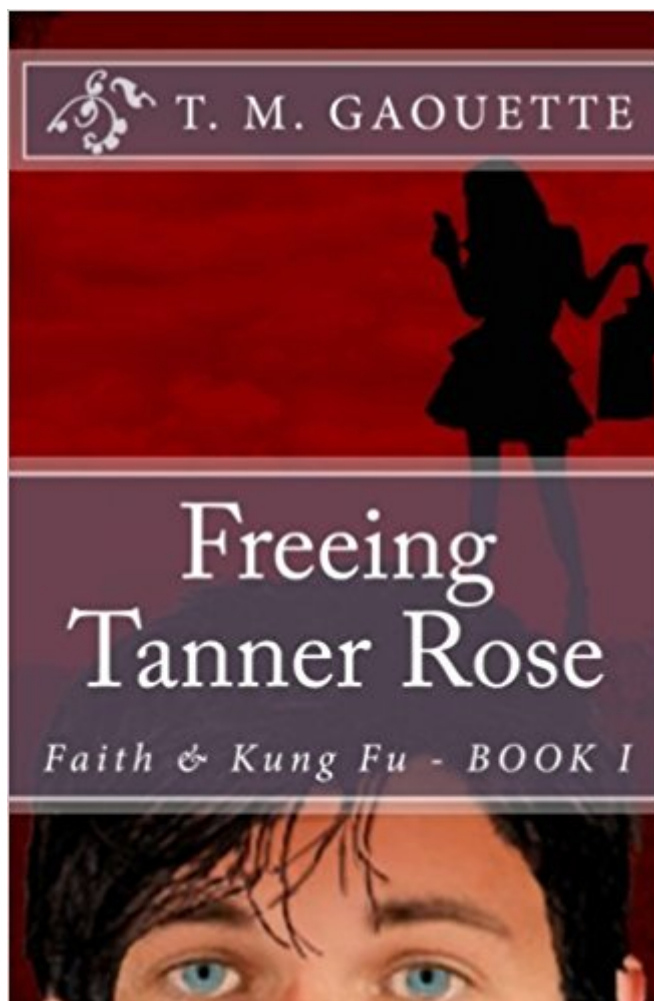


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Synopsis

For Gabriel, Tanner Rose is just a superficial starlet, addicted to Hollywood. For Tanner, Gabriel is just a boring, kung fu-loving, Christian boy, who's living a lackluster life in the middle of no-where. So, what happens when she's forced to live in his world? It doesn't take long before Tanner Rose craves a taste of her old life, even if it means upsetting a few people along the way. She thrives in the spotlight, after-all! Will Gabriel's faith encourage Tanner to change her partying ways or will her wild undertakings and addicting vices tempt him to do things he'd never, ever considered before? "There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13) Freeing Tanner Rose is the first of four books in the Faith & Kung Fu series.

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Customer Reviews

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Excellent, sweet story about a fourteen year old Hollywood wild child who is sent to the country to

detox for a bit. She ends up staying with a college friend of her mom who had a handsome, martial-arts studying sixteen-year-old son. Tanner, the starlet, is used to being fawned over and having her way, but Gabriel wants none of his. He values the qualities of the spirit rather than the flesh. Gabriel is disgusted by Tanner's lifestyle and choices, while Tanner finds Gabriel to be a bore and a religious fanatic. But as time goes on, Gabriel's calm certainty and high moral regard begins to impress Tanner, so much so that she begins to wonder if she is leading the right life. Principled and religious without being pious or cloying, this is a fun, refreshing story about something other than fashion and romance.

This book is great! Helps one realize that faith can get you through difficult situations and that you don't need to know how to "do" religion in order to believe. The characters are easily imagined in looks and personality. Wonderfully engaging.

