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Q&A WITH ROSALYN GAON (AUTHOR)

This might not be fashion related but it's friendship related. There are people in your life that will come and make a difference. Make you believe yourself and always have your back. I met my dear friend Rosalyn 10 years ago, and ever since, she's been a ray of light. The kind of person that's already so wise for her young age. An old soul that will always have the right word at the right time. Having said that, I'm proud of the launch of her first book, short essays about life lessons that will (hopefully) inspire you to become a better person and to encourage you to reach for the stars, follow your dreams...



Here's a little interview about the author herself...

Rosalyn, first off, congratulations on your first self-published book, it must be such a relief, I know you've been worked on it for a while. For those who don't know you yet, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

Thank YOU. I'm 24 years old, I speak many languages and I travel more than I sleep. I grew up in Geneva, Switzerland and come from a cosmopolitan family: my mother was born in Argentina and my father is Egyptian. I have a degree in public relation and psychology that I studied in an American University in Geneva. Something specific about me? I do not want to know about the future. I want to live it and enjoy what it has to offer. When I was a child, I quickly understood that my high sensitivity would play an important role in my development. I was able to feel things quickly and differently. I knew I had to make it my forte. I am a grandchild of a survivor from the Holocaust. If I have to remember one thing I've learnt: always fight for your dreams. You can make a reality of anything as long as you believe.

What made you want write this book?

It is my love for sharing with others, which led me to write a book. Life is full of surprises, of happiness, of tough times. It will challenge us. I have faced every situations with the confidence that what is meant to be will find its way and that time is the best remedy.

Who's your favorite author and why?

My favorite author is Paolo Coelho. I discovered him with "The Alchemist" and immediately fell in love with his authenticity. Someone who writes like him cannot be lying.

If you were on a desert island and could only bring one item, what would it be?

My iPod, because music brings rhythm in my life.

Without giving any spoilers, can you describe your book with a few words?

I am trying to express and unveil as honestly as possible my experiences as a young woman evolving in the 21st Century. Faith is an important part of who I am and it has always helped me to stay optimistic and to learn from each situation.

Any interesting projects for the future? What will you be working on next?

I believe in the beauty of my dreams so I believe I still have many dreams to achieve!

What's your motto in life?

I guess it would be: "what doesn't kill you make you stronger" and "smile and the world will smile back at you".

If you could be anywhere right now, where would it be?

Exactly where I am right now.

According to Proust questionnaire, what's your current state of mind?

Smile no matter what happens and take it easy.

What's your idea of happiness?

"Less is more" could sum up my idea of happiness. Happiness does not find its roots in others. Believing in my dreams and remembering that I am the actor of my own life are what I need to make my way. My mother told me that I was born smiling; I never really stopped and this is how I take life today.

So when and where will be able to purchase your book?

Starting this week, you will be able to purchase my book online, through my official website: www.papillonrose.com. A few exciting surprises are in the line-up for this exclusive online preview, and as from July my books will be available in bookstores such as Fnac. An exclusive book-signing session will also take place but stay tuned and visit my website to stay in the loop!

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