



*Isabel's Closet* can be used with or without the Writing book. This is a review where the student used the book with the writing book.

A big part of the reason that *Creative Writing Made Easy* was a perfect fit for us was actually found in the pages of *Isabel's Closet*. *Isabel's Closet* is a paper doll set. But it is not just any paper doll set! With this book, you can design the clothes for your own character. The clothes are a blank slate for a touch of artistry and in this, my daughter excelled. After she finished each outfit, we ran them through the laminator. She was captivated by the start with the idea of clothing design, and this really helped her put her heart into her story. Each day's assignment included working on a set of outfits or the design of a house (rooms inserted into page protectors) for the paper doll. Suddenly, each writing assignment was a joy instead of a terror.

The assignments included walking you through the process of defining and developing the character and plot of your very own book. From character development to descriptive writing each assignment is a simple next step that builds until the student is ready to write her own short story. Since we were using this set with an 8th grader, Clara was able to work through the entire book in about six weeks. She took the assignments further than a student in the recommended ages (3rd -6th grade) would likely go and is in fact writing an entire book from her beginnings. Because of her age, I was able to give her the book and let her do all the work on her own.

When *Creative Writing Made Easy* arrived in the mailbox, my two daughters actually argued over who got to use it! My youngest daughter is not quite ready developmentally for the work involved in using *Creative Writing*

*Made Easy* so we decided to order her a second set to use when she is ready.

**My Bottom Line:** Both my daughter and I loved *Creative Writing Made Easy* and highly recommend it for all girls in grades 3 and up. We will be using this curriculum with my second daughter and telling all our friends in real life too!

~Amy Blevins

