

Content Guide
The Other Side of Freedom
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Themes: Dreams are attainable. Keeping a secret can create more problems than it solves. Sometimes decisions are difficult to make because choices are not clear and simple.

Educational Value: Questions to spur discussion about moral dilemmas, family values, key historical events, geography, and other relevant topics are found in the back of the book. Educators interested in a pdf of the curriculum guide to assist application of the book for full curricula in grades 6, 7, and 8 should email the author: toneyct@bellsouth.net

Positive Messages: Dedication, hard work, and cooperation can help a family achieve its goals. Love for a true friend will endure until friends meet again.

Spiritual Messages: Faith and prayer can carry an individual or family through the most difficult of times.

Positive Role Models: Young Salvatore Scaviano demonstrates the desire to do the right thing in spite of personal sacrifice. His friend Hiram demonstrates integrity and determination to succeed in the face of poverty. Their friend Antonina demonstrates loyalty and a willingness to help Sal discover truth and right a wrong. Salvatore's parents and uncle show their unselfish love for one other and for Sal.

Violence/Gore: No gore. Violence occurs in two scenes but is handled carefully, with little detail.

Sexuality: None.

Language: None.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: During Prohibition, wine is produced for the priests to use at Mass, but an adult character drinks it.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

The story takes place in the period of gangsters, G-men, and bootlegging, but in the lesser known setting of a 1925 Southern farming community. The story's main conflict arises when a 13-year-old boy, his immigrant father, and uncle encounter gangsters.

Rating Scale: LIGHT for ages 10 and older

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.