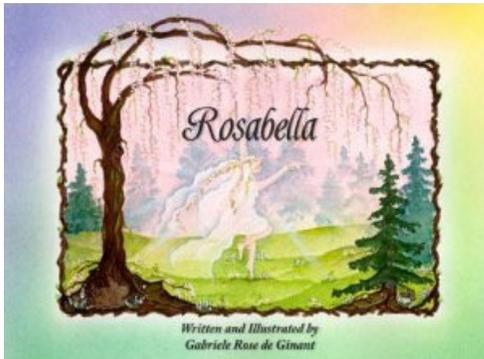


Readin' & Writin' with Lauraine- March 2012



Do you realize how many dynamic, creative people live in Tehachapi? As far as I'm concerned, we can consider ourselves a gathering place. Because of my membership in the Crossroads Gallery, I have recently become acquainted with another local writer.

Like me, Gabriele Rose de Ginant not only writes, but also paints. This month I have the privilege to share with you her read-aloud picture book called *Rosabella*. The title is as fanciful as her lovely book.

Besides being an artist and a writer, Gabriele is a dancer and like her character, wants the whole world to dance. *Rosabella* is a delightful fantasy with a strong, message, almost an allegory. The illustrations are whimsical to match the little sprite with a dream, or at least the wish to find her dream. The story and pictures are so interwoven that the reader cannot help but smile. You can find the book at online bookstores, and your local bookstores, too.

My second book selection this month is an I-hated-to-put-it-down thriller by DiAnn Mills, titled *Attracted to Fire*. A group of FBI agents are assigned to protect the president's adult daughter who is fighting addictions, while being stalked and threatened. The group is sequestered at a ranch in Texas, yet people keep dying



anyway. I almost flipped to the end to learn the identity of the bad guy! I nearly succumbed, but sure glad I didn't. I hope you enjoy this one as much as I did and maybe you'll figure out who-done-it before I did.

I thought it might be fun to include other books I have read recently. I think I mentioned *The Circle Maker*, a powerful book on prayer based on the story of Honi, the rainmaker of Old Testament times. Exceptional book and I highly recommend it. Another book that I will continue to shout about and share with everyone is *Jesus Calling*, a life changing daily devotional by Sarah Young.

As always, I wish you happy reading and if you are a writer, keep at it, not matter what you hear about the publishing industry in the news.

Happy Spring, and until next time,

Happy readin' & writin' from Lauraine