This is a good book for modern Catholic teens with an exciting plot and a much needed message. The contrast between the two main characters, Tanner and Gabriel, is part of what makes this story so enjoyable. Tanner is a Hollywood child star, immersed in the world of drugs and alcohol and all the corruption of the cut-throat film industry. Although only a teenager, she is wise beyond her years in the ways of the world. I admit it took me most of the book to warm to her. At the start of the story she is stuck up, selfish, and not at all likable. But of course that is how she is meant to be, which makes her all the more striking by the end. By circumstances beyond her control, she is sent to live with a family in the quiet countryside, where she meets Gabriel, the story's hero. Now HIM I liked immediately. Devout, kindhearted, serious about his Catholic faith, yet without being a sissy in any way, Gabriel is a model character. When Tanner is dumped into his world, his virtue and love of God and neighbor is put to the ultimate test. I don't want to spoil the plot, but there are some unexpected twists and turns and interesting character development. The only scene that made me uncomfortable was at the very beginning, when Tanner is at a wild party. But I'm sure the author did it to contrast how much Tanner grows spiritually during the book, so when viewed in that light, I understand why the scene was there. I still wish it wasn't though. Overall, a enjoyable book that both girls and boys will enjoy.

Freeing Tanner Rose contrasts the shallow, dissolute life of a young celebrity teen, Tanner Rose, with the centered, integrated life of a quiet young man, Gabe, skilled at martial arts. Neither is quite what they seem. Under all of her attempts to dull her inadequacy and anxiety, Tanner has depth.

And despite his serene life, Gabe has known heartbreak and loss. Tanner and Gabe's respective "fish out of water" experiences hold the reader's interest. The novel's greatest strength is affirming that a wholesome, simple, and virtuous way of life isn't necessarily a dull one. Nor is a fast-paced life filled with parties and excitement necessarily a fulfilling one. I would've like to have seen more of Tanner's interior conversion to accepting Gabe's principles. Her subsequent struggles and temptations were handled well. Recommended for teens. (I received a review copy from the author. Opinions are my own.)

This story is so powerful, and I believe it will help many teens. What I would have given to have had books like this to read back when I was a teen! This would be the perfect book to give to a teen experiencing peer pressure. I remember feeling like everyone around me was caught up in promiscuity, drugs, alcohol. It was hard to find kids who truly practiced their faith beliefs. This book will be such a comfort to so many teens who may have a hard time believing that there really are GOOD kids out there, kids who believe in modesty, chastity, and abstinence. I'm really looking forward to reading more books (and giving them to my kids!) by T. M. Gaouette.

Freeing Tanner Rose is the story of young actress Tanner Rose. Her fame is overwhelming, she's been making dangerous decisions, and her life is spiraling out of control. She is sent to live in the country with her mother's friend Miss Ruth and son Gabriel to get away from the Hollywood lifestyle. The stark contrast between Tanner's world and Gabriel's life was stunning and Tanner's growth and struggles were believable. The story highlights the destruction that fame can cause at a young age as well as the dangers of drugs and alcohol which is an important message for all teens. There were a few aspects of the story that were unexpected. I thought I knew where the story was headed but was pleasantly surprised to find out I was wrong. I especially loved the ending of this book. Throughout the story I kept wondering how it would conclude. I usually love a happy ending, all tied up in a pretty little bow, but wasn't sure how that could be accomplished here and thought the author did a wonderful job. Great book with wonderful messages for teens. Well done!

Gaouette caught me from the first page as I was drawn into the spiraling world of teens today and all the dangers around them. What they think is cool is dangerous, what they think is beautiful is destructive, and where they can end up is the grave. This is a great book for youth to read to get a

better understanding of the attractions and addictions of this world and how those vices can pull you not only into a path of destruction but away from the most important one ever, Jesus Christ. Tanner, worldly main character, meets Gabriel, Christian teen, and she sees his resolute, peaceful life in The Lord and must choose between wealth, fame, and secular, lusty lifestyle or a new, redeemed life in Christ. I loved the book and can't wait to continue in the series. I read it from cover to cover in one night and am sure it will happen again with the remaining books in the series. MLH, Christian Home School Mom

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