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A poet who knows it

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At one time or another, everyone has searched for the perfect greeting card to give for a special occasion, only to find nothing that really fits.

Enter Lucinda Thierry, and "Made by Me" greeting cards.

Thierry creates person-specific, hard-copy greetings, each one the result of a special order.

After an interview with the card-giver about the purpose of the card and information about the recipient's personality and interests, she creates an original, hand-made card with calligraphic lettering and personalized poetry.

Cards for children have a just-for-fun message, she said.

Almost all cards created for adults are Christian themed.

Thierry grew up in Tulsa, graduated from Thomas Edison High School, and holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and broadcasting with a public relations emphasis from Oklahoma State University. She tried a couple of careers before an online job search led her to check on opportunities for women in the U.S. Navy.

She is now a civilian courseware developer and trainer for the Air Force and serves as an enlisted mass communication specialist for the Navy Reserve. Training brings her to Broken Arrow several times each year.

When an injury kept her at home on medical leave for several weeks earlier this year, she needed something to occupy her time. Anything physical was totally out of the question, so she began reviewing poems she had created for greeting cards.

"I realized I could do a book," said Thierry.

The result was "Salutations, Christian Poems for Various Occasions."

Thierry has modified the original poems into more generic messages, and added a facing, lined page with the title, "My Modified Version of This Poem."

If people use the printed poem, Thierry asks that she receive attribution. She also hopes it will inspire people to experiment with their verbal creativity and write their own original poems.

"This is a book you really can write in," she laughed.
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