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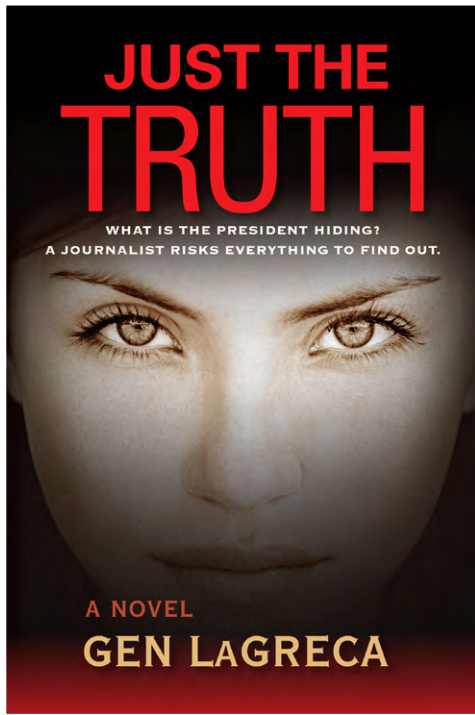
*Advancing liberty through storytelling and the arts*



## Reading Program

Teacher's Kit for the Novel  
*Just the Truth*

# Just the Truth: Teacher's Kit



Through this absorbing thriller and murder mystery, students learn about freedom of the press, election integrity, and the role of journalism in protecting all of our foundational freedoms.

This material contains no profanity or explicit sexual content. It is suitable for students grades 7 through 12.

*Just the Truth* aligns with Indiana and other states' standards for civics: election process, freedom of the press and of speech, U.S. Constitution, rights, and other topics.

#### Your Teacher's Kit includes:

- > Reading Program Benefits
- > A Synopsis of *Just the Truth*
- > Study Questions
- > Testimonials

## Meet the Author

For teachers in Central Indiana, Amazon best-selling author **Gen LaGreca** is available to speak to your class! Contact the Winged Victory Foundation to arrange for your students to meet the author.

### QUESTIONS?

Email us at: [service@wingedvictoryfoundation.org](mailto:service@wingedvictoryfoundation.org).



# *Just the Truth:* Reading Program Benefits



## STUDENTS WIN!

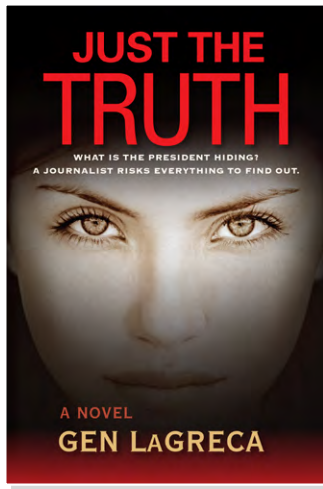
- › Heroes and timeless themes
- › Thriller, murder mystery
- › Enjoy a page-turning novel while learning important lessons on freedom of the press and our heritage of liberty



## TEACHERS WIN!

- › Study questions for reading assignments and classroom discussion
- › Author may appear as a guest speaker
- › Springboard into state standards for teaching the Constitution, Bill of Rights, electoral process, limited government, market economy, and influence of media and technology

# *Success!*



# *Just the Truth: Synopsis*

## NEW THRILLER ABOUT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

**A newswoman battles a powerful administration to keep journalism, a free press—and truth—alive.**

Set in Washington, DC, in the near future, *Just the Truth* portrays the threats to a free press in an era of growing government power and the courage of one journalist who risks her career, her reputation—and ultimately her life—to uncover a plot that just might be used to manipulate an upcoming presidential election.

This thought-provoking thriller, with its dramatic struggle for freedom of the press, is perfect for classroom use.

- Teachers can integrate this novel with civics-themed state standards for teaching freedom of the press, freedom of speech, the U.S. Constitution, the election process, and other subjects.
- Teachers can use our accompanying Study Questions to engage students in writing assignments or classroom discussions.

