

NANCY ROSE



BIOGRAPHY

Nancy Rose is the author of the thought-provoking book ***Raise the Child You've Got—Not the One You Want***. She teaches parents to Lead with Acceptance in order to prevent lifelong battles, help their children thrive, and enjoy parenting peace of mind. Calling herself “The Acceptance Advocate”, her mission is to call attention to the fundamental need of children to be accepted as they are.

Nancy considers her life the perfect storm for her message. A strong-willed child with a big personality, she felt rejected by her mother, who could not handle her persistence and tenacity. The lack of acceptance of who she was at her core drove Nancy to seek approval through academic excellence. She describes how, at age 24, she awoke from her trance of accomplishment when she realized that what drove her to become a tax attorney and CPA was the hope that her mother would like her.

When she herself became a mother, Nancy discovered that even with her understanding of the importance of acceptance, it was easy to lose sight of her sons’ need for unconditional validation of who they are at their core. But the same persistence that contributed to her early rejection ultimately served her well as she persevered until she found her own path to healing. As she describes the “moment of grace” that changed her life, her mother’s life, and her children’s lives forever, she shares with her audiences both her deepest shame and her greatest joy.

“Never make children feel wrong for being who they are!” she emphasizes, “I advocate and provide the tools for acceptance of children’s CoreSelf, meaning the temperament and gifts they are born with,” she says. And yet, acceptance is the just starting point, not the solution, she warns. “Acceptance of the CoreSelf does not mean unconditional acceptance of a child’s behavior! In fact, it is the parents’ duty to teach their children values, morals and proper behavior. But by doing so in a way that allows children to be true to themselves, parents guide them to become the best version of who they are.”

With a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, and an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Illinois, Nancy is a member of the California Bar Association (inactive) and a CPA (inactive). She uses her advocacy skills and her story-telling gifts to help parents understand what is at stake. When she makes her case and shares what she has learned in 25 years of focusing on acceptance, she channels the collective wounds, needs and hopes of generations of children. She won’t sugarcoat the pain that she believes parents inflict can inflict; yet her astounding willingness to lay bare her own vulnerability conveys the message in a way that can be heard and taken in by everyone.

CREDENTIALS

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law
- A.B. Finance, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana
- Member, California Bar (inactive)
- Certified Public Accountant (inactive)
- Volunteer coach, Girls on the Run, a transformational learning program for girls ages 8-11
- Creator, *Financial Problem-Solving for Women* (pro bono coaching program for women in need)
- Author/creator of *Parent’s Preview*, newsletter for parents on media matters affecting children
- Past president, Vichy School Parent Club (PTA)
- Premier Member, Women Speakers Association