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## Natalie's thrilled to get into print



Natalie Igharo, author at 14

NATALIE Igharo, 14, has something special to celebrate other than the start of the summer holidays from school.

The talented youngster, a pupil at St Paul's Catholic College at Burgess Hill, has launched a sophisticated thriller called *The Robotic Tales* as her first book.

Natalie delves in politics and human rights in the futuristic book.

The story begins in Russia, in 2055. Klikko is a rebel Robot wishing for equal rights for Robots, which quickly escalates into his wish to establish a Robotic state, controlled by him. He manages to raise an army of like-minded Robots and they storm Russia, killing many humans and eventually taking control of the entire country.

News of this is not really acknowledged by the world until simultaneous attacks on America, Spain and China occur, in the form of school shootings by children that had been bullied by their peers and manipulated by Klikko. This leads to the attempted invasion of America, the establishment of an independent state of Kaxland (formerly Florida) and the world beginning to take notice of the threat posed by the Robots.

It is at this point when the group of child spies, the F, begin to form missions to conquer Klikko. Maria Elle and her friends Electra, Mimi Clara, Gabriella, Michael, Jake, Ethan and Katie are sent on missions to lessen the effects of Klikko's rampage across the world and rescue people from oppression by Klikko.

Natalie said: "Although it is specifically aimed at teenagers who enjoy science fiction, most of the older ardent readers of science fiction novels who read and commented on it said that they enjoyed it."

Editor Paul Benham said: "I think what Natalie has written at her age is quite remarkable. The plot holds together in its entirety and I particularly enjoyed the moral-political angle put in and the liveliness of the dialogue used. I'm sure that young teenagers would enjoy the story. It is fast-paced with plenty of action that deals with issues, often humorously, which relate to teenagers."

*The Robotic Tales* 206 pages price £6.99.

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