

Title: Breathless Author: Jennifer Niven Imprint: Knopf Books for Young Readers Publisher: Random House Children's Books On sale date: Sept 29, 2020 ISBN: 9781524701963 and 9781524701994 Format: Hardcover and Paperback; Age Range\*: 12 up

Grade Range: Gr 9 up (Recommended by School Library Journal)

# **BOOK RESUME: BREATHLESS**

## **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

A dark, twisty thriller about a centuries-old, ivy-covered boarding school haunted by its history of witchcraft and two girls dangerously close to digging up the past.

### 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

#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

• SELECTION 2021 - Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year - List: Fourteen and Older; Category: Coming of Age

#### MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Interview with <u>The Nerd Daily</u>

Updated 03.24.2025 Penguin Random House Contact BannedBooks@penguinrandomhouse.com

\*Publisher suggested age range covers the wide range of readers publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate range for their diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.