



Goldsmith Jones

By Sam Taylor-Pye

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In 1860s San Francisco, fourteen-year-old Goldsmith Jones, orphaned and on the streets, must choose between the relative security of a life amongst the outlaws he calls his friends, or freedom on his own terms in this cinematic historical fiction.

San Francisco, 1863. Juvenile Goldsmith Jones is left stranded and living at The Shades, a home to some local street kids and others with no where else to go. While selling himself on the street to survive, Jones is charmed by a Navy man he calls Sweet Virginia. He soon finds himself moving further away from the relative security that exists at the Shades, along with his best

friend, Raccoon, and closer to the navy man, who he starts to believe is his only hope of getting out and making a better life for himself.

When Raccoon falls ill, he's taken to live outside of the city on the Rancheria, and Jones is left to the controlling powers of the unscrupulous Sweet Virginia. Without his friend looking out for him, Jones falls into one of Virginia's schemes that leaves him swindled, falsely accused of theft and in jail. Jones finds himself rescued by the leader of the Suarez Brothers, the charismatic Saul. Stung by his lover's betrayal, he begins down a path of violent retribution, impressing the gang leader and earning his affection. Now faced with a choice between becoming Saul's Little Brother, and saving Sweet Virginia's life, Jones embarks on a dangerous journey that will have life-altering consequences.

In **Goldsmith Jones** by Sam Taylor-Pye, readers are transported to a wild west that offers an alternative point-of-view to the traditional, masculine period they have come to know through other works, instead showcasing a more sensitive, but often darker era, where issues of sexual attraction and child abuse are discussed as accurate to the time. As told through the poetic and honest eyes of its eponymous main character, **Goldsmith Jones** shows the power of positive relationships in our lives and that the American dream did not always extend to all.

About the author: Sam Taylor-Pye grew up on the border between Washington state and British Columbia, Canada and currently lives in Kent in the UK. She received her BA from the Open University, and has an MA in Creative Writing. This is her first published novel. The first in her historical fiction series, **Goldsmith Jones** by Sam Taylor-Pye (published Clink Street Publishing 9th February 2017 RRP TBC paperback and ebook) is available to purchase from online retailers including amazon.co.uk and to order from all good bookstores.

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