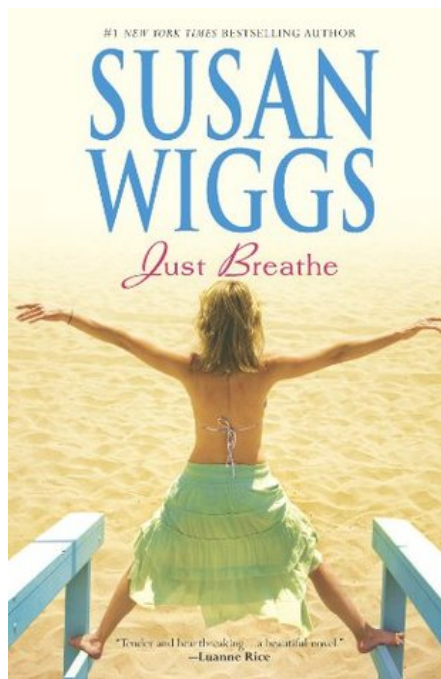




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Unexpected change can be like a breath of fresh air-a little brisk at first, but magic for the body and soul....

Sarah Moon tackles life's issues with a sharp wit in her syndicated comic strip Just Breathe. With both Sarah and her cartoon heroine undergoing fertility treatments, her fiction often reflects her reality. However, she hadn't scripted her husband's infidelity.

In the wake of her shattered marriage, Sarah flees to the coastal town in Northern California where she grew up. There, she revisits her troubling past: an emotionally distant father, the loss of her mother and an unexpected connection with Will Bonner, the high school heartthrob skewered mercilessly in her comics. But he's been through some changes himself. And just as her heart is about to reawaken, Sarah makes a most startling discovery. She's pregnant.

The winds of change have led Sarah to this surprising new beginning. All she can do is just close her eyes...and breathe.

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Denise Loza says

I liked the book because it is easy to relate to the general themes illustrated by the main character's life. It makes some very good points:

*One thing is always true regarding life, life is constantly changing. Sometimes not always for the best. However, even though the good is not always evident immediately, in the end there is always something to be learned.

*Another thing is that we all carry some baggage and we eventually have to deal with it in order to move on and improve ourselves.

*Which brings me to the culminating theme, self growth.

I liked Sarah's character development through out the story, because of the drastic changes in her that show how she's grown as a person. The beginning shows her as a woman who is lost and afraid. Someone who has many issues with herself that she needs to eventually acknowledge. Someone who is going through life and following someone elses' idea of what a good life should be. Then we see her go through the various steps that we all go through; denial, depression, anger, acceptance, and finally the piecing back together of a stronger self.

Bark says

When this book begins 20-something Sarah Moon is undergoing infertility treatments and her husband, a successful contractor, is getting on with his life after recovering from testicular cancer treatment. Sarah has nursed him through it all, putting her life on hold, and is just beginning to get back into the swing of things. She misses the intimacy they once shared but understands that he is still recovering. One afternoon, after going the insemination treatment alone (yet again), she surprises him with pizza at his jobsite and discovers he's been feeling fine enough to fool around with another woman.

Sarah calmly picks up a sledgehammer and knocks him a good one upside the head. While he's out cold and drooling she removes his remaining testicle with a box cutter and plops it in her purse for safe-keeping. Then she sits down in the comfy deep pile of the newly installed carpet, away from the trickle of blood so as not to sully her two-hundred dollar boots, to enjoy the pizza she no longer has to share and plots her future. Whoops, never mind, that was what I would have done. . . Instead Sarah puts the food down and says "I brought you a pizza and a coke with extra ice", hops in her vehicle and runs down a newly installed mailbox instead of her pig of a husband. Then she takes a road trip with her tail between her legs and moves in with her dad.

She sinks into a depression but it slowly begins to lift when she is given the keys to her auntie's peaceful cabin and she meets a young girl named Aurora who takes an interest in her artistic talents and just happens to have a hunky and very single step-dad whom she knew growing up. From here the book turns into a rather long-winded tale of rebuilding a life and finding true love despite the fact that she discovers she's pregnant with twins from the sperm injection.

This was a pleasant read, the characters were good people and the hero was charming though a bit too dreamy to be completely believable.

Allison says

I'm going to put my favorite quotes here so far:

P.21 "For many women, alcohol was often a key factor in conception, not a forbidden substance. Getting pregnant was a whole lot more fun for people who didn't read advice books."

PGS. 35-36 "This was the House that Jack Built, she thought, hearing the singsong rhythm of the old children's story in her head. And this was the wife who lived in the house that Jack built. And there was the mistress that screwed the husband that ignored the wife who lived in the house that Jack built....."

