

## Zondervan publishers announce newest publications for teens

By Mary Weimer

Zondervan Publishers in Grand Rapids have recently published some fascinating Christian young adult fiction novels, sure to capture the interest of teens everywhere.

*The Prophecy*, by Dawn Miller, is the first book of a new series entitled *The Watchers Chronicles*. An unexpected reunion of five teens at a Mardi Gras parade in St. Louis ignites the age old battle between good and evil.

The suspense-filled thriller is intense. The characters engage in a battle for souls as dark angelic forces move into position to fight a final battle against humans.

For more information, please visit [www.zondervan.com/Teen](http://www.zondervan.com/Teen).

Dragons are the featured evil kidnapers in *Starlighter*, by author Bryan Davis. The dragon planet called Starlight is the destination for humans kidnapped by the dragons.

*Starlighter* is the first in a new *Dragons of Starlight* series for young adult fantasy enthusiasts. Bryan Davis's first fantasy series, *Dragons in Our Midst* and *Oracles of Fire*, so well-received by young adults, were only the beginning of his imaginative fantasies.

For more information, visit [www.starlighterbook.com](http://www.starlighterbook.com) or [www.zondervan.com](http://www.zondervan.com).

Dr. Alister McGrath has written a trilogy called *The Aedyn Chronicles* beginning with the first book entitled *Chosen Ones* aimed at young adults ages 9 to twelve. Yet another fantasy book, strange beasts and magical whisperings will keep readers entertained and on the edge of their seats. It's a supernatural fantasy with a Christian worldview with 20 beautiful black and white drawings throughout.

For more information, please visit [www.zonderkidz.com](http://www.zonderkidz.com).

## Great soccer player is subject of new book

(Submitted by Zondervan Publishers)

Kaká is a Brazilian boy who rose beyond a crippling injury to become one of the greatest soccer players in the world. He is the subject of a new book released in April by Zondervan Publishers in Grand Rapids.

*Toward the Goal* by Jeremy V. Jones, is the true story of a young boy whose only goal in life is to play soccer. He started playing at a very young age, but he suffered a broken spine, which doctors told him would prevent his ever playing again.

Not only did Kaká recover, he plays for Brazil today before millions of fans, including in this summer's World Cup.



**Just couldn't resist!** Young visitors to the petting zoo visit with tortoises that are just at their level.

## Apple and cheese pleasers (breakfast cookies)

By Judy Brandow

- 3/4 C. all purpose flour
- 2/3 C softened butter/margarine
- 1/3 C. brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 C. Quaker Oats (quick or regular)
- 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 3/4 C. raisins
- 1 C. chopped apples

Mix together. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° about 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes about 2 dozen.



**The resident swan family** enjoys an outing near Pomona Park. (Photo by Harry Wojahn) 3-74



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