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New magical realism book for tweens, set in Highland Park, Texas.

Local resident release her first book in time for the city's Centennial celebrations.

Highland Park, Texas— Author Jill K. Sayre released her first book, *The Fairies of Turtle Creek*, February 19th, 2013. Published by Wisdom House Books, it is available in hardback, paperback, and e-book on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Nook, iBook, and Kindle. She is also selling one hundred special editions, available only at special events and through her website, in honor of Highland Park's town and school district Centennial celebrations in 2013 and 2014.

After living most of her life in California, Sayre has now been a resident of Highland Park for six years.

"I was captivated by the local creeks and Lakeside. My children always looked for fairies there when they were little. That sparked my imagination and the story began to form in my mind," Sayre remarked. "For me, creative writing begins with a "what if" scenario. What if there really were fairies in these modern times? What would need to happen to make us believe in them? What would their purpose on earth be?"

Sayre is a professional educator, specializing in gifted students. She researched the history of Dallas and Highland Park in the 1920's, as well as fairy folklore and modern philosophies, weaving her discoveries into her story: Thirteen-year-old Claire believes science has the answer for everything, so she is skeptical when her ailing grandmother, who comes to live with them, insists that fairies are real. Grandma pulls Claire in with stories about growing up in the family home in the 1920's, and Grandma's ideology begins to open up a world of new possibilities. Will believing help Claire with her crush on a cute guy, her concerns for her soldier brother's safety, and her own feelings of self-doubt?

Book reviewer Miranda from Fairy Fiction for Young Fans said, "Author Jill K. Sayre does a great job of fleshing out the main character, Claire, so that she feels multi-dimensional...It's a sweet story about one girl's struggle to believe. This is also a great story if you love learning interesting historical facts...I love a book that makes me a little bit smarter just by reading it."

To learn more about *The Fairies of Turtle Creek*, go to www.jillksayre.com or to <http://www.facebook.com/FairiesOfTurtleCreek> to join other fans on Facebook.