

Book Signings Planned for Recent SWOSU Grad's First Fantasy Story Novel

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Recent Southwestern Oklahoma State University alumnus and Fairview native Dakota Kemp has had an eventful summer, culminating with the publishing of his first novel, a fantasy story, entitled *The Arrival*.

The 2014 graduate will have two book signings in Weatherford. The first is planned Tuesday, September 9, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center on the Weatherford campus. The second one will be Saturday, September 13, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ratcliffe's Book Store. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Kemp graduated from the university with a degree in Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement. His new book is the first in a projected series of four. A medieval epic in the style of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy or George R. R. Martin's *A Game of Thrones*, the 400-plus page story transports the reader into a different reality, which is an experience that Kemp wished to portray to his audience through his work.

Beginning when he was 14 years old and transcending into his adult career, Kemp's love for writing evolved as he grew older. From renditions of King Arthur legends to the eventual development of his own fantasy world, a multitude of ideas took shape in Kemp's head for years before he decided to put them into action in the form of his own novel.

Though he knows that not everyone shares his affinity for fantasy stories, Kemp said that he has always been fascinated by magic and the concept of alternate worlds. Regardless of how much attention the book attracts, Kemp is proud of his creation and hopes that readers everywhere enjoy experiencing *The Arrival*.