Susan says

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JUST BREATHE by Susan Wiggs hooked me right from the very first page and never let me go! The characters just grabbed my heart and I was instantly emotionally invested in every single one of them. Sarah Moon seems to have the perfect life. She works from home, has a beautiful home, a wonderful husband and everything she thinks she wants. Her husband gets sick but before he goes for treatment, they freeze his sperm so they can continue to try getting pregnant. Sarah thinks that's the only thing missing from her life. Hang on my friends, because Sarah is about to learn some hard life lessons.

Not soon after JUST BREATHE starts, Sarah walks in on her husband in the arms of another woman. She runs and never looks back and goes back to her childhood home. Sarah is devastated, depressed, and can't believe what a mess her life has become. If that's not bad enough, after passing out on the street, she learns she is pregnant. As she tries to get herself healthy, she realizes that she was never really happy with her husband Jack. Soon, Sarah reconnects with Will Bonner, a boy she went to high school with. Sarah has a comic strip that often mirrors her own life and Will was the guy she tortured in her comics back in high school. Now Will is the fire chief and a single dad to a step daughter, Aurora.

Will and Sarah become friends and nothing more. Or at least, that's what they both believe at first. Sarah wonders if she will be able to make it on her own as a single mom and also fighting the desire to become more than friends with Will. Sarah has so much growing up to do and it was a real joy to watch her come into her own. At first, Sarah annoyed me with the way she quickly gave up and ran away, but I soon found myself cheering for her as I was reading. JUST BREATHE is a fabulous story with very relatable characters and a plot that has many twists and turns. I still can't believe how long I waited to read this story and now I will happily look up Susan Wiggs other books and read every last one of them. Susan Wiggs knows just how much information to put on each page to keep the reader flipping the pages and soon you will find yourself unable to put it down.

Jane Stewart says

I enjoyed her journey, the parenting issues, and the small town life.

If I were reading this as a physical book, I might rate it lower, but as an audiobook it “hit the spot.” I had just finished some intense mystery suspense books and needed something lighter. It was very good for keeping me company as I drove, cooked, etc. It’s about a woman who discovers her husband’s infidelity, leaves him, divorces him, and starts a new life.

This is not hot and heavy passion and romance. Instead a friendship develops which eventually turns into more, but children have priority over romantic relationships. There are two sex scenes. They are referred to, no details.

One weakness was the secondary story about arson was not complete. At the end we are told X is the arsonist but nothing else. We don’t see why X did it, how it was done, and what happened to X and X’s family after.

The narrator had a lovely voice for women, but I did not like her voice for 13 year old Aurora. She sounded like a talking doll or a 5 year old. I also did not like her voices for men. They sounded weird.

DATA:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Unabridged audiobook length: 13 hrs and 30 mins. Swearing language: moderate but rarely used. Sexual language: none. Number of sex scenes: 2. Setting: current day Chicago and a small Northern California coastal town. Book copyright: 2008. Genre: women’s fiction with romance.

Stacie M. Ritchie says

This is a complex story of a woman who must find herself after giving up everything for her marriage. Sarah Moon has done a great deal for her husband and has been going to fertility treatments for a year. When she finds her husband’s secrets, she runs home to a small California beach town. She must find out who she is and embarks on a new life. She has some stumbling blocks with the divorce and her comic strip being dropped by newspapers. She discovers a miracle in the course of the tragedy, which is that she is pregnant. She ignores her soon-to-be ex-husband and strikes up a friendship with a thirteen year old girl. She becomes friends with the girl’s adoptive father Will Bonner. She realizes she is carrying twins and that she must fight her feelings for Will. He is swept away as well, but complications always come up. This is a poignant story of two people that are drawn to love after a complex history. This is a great story that runs the gambit for emotions. I would recommend it to anyone.

Marleen says

A better than average romance book, I would say. It didn't stay on the surface but told a story of two people that were each facing changes and challenges that were believable. Sarah returns to her hometown in Northern California after a failed marriage – and Will, who stayed in their hometown - struggles with his teenager stepdaughter. These two know each other vaguely from high school and now they will truly meet again and get to know each other better. This process of getting to know each other was slow and believable. I enjoyed the dialogues and I wish there would have been more instead of the repetitive soul-searching which was a tad too abundant. Plus the teenage daughter I couldn't really sympathize with.

Two favorite things in this book : 1) how Sarah asserted herself towards her cheating ex-husband. I LOVED that she found the wit, the insight and the strength not to go back into that relationship with a man who didn't actually know her. 2) Sarah's surprise pregnancy, delivery and motherhood. Just the best! Not a full 4, but close (3,75 rating).

Amanda says

I first heard Susan Wiggs at the 2000 RWA in Washington D.C., my very first romance Con. I was an immediate convert and I was thrilled to find this book under the tree on Christmas day - my very perceptive hubby did a little sleuthing for me and I'm loving it!

