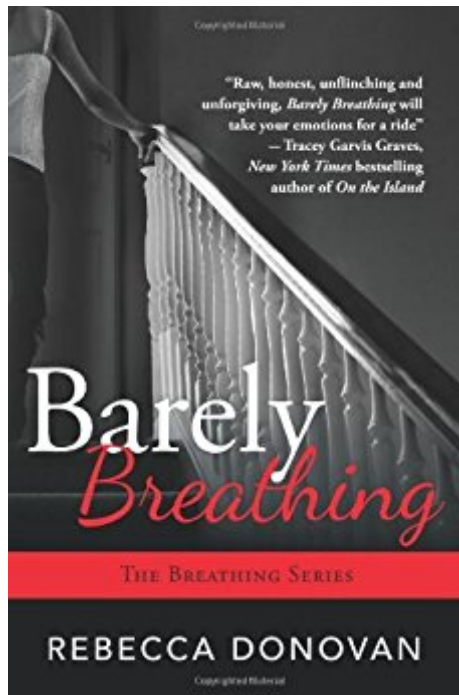




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"I've spent most of my life trying to make it to a future that still hasn't happened, or avoid a past that won't let me go. I don't remember when I've ever just stopped to live in the present, to hold on to the seconds I'm in." Emma Thomas's struggle with an abusive home life came to a heart-pounding conclusion in the final chapters of *Reason to Breathe*, the first installment of *The Breathing Series* • Rebecca Donovan's bestselling romantic-thriller (USA Today). Now her secret life has been exposed, and her tormentor can't hurt her anymore. Yet some are still haunted by that night. The bruises may have faded, but scars and fears remain. How will she reclaim her life when she's barely breathing?

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Customer Reviews

This book was a lot harder to read than *Learning to Breathe*. Emma had to deal with more traumatic issues. Can this girl catch a break? She also created a lot of the issues in the end for herself. There were times I wanted to reach in the book and shake her, doing things behind Evan's back and not thinking about the repercussions. Having the audacity to be upset with Evan over Annalise, when in

turn she was doing the same thing. Evan is a saint. He puts up with so much and in the end still loves Emma with everything he has. We learn more about Emma's mother Rachel this time around. She isn't a pleasant person, she is an addict, a liar, and honestly an abusive mother. We meet Jonathan as well, who at first is Rachel's much younger boyfriend. He develops feelings for Emma, which is a bit creepy as Emma is still in high school. I still loved this book the second time through, but the ending slayed me.

The Whole Story Kept Me Reading More And More With Those Whole Story!!! I've Read The First eBook Of This Breathing Series And, The Story Still Kept Me Wanting To Keep Reading And, Reading!!! I'm Glad To Have Gotten The Next One!!! I Know The Next eBook Will Keep Me Reading More!!! Loving The Series!!!!

"I begged for you to breath with every breath I gave to you. I kept pleading for you to breathe over and over again. And then....you did." Barely Breathing is the continuation of Reason to Breathe and starts from the major cliffhanger that gave me a heart attack. This book will show you how Emma was kidnapped and the outcome of the kidnapping plus there will definitely be some up and down moments with the relationship of Evan and Emma. You will also get more in depth of a relationship with Emma and her mother. Oh, and don't forget Jonathan. I know it is wrong of me but there was something about him that intrigued me that I needed more. I heard he may have a book himself for his story soon. Again, beautiful story that literally kept me on the edge of my seat and was barely breathing.

first book was great but this book should have been a Jerry Springer episode. Emma wasn't strong in the first book understandably so. all she did in this book was lie and deceive there's no growth. I shook my head thinking what stupid girl the whole book. I seriously hope no one likes Jonathan and him getting his own series was a joke. was I supposed to feel guilty for a murdering psychopath. I can relate to a lot about the abuse situation trying to keep it hidden. but the author completely missed the mark.

This book, though not unlike the first one, felt more hopeful. Well, until the end which I won't write about so as to not spoil it. Of course, I have no other option than to read the third book in the series with my fingers crossed for a happy final ending!

SPOILER ALERT, READERS! :)When I read the first book of this series a couple of months ago, I decided to not read the second one till the third is close for release because in my mind, if the second book will be as riveting as the first one, then I am done for. And I was wrong... this is more intense and I am glad I only have to wait a week till the 2nd of July.Ah...where do I start?Emily/Emma survived the household of hell of her uncle and aunt. Carol, the horrible aunt is now languishing in prison and Emma is living peacefully with her best friend Sara and her parents. Her relationship with Evan is flourishing.Then here comes Rachel, Emma's long, lost mother, trying to restore her life. By mutual decision, they agreed to have Emma move in with Rachel with the hope of rebuilding their relationship.Jonathan is her mother's much younger boyfriend. He is another broken soul, attractive and oozing with sex appeal. Him and Emma, their pain, their fears, their nightmares; they understand, they bond, they connect emotionally. Much to my dismay, Emma is relying more and more to Jonathan when circumstances arise to rescue her mom. And boy, did it happen often! What a sorry excuse of a mother, Rachel is!Though it is clear that Evan is the one that Emma loves, I've seen how the author made him less and less involved in Emma's life while she was staying with her unstable mother. Emma didn't want him to see the ugliness of fixing Rachel. She was living the delusion that her mother will change for her. No sane man (not a guy of his age, IMO) would stick it up with a gal with so much baggage like Emma. Her yoke is heavy, suffocating and downright horrible. But he was suffering from Hero's Syndrome, if I diagnose him myself. He is devoted to Emma. His love radiates through the pages of this book. I am enamored. I am captivated by him. **sigh**The confrontation of Jonathan and Evan was absolutely gripping. Jonathan, deliberately pushed Evan's buttons, striking a nerve when Emma's protection was put into light. I hated Jonathan for hurting Evan. I was ever so glad that Emma hurt him right back with her words and made it clear to him that she loves Evan, not him.Having said that, I would like to read more of Jonathan. I hope Rebecca Donovan is considering writing his own story, so he can redeem himself, experience rebirth and have his own HEA. I refuse to believe that "no one could ever love him". I want to read about this girl who will make his heart sing, the one who can mend his broken heart, ease his torment, pacify his guilt.As for Emma,burdened by the thought that she is hurting everyone who loves her, ran away - away to California, leaving Evan in the East Coast with a battered, beaten and shattered heart - and this is how it ended... so please, please, on to the final novel.As I'm breathing barely here...

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