another, stand alone, short mystery story book."

Amber Oak Mysteries are written around a teenager who is an outcast at her school. The girl hears about a mystery, and solves it with a friend who helps with the case.

In school, Ceara's favorite subject is English, and when she grows up she would like to be a detective.

"I will continue to write," Comeau said. "If I am a detective, I will have a lot of interesting cases to write about."

Not your typical teenager, Comeau does not do

much except write.

"I'm a country girl," Comeau said. "I do like to hike, but my writing takes up almost all of my time."

Everyone has a place where they can retreat to and just let their mind relax. Comeau likes to go to an old tire swing in her yard.

"That is the place where I get my best story ideas," Comeau said. "Then, I can add my characters and plan the plot. The story unfolds, and Amber and her friend get the mystery solved."

In the 'Amber Oak Series,' the stories are written about innocent experiences that turn into mysteries.

'Amber Oak and the Red Rug Room' starts as a sleep over, something most young teenagers do.

While Amber is at her friend's house she goes upstairs. There are three doors in the upstairs hall, and she opens the wrong door. She notices the red carpet on the floor and the strange interior of the room, and decides to come back later and look around.

Later that night, when everyone is in bed, Amber leaves her friend's room and goes back to the room with the red carpet. She opens the door and moves through time. Amber's friend goes looking for her and the two work through various adventures to solve the mystery.

In another story, 'The Skeleton's Secret,' the idea for a mystery story came to Comeau while she was looking at an old cellar hole from the days when Acworth was first settled. With over two hundred years of history in that cellar hole, she could feel a mystery in the making.

In the story, Amber is walking around the cellar hole with her friends, when she hears a hollow sound beneath her when she sets her foot on the ground. She stomps a couple of times, and the hollow sound persists. She dislodges a rock and there is a tunnel. At that point, the other young people she is with tell her that there have been reports of tapping and other weird noises coming from that



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Ceara Comeau, Acworth's 15-year-old author, holds her two published books, *Amber Oak Mysteries* and *Adventures of the Young and Curious*.

cellar hole. The resulting "find" and the adventures to the end of the story keep the reader spellbound and on the edge of their chair.

Other titles will tempt any person with a mind for mysteries. Comeau writes for children, but her novels will hold the adult mind in suspense as you read through the chapter to see how it will end.

The books are tastefully written in a language that most teenagers can relate to.

Besides going to school and writing her books

and short stories, Comeau also writes for the Acworth Newsletter, a monthly publication that is printed in Acworth and mailed to subscribers.

Ceara is the daughter of John and Charlotte Comeau, and she lives in Acworth with her cats, dog, and the family flock of chickens.

Comeau, like all published authors, has a web site: www.phantomave.com where people can see her picture, purchase or download her books, and enjoy the stories and post a comment.