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Just finished it. Wow - how to talk about this book without spoilers? I'll just say that in the beginning, I thought I could predict what was going to happen (I'm a writer; that's part of how I read books!). I might have been right on some of the broad strokes, but once I got pulled into the story it didn't matter.

Susan Wiggs is a master at character-driven stories, and she knows the insides of the human soul, in bad times and good (*really* trying not to give anything away here). Sometimes it was tough going because too much of my own life was on the page, but that led to a happy ending I could believe in. Definitely worth the read!

Teresa says

Sarah Moon is a 20 something artist. She writes a successful comic strip with her comic heroine's life and antics a mirror image of Sarah's own life. That is until the unthinkable happens and Sarah has to make a choice.

Sarah moves home to the small coastal town in California where she grew up to start over. She is devastated, depressed and having trouble accepting her new life. Then she begins to realize she has not been happy in a very long time and that the break up of her marriage is making her again become who she was before she married Jack. Sarah has a lot of change coming into her life.

She reconnects with Will Bonner a guy who was in her class in high school. A guy she tortured in her comic strip. He is now the Fire Chief and a single dad to a teenage step-daughter. Will is dealing with a teenager who doesn't understand why her mom left and an arson investigation with no clues.

They become friends first and as the story develops, they begin to care about each other in a romantic way. There are hurdles and drama as their relationship evolves. The ex reappears, there's a run away, another arson fire, an explosion and twins to consider as they make plans for their future together.

I enjoyed this story about two people navigating life's up and downs as they become a couple.

Yvonne says

I really enjoyed this book!

Rachel says

Not my favorite. Nothing about this book stood out for me to separate it from any other typical romance novel out there. Found myself getting bored at times and skipping ahead to the next chapter to see if it picked up. I didn't care much for the lead, Sarah. I did, however, enjoy the story of the father and daughter in this one. I love stories where someone started out one way in high school (or wherever) but years later turned out to be this really great person.

Carolyn Lessard says

I was turned off at first after the main character, comic strip artist Sarah Moon, surprises her husband Jack with dinner at his work site to find him with another woman. The next day, Jack tells her he wants a divorce. Cliche, cliche...

But reading further, I liked how Wiggs gave Moon the strength to leave_ with her husband's cherished GTO no less_ and not look back. (She trades it in for a Cooper mini convertible!) She considers her part in the failed marriage.

When she settles back in her hometown, Sarah befriends a teenager, Aurora, whose stepdad is a former high school classmate.

In school, Will Bonner was an arrogant jock. Sarah used to make fun of in an "underground" comic strip she distributed in school. Now, a more mature Will has her rethinking her position. She discovers she is pregnant and is torn between wanting to make it on her own and wanting to be more than just friends with Will.

Will is dealing with his daughter who runs away to Las Vegas to find her mother, who ran out on them years ago. Sarah is now a mother and is her ex wants her back...for the sake of the kids.

The ending, as well as the beginning of this book are predictable. It's the parts in between that make this read worthy.

Amanda says

If there was a way to give this book 3 1/2 stars, I would. I was looking for a good, light read and this fit that perfectly. I don't mind predictability, sometimes I specifically pick up a book like this because I depend on it to be predictable with a happy ending. The only reason I would give it less than 4 stars is because I felt that the author made the ex-husband more of a jerk than he needed to be and contrasted him with the almost too perfect William Bonner. I supported Sarah's decision to leave her husband because he cheated on her, especially after all she did for him during his illness and also because they had grown apart. But then how he tried to manipulate her and was mean to her throughout her pregnancy and after she had the babies seemed

unnecessary. I wondered what she ever loved about her marriage to begin with. But I really liked Sarah Moon and the comic strip and I loved her grandmother and great aunt. Overall a very enjoyable read.

Nenette says

I don't know if it has anything to do with gender or if I'm just a natural romantic, but I really, really love romance novels. 'Just Breathe' is a feast for suckers of romantic novels like me, all with 42 chapters and nice cartoon quips. The hero and heroine did not meet (again, after high school) until chapter 18, or almost halfway through, and that's a record for me. One can say the plot follows the pattern/formula for the romance genre, but hey, that's why it's a formula, it works every time!

This is the first book that I've read of this author, thanks to my sister for the introduction. I've already searched in Amazon for her other books, and added them all in my wish list.

Dawn says

I really enjoyed this book. The main character, Sarah Moon, was likeable and believable. I found myself rooting for her along the story line.

The chemistry conveyed between her and Will Bonner, the male lead, is believable as well. It literally could be felt on the pages :-)) and I found myself eagerly reading to see what would happen next.

The story line features infertility, infidelity (not giving anything away), and learning how to live and love again. While not everyone has faced any or all of these challenges, the story is well told and just about everyone can relate to some part of what Sarah goes through.

I found myself not wanting the book to end.
