

## **Gabriel's Atonement, book 1 in the Land Rush Dreams series**

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*Gabriel's Atonement* is a fictional story set in the real-life era of Oklahoma's first land run.

### **Fun Facts about Guthrie, Oklahoma:**

1. On April 22, 1889, the first land run in Oklahoma was held. Over two million acres of land originally allotted to various Indians tribes was opened for settlement.
2. On the morning of the land run, Guthrie was a railroad station, and by that evening, over 10,000 people had swarmed into the area, birthing the town and earning it the nickname of "Queen of the Prairie."
3. Guthrie was Oklahoma's first capital city.
4. A Carnegie Library was built in Guthrie in 1902 with a grant of \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie. It was the site of the inaugurations of Territorial Governor Frank Frantz in 1905 and first State governor, Charles N. Haskell, in 1907. It's open for visitors.
5. When Oklahoma became a state, Guthrie celebrated with a marriage ceremony, uniting Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory into the 46<sup>th</sup> state.
6. In in August 1889, four months after the run, the Guthrie City Directory listed the following businesses:  
6 banks, 16 barbers, 16 blacksmiths, 17 carpenters, 2 cigar manufacturers,  
5 newspapers, 7 hardware stores, 15 hotels, 19 pharmacists, 22 lumber companies,  
39 doctors, 40 restaurants, and an astounding 81 lawyers!
7. With more buildings on the National Historic Registry than any other town west of the Mississippi, Guthrie is a wonderful place to visit.

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