Spanish Alumna Turns Children’s Author

Many of us have read the escapades of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, but Becky Thatcher has her own story to tell in Jessica (Aycock) Lawson’s *The Actual & Truthful Adventures of Becky Thatcher*. The children’s book is the first published novel for Lawson (BA ’02, Spanish). Publisher Simon & Schuster is selling the book as an individual title and in a boxed collection set with Mark Twain’s classics, according to Lawson.

“Writing for ages 8 to 12 comes naturally to me because that’s when I fell in love with reading,” said Lawson, who started writing as a hobby after becoming a mother. “The books I read as a child captivated me through my early years. The stories and writing styles that complement a younger audience still resonate with me as an adult.” Lawson’s second book, *Nooks & Crannies*, a mystery-in-a-manor story set in 1906 England, is due out in June 2015.

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