

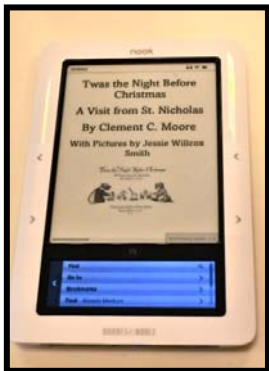


Wednesday's Child
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Wednesday's Child



T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring...except Ann – this week's Wednesday's Child – who received a very special gift from our friends at Barnes & Noble. Some kids want free run of a candy or toy store...not Ann. If given the choice, it would be a book store. So it made sense that one of this year's hottest gifts – the "Nook" reading device – was perfect for this teen, born in 1994, who loves to read. We're pretty sure she'll be up this Christmas Eve reading one of her favorite stories on it.

New technology is not complicated once you learn how. Ann got expert advice on how to operate her new "Nook" and all the necessary accessories she'll need to make this a perfect daily companion for her literary pursuits. In life, as with new technology, there are sometimes challenges and adjustments to be met and made. Both challenges and adjustments become easier with advice from "experts" and for many of us, we turn first to family members to assist.



Although we didn't find any families in the stacks of Barnes & Noble, we're hoping that a family with a heart for older kids will come to the *Wednesday's Child* "library" and "check out" Ann. Her story is a compelling one and she's often an open book – gladly sharing what's in her heart and on her mind. In fact, she spends some of her time speaking at trainings for prospective foster and adoptive parents to give a teen's point of view on what it's like being in the foster care system.

Why does Ann put herself out there? She tells us that people already have misconceptions of foster kids and she wants them to know that there is more than what meets the eye (or more than what people assume). We applaud her courage and efforts to tell her story.

As for fictional stories, Ann prefers books from the “Twilight” series and interested in a wide range of subjects – from the mystical to suspense and even “how to” books. She’s not decided on what career path to choose but some that remain under consideration include an actor, a writer or even a lawyer.

At her age, Ann still has a lifetime ahead of her with many adjustments and choices to make along the way. For now, she hopes that someone will choose her and get to know her better and make adjustments so that she can be written into their family’s story.



The “Nook” will definitely help lighten the load of books that Ann carries. We hope Ann also ends up with a family that will help lighten the load of life’s challenges and choices – and add to the joy – found in the future chapter’s of Ann’s life.



To learn more about Ann and about adoption, please call
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