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BOOK RESUME: BREATHLESS

BOOK SYNOPSIS

With graduation on the horizon, budding writer Claudine Henry is focused on three things: hanging out with her best friend, starting college in the fall, and having a fling. Then her parents announce they're splitting up, and her entire future—not to mention the summer—feels like it's crumbling under her feet.

When Claude's mom impulsively whisks them both away to a remote island, it's the last place Claude can imagine finding her footing. Until Jeremiah Crew appears. Miah is a local trail guide with a passion for photography, and a past he doesn't like to talk about. He's brash and annoying, but he's also the only one who sees Claude for who she wants to be. And before long, she's craving every breathless moment she spends with him. A fling is one thing, but surely there isn't enough time to fall in love, especially if it means putting her already broken heart at risk.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★"[A] bittersweet summer romance.... Discussions about love, sex, family, and the conflicting emotions caused by change are refreshingly honest."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

"A sex-positive summer romance that's worth reading." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Niven describes this as her most personal novel.... [She] intimately and sensually depicts Claude's determination to know herself and her body, and to genuinely connect not just with Miah but with herself." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Breathless is a frank and tender novel of self-discovery that fans of Sarah Dessen's transformational summer romances and John Green's stories of poignant self-discovery and difficult growth will enjoy." —*BookPage*

"A coming-of-age story that will make your heart ache." —*PopSugar*

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