*Just the Truth* is the story of Laura Taninger, president of Taninger News, the organization started by her grandfather, firebrand newspaper mogul Julius Taninger (JT). Find the truth, wherever it hides was JT's slogan in the mid-20th century. Then, politicians feared his scathing editorials. Now, 70 years later, with JT deceased and his four heirs running the company, have the tables turned? In modern-day America, does the press—and the broader business community—still have the freedom to speak and publish the truth? These questions rock the Taningers' corporate empire and pit family members against one another when Laura investigates suspicious activities surrounding President Ken Martin's reelection bid.

Containing no references or intentional allusions to any actual persons, political parties, or events, *Just the Truth* resonates with everyone concerned about protecting our foundational freedoms.

Amazon best-selling author Gen LaGreca's three prior novels won twelve book awards and garnered praise from Nobel laureate Milton Friedman, CEO Steve Forbes, syndicated columnist Walter E. Williams, and other notable persons. Her commentaries have appeared in *Forbes*, *The Orange County Register*, and other publications. Gen has also worked as a pharmaceutical chemist and business consultant. A lifelong passion for ideas and a variety of life experiences bring vibrant characters, urgent issues, and thematic depth to her fiction to entertain and enlighten students and the community.

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# Just the Truth: Study Questions

**These questions are intended to integrate reading and writing to promote literacy skills by prompting students to recognize key themes, analyze competing ideas, cite supporting evidence, and connect individual rights with modern-day issues.**

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1. Do you like the main character, Laura Taninger? What are the qualities she has that you admire? How has her grandfather, Julius Taninger, influenced her life?
2. How does the administration of President Ken Martin try to stifle Laura's investigation of the new voting system that will be used in the upcoming presidential election in which the president hopes to win a second term?
3. Laura Taninger and her friend Sean Browne are news anchors on competing networks, but they have two different approaches to journalism. What are they?
4. What motivates Clark, Irene, and Billie Taninger to oppose Laura's investigation?
5. Faced with the intense pressure from the Martin administration and from family members who are her business partners, should Laura give up her investigation? What keeps her going?
6. Describe the characters of President Ken Martin and his aides Darcy Egan and Zack Walker. What is their end and what are the means they take to achieve it? Does the end justify the means, as they believe it does?
7. Describe Reed Miller's character. What motivates him? What risks does he take?
8. How can economic regulations lead to the business community's being unable to criticize the government?
9. What are the threats to Kate Taninger's freedom of expression on her university campus? When an angry mob confronts her, how does Kate handle the situation? Do the dean's actions make matters better or worse for Kate and other students who want to voice their views on campus?
10. Discuss how an independent and free press is essential in protecting our foundational freedoms.



# *Just the Truth: Testimonials*

*"I love this book at a very personal level as I have a granddaughter majoring in journalism. How timely to have protagonist Laura Taninger as a pathfinder in this noble calling. . . . My granddaughter will be receiving this book."*

– **CINDY NOE**, former Public Sector Chair, Higher Education Subcommittee,  
American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)

*"Gen LaGreca's novel Just the Truth is an enthralling read to the very end! She has a way with words to express what is happening in our current climate that blends seamlessly with the story line."*

– **PAULA B. WHITESTOWN**, retired teacher

*"We must wonder what crystal ball LaGreca consulted while writing her novel. The plot and themes of Just the Truth could not be more pertinent..."*

– **THE EPOCH TIMES**

*"Our society needs more entertaining novels that bring to life the importance of a responsible and independent press, an accountable government, and the rule of law. Gen LaGreca's Just the Truth does exactly that."*

– **CARRIE LUKAS**, President, Independent Women's Forum

*"Inherently engaging, impressively presented. Deserving the widest readership possible."*

– **MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW**

*"The book combines lyrical writing with an engaging plot and unabashedly courageous characters—rare today. It's a novel of ideas..."*

– **MARSHA ENRIGHT**, Founder/Former Director of Council Oak Montessori School and  
President/Program Director of The Great Connections seminars



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