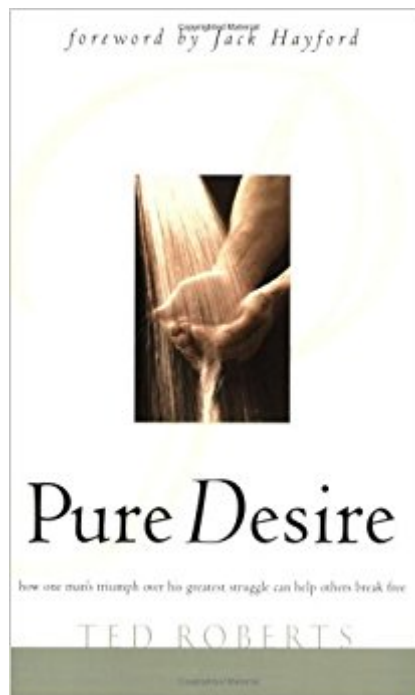




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# Pure Desire: How One Man's Triumph Over His Greatest Struggle Can Help Others Break Free



## Synopsis

Dr. Ted Roberts found Christ in the skies over Vietnam, where he flew life-and-death missions as a Marine fighter pilot. Unbeknownst to his wife, however, he also brought home from the war an addiction to pornography. Since his recovery, Dr. Roberts has spoken to thousands of men about similar problems, and he has reached an inescapable conclusion: Hell is using sexual bondage to tear the Church apart! Our world, our homes, our churches have become raging battlefields over this issue, and the Internet a stealth bomber from hell with pornography as its payload. More and more men-even Christian leaders-are fighting for their spiritual lives. Now churches can counterattack the enemy's assault with this effective battle plan and strategy for dealing with sexual addiction. It's a matter of spiritual life or death.

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## Customer Reviews

Ted Roberts is senior pastor of East Hill Foursquare Church in Gresham, Oregon. With a weekly attendance of more than 7,000, the church has experienced unique growth in the areas of small group ministry with support groups for those victimized by drugs and alcohol, divorce, dysfunctional families and sexual addiction. Ted is a former fighter pilot in the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife, Diane, have two children, Nichole and Bryan.

This book is very straight forward and full of truth and more so each day in light of today's society.....Our world is hurting and damaged and the struggles in this area by both men and women

are overwhelming living in shame..But truth and light are found in the pages of the Bible and the possibility of freedom and release from bondage are available to any who are willing to repent and then search for the power to restore ones mind, desires and heart...Restoration is and takes work on our part on a daily, hourly or minute by minute basis, triumph over any addiction is difficult and this addiction is by far the most damaging and defeating one imaginable..... this book requires work and commitment, but it is well worth it...!

This book is written to people who are Christians and are sexually addicted. It is also directed to Christian ministers and lay leaders who are called to help men under their care who are addicted. I haven't finished this book completely, but I have been helped to understand my problems. I have been attending a Christian 12 step group for sexual purity and one of men there recommended it to us. If you have doubts about rather you are sexually addiction, there is a self test in the back. He also uses many Bible quotes to help make his points. The author who is now a minister, was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam before becoming a Christian and his life experiences relate well most most men. The author was also addicted to alcohol and sex, as I. In my 12 step group I have noticed that many men who are addicted to drugs or alcohol are also addicted to sex. After they learn to control their first addiction, they come to realize that they have this addiction also. Sexual addiction is harder and takes longer to get under control. The book is critical of ministers who think that the addicted person just needs to try harder or have more faith to overcome their problems. I believe that only a person who has overcome this addiction can really know how an affected person thinks and feels. There is a listed of suggested reading in the back of the book, also.

From this wonderful tale, I've learned several life lessons that are of the highest importance.1 Pure things are often the most desirable.2 You should purely desire what you chase.3 Streetcars, oddly enough...work equally as well when they're named Chase.4 Streetcars, evenly enough... work damnnnnnnnn well when they're named Desiree.5 From time to time, Marines appreciate beautiful works of art, i.e. The female form.6 From time to time, Marines get...addicted to appreciating said artwork...7 The best artwork for Marines to appreciate...isn't displayed on computer screens or televisions.8 It's right in front of them.9 Time to stop chasing and desiring.10 No need to desire what you already have.

Excellent Book!

I buy this book over and over to give to friends. Know someone struggling with porn a sexual addiction? This is a must read! I've read a lot in this "genre" (so to speak) and this one is better than

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It was very direct and convincing in recognizing the need to break with sexual addiction and gave very good and practical ways to overcome. Plus the author's military pilot illustrations were captivating, and his personal battles in successfully recovering from very bad childhood were transparent and encouraging. I highly recommend the book.

Ted's personal experiences both in his struggle with sex addiction and in his career as a pilot provide a compelling unity to this book. He has a passion for helping the many people who struggle with this problem, but who are not receiving the help where they should be receiving it -- from their churches, who have the truth of the Bible, but often don't focus it in this area. The book has a dual-fold purpose. Foremost, to help the person caught in the bondage of sex addiction. Secondly, to sound a "wake-up call" to churches who are letting these persons slip through the cracks. It is effective on both counts, though I think Roberts sometimes tries to address both simultaneously, and would be better off focusing on the sex addicts as his primary audience, then addressing the churches in dedicated chapters toward the end. It is an easy read -- he writes in a conversational and "story telling" manner. He uses humor frequently and in good taste to help break the tension of a tough subject. There are also some helpful chapters from his wife offering her perspective on what it's like to heal along with her husband. I've read many books on the subject, starting with SLAA's big book, the SA white book, and Christian books such as Every Man's Battle (Arterburn and Stoecker), Faithful and True (Laaser), Not Even a Hint (Harris), and the Purity Principle (Alcorn). I found something helpful in all of them, but Roberts' is one of the best. It has the "empathy" of the secular 12-step "big book" literature on sex addiction, but goes beyond self-defined bottom lines and "God as I understand him" to a much more Biblically grounded faith and vision.

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