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Teen 'genius' gets his hobby published

Car freak in print

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AN UPMINSTER teenager is set to go into print.

Gavin Harper, 18, of Fairfield Avenue, Upminster, is set to have his book, Fifty Awesome Auto Projects for the Evil Genius, come out at the end of the month via McGraw Hill of New York.

Gavin is currently taking his BSc in Technology at the Open University, as well as working for an MSc in Architecture and Environmental and Energy Studies at the University of East London.

He said: "I first got an old mini when I was 12 for £20, which was five pounds less than it cost to get it towed home.

"I've just played about with cars ever since and I've found out that you can do stuff, like building your own Sat Nav systems, fairly cheaply if you have the know-how."

Gavin, a former pupil at the Coopers Company and Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, started writing his book a year ago. He said: "I'm pleased to get a deal with McGraw Hill, and I'm so excited about the book coming out.

"I hope that it does well."

He is set to have another book, Build Your Own Car PC, out in December, while 2006 will see Fifty Model Rocket Projects for the Evil Genius released.

Fifty Awesome Auto Projects for the Evil Genius is set to be released on September 30 and will be available from Swan Library Books in Corbets Tey Road, Upminster.