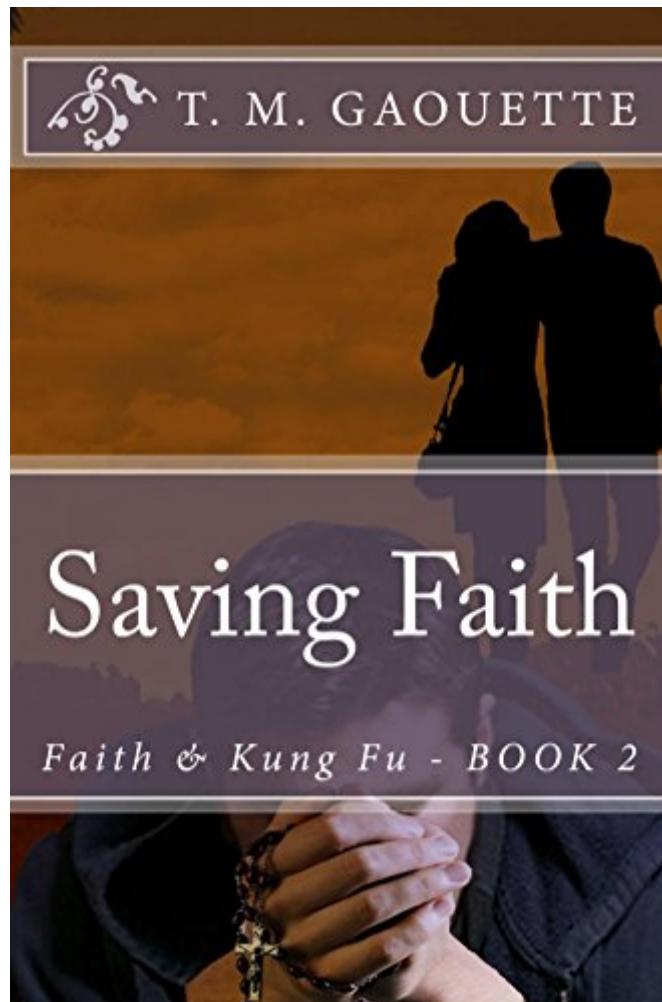


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Synopsis

With Tanner Rose gone, Gabriel is left to settle back into the God-devoted life he's become so accustomed to. Except that his best friend's sister, Faith, has decided that a life for the Lord is just way too confining. In an attempt to live a little, Faith focuses her interests on a handsome, but worldly, boy from her school, who has major self-control issues in and out of the kung fu arena. When things get too deep for Faith, she looks to Gabriel for help. Can Gabriel save Faith from self-created destruction or is he just too lost in his own worldly struggles to lend a hand?"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

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Customer Reviews

It had been ten months since I read the first book, Freeing Tanner Rose. I'd forgotten a lot about the character Tanner Rose and what had happened to her, so when she was first mentioned in this book, I wished for more specific background information to become reacquainted with her. I think

with that, any reader would be able to read and enjoy this story as a stand-alone if he or she chose to do so. Overall, this is a good story that shows teens struggling with faith in God due to events and circumstances in their lives but also enduring those trials and coming out with a better understanding of themselves and their fellow human beings. Gabriel is still my favorite character, but I could relate to Faith's situation and her emotions. The dialogue between the various teens seemed natural and believable. My only complaint is the way the paragraphs were structured in the dialogue. When one person was speaking, the reaction by another person was often included in the same paragraph, which sometimes confused and caused me to stop and read a paragraph again. This is a good, clean teen read that has a lot to offer readers regarding managing anger, first infatuation, and understanding what God has in store for you. I purchased the Kindle edition of this book.

A great read from cover to cover. A must read for tween - teens for getting insight and wisdom into the dating scene, the mindset of both young men and women, and God's plan for their best in Him regarding intimacy before marriage. The characters were a continuation from book 1 in the series and it was nice to go back into their lives and see their maturation process. Sometimes you're screaming "NO" in your head, sometimes you want to applaud, and all the time you just keep going one more chapter further to see what happens next. Gaouette is becoming one of my favorite authors and I can't wait for the next book or for my children to get older to read them. These books will become a part of their personal libraries and ones I hope they re-read throughout their Jr high and high school years. -MLH, New Hampshire

Sometimes when you return to a series, especially if it has been more than 2 years there is a little trepidation. I have read many series that ended up going downhill after the first book. Especially if the first book, Freeing Tanner Rose, was so good that at the time I considered it one of the best Catholic Young Adult book I had read. That was not the case this time. And returning to the small town and characters in the Faith and Kung Fu series was like visiting with friends that you have not seen in a long time. Like book 1 in this series this is an intense read but for very different reasons. Instead of being about someone who has not ever really interacted with people of faith, and helping them turn their life around. This book is about a girl named Faith, who has always been a Christian, a good Catholic girl. Her brother is a Catholic and her parents raised her well. But all of a sudden she is making some bad choices, some very bad decisions. She has started blowing off her closest friend. She is making jokes and disparaging remarks about things she believed and was committed to previously. She is interested in a guy with a wicked temper and who has hurt her and left bruises.

The boy she is interested in named Christian, is on a Kung Fu Scholarship at their Catholic school. He does not have any faith, and a lot of anger. When he is suspended from school for fighting, Faith has the idea that he can continue to train with Gabriel at the local dojo. And like his namesake the angel, maybe Gabriel can save Faith, even from herself, and maybe, just maybe even be able to influence Christian to help his change course. There are a number of strengths to this book and the series. First are the characters. Gaouette does an excellent job fleshing out her characters. They are real, and very well written. Also the plot, there are likely very few of us who have not known someone who drifted away from the faith, or someone who struggles or struggled with anger issues. Or have friend impacted by divorce and its effect on the whole family. Gaouette captures so many deep issues and yet deals with them with sensitivity and from her faith based perspective. But to find that out you will need to read the book. This is another great book by T.M. Gaouette, and I hope very much that it is not the last in this series. And that we have many more excellent Catholic young adult reads from her in the years to come.

Faith has been raised a Catholic and her lifestyle has been devoted to God as are her friends and family. She is tutoring a boy from school but she has mixed feelings about him. His name is Christian and his reputation is somewhat of a bad boy with an explosive temper, so Faith knows she shouldn't act on these feelings. She has so much teenage angst and confusion about her world. Is she missing out? What's the harm if she sneaks out and meets Christian at a party? Will Christian finally get the guidance he needs and is Faith's friend Gabriel able to guide her back to the path where she belongs?

"Saving Faith" is a book about a Catholic teen girl with the desire to walk uprightly yet is being tempted by the pull of the world. The author does a great job taking us on her emotional journey leading up to the moment where she must decide if she's going to stay true to who she is or succumb to the overwhelming pressure placed on her by her peers. There is a firm foundation of Biblical truths woven through the story. The author has a pleasant writing style and this book nicely ties in with the previous book in the series.

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