

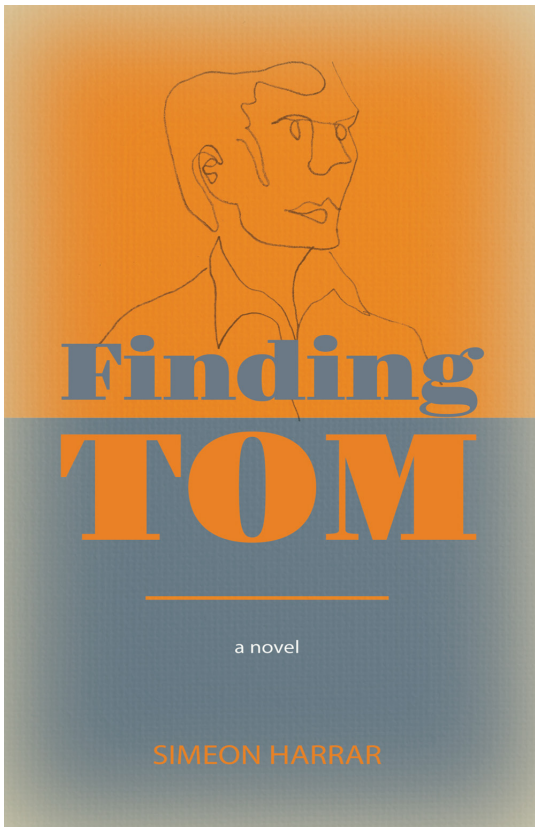


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NOVEL EXPLORES THE POWER OF WRITING UPON ONE'S INNER JOURNEY *Young Author Addresses Relatable Topics of Grief, Faith, and Hope*



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Although set in 1950's America, author Simeon Harrar's first novel *Finding Tom* (Ambassador International; November 2012; \$13.99, paperback) addresses issues that are still relevant today for people of all ages. Harrar explores the question of where one is most likely to find and be closest to God while simultaneously demonstrating the cathartic power of writing.

Protagonist Tom Weston grows up in rural America until his world is turned upside down by the death of his mother. Floundering Tom has no goals for the future until an unexpected writing contest leads him to an equally unexpected mentor. His path takes him to the prestigious Locklear University where he finds himself a stranger in a new world in which all of his peers come from a very different background. Encouraged by his mentor, Dr. Emory, Tom turns to writing as a means of expression. While addressing issues from loss and change to peer pressure and finding your first love, Harrar attempts to demonstrate the power of writing in discovering God and thus oneself.

Harrar's passion for writing and desire to inspire young Christians led him to publish his first novel. "I hope that *Finding Tom* will be a breath of fresh air for those of you who are like me and love stories but also want depth and literary merit," he states.

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To learn more about the author Simeon Harrar and *Finding Tom*, visit simeonharrar.com. For interview requests please contact publicist Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. What led you to write Finding Tom?
2. How much of this book is based on your own life?
3. Why did you choose the 1950s as the setting for your novel?
4. How did being a “missionary kid” influence your writing style?
5. Tom seems to be an outsider at Locklear. How important is fitting in for him?
6. Do you plan to write any more novels?

Reviews

“This was a wonderful story, delicately told, about a young man trying to find himself after the death of his mother at a boy’s most vulnerable age. Tom tries to make sense of a world where wealth buys undeserved privilege and poverty is a ‘condition’ that implies laziness and ignorance. God can seem aloof and uninterested in our small affairs to a young person who has to face tragedy too soon, but Simeon Harrar tells the tale of Tom with a sensitivity that seems beyond his years. I thoroughly enjoyed this delightful read!” - Donna Trainum

“This delightful book takes you on the road of a young man trying to find his “true self” while living in a situation that is totally foreign to him. The story flows beautifully and the author easily takes you from one page to the next, leaving the reader with the desire to find where Tom will be next....how will he handle the new and confusing things he encounters...how does he deal with the inner conflicts he battles....will he be able to come to grips with the spiritual questions he tackles along the way...will he, in fact, find Tom....the REAL Tom. Through the beautiful prose and incredibly descriptive background, you will find yourself transported to a long-gone time and place of innocence and self-discovery. I highly recommend this lovely book.” -Theresa Turner



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