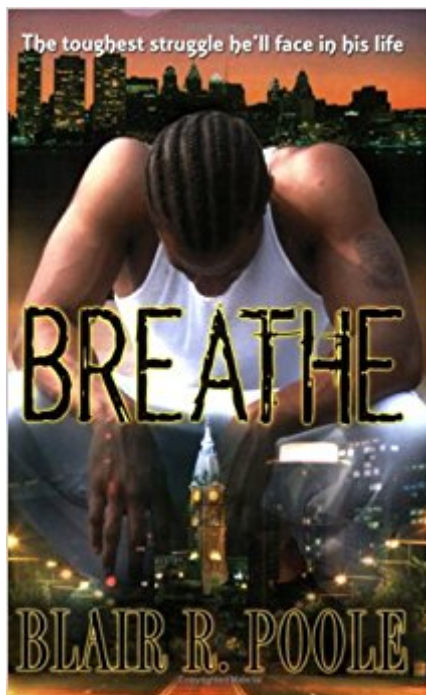


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# Breathe



## Synopsis

BREATHE is the story of a teenage boy's struggle to keep his sexuality a secret from his devout religious family and homophobic friends. BREATHE, which is set against the backdrop of contemporary city life and hip-hop culture, is written with a passion and verve reminiscent of James Earl Hardy. A realistic portrayal of the isolation, angst, and mental turmoil of a young African-American male coping with his sexuality, BREATHE is a magnificent work of American fiction. Blair R. Poole's prose undoubtedly leaves you anxiously turning the pages to find out the protagonist's Fate. And, after you read it, you'll truly want to breathe!

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## Customer Reviews

This novel literally stimulated me. It's the average coming out story, but the suspense had me hooked from the start. I wished the book could have been longer, and that the author would have got into the Nafiq character more, but I enjoyed it still. He says he is working on a sequel, hurry up, I'm waiting.

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This book was a great story that I think a lot of gay and straight kids can read and relate to. It shows teenagers who are dealing with their acceptance of who they are, and teach the ones who often harass them for being different some guidance on how to make it through.

Very well written and an entertaining read. Bravo! Encore!

Book is a great read

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the novel "Breathe" by Blair R. Poole. I was so entrenched in reading the book that I finished it in one day. I couldn't put it down. Beginning with page one to the final page. The topics and issues highlighted in the book are commonplace in our society today - that is why many young men choose to hide who they really are - and in a sense suffocate by trying to be someone other than their true selves. They are not allowed to breathe because of prejudices and ignorance.

I can't even lie, this book was GOOD. But something was missing...like I can't put my finger on it but something wasn't quite there that needed to be. So many situations were left out that could have been continued. It kinda leaves you hanging. Like, Nafiq's sister. What about her abortion, did she ever tell her parents? Did she ever tell them about her ex fiance and his sexcapades? Does Nafiq ever speak to his homie Shawn again? How does Nafiq and Julian's long distance relationship turn out? What about Julian and Lamar's friendship (or the lack thereof)? Not only that but the book definitely moves quickly. It doesn't say how much time passes between each chapter so when Julian and Nafiq "hook up" I felt it was all of a sudden. But regardless of it all the book definitely keeps you interested and I hope there is a part two. Maybe that's why he kept a lot of things out?? I sure hope so :)

BLair R. Poole's book BREATHE is a page turner and could easily be made into a film or TV movie. He occasionally slips up with regards to his characters and I couldn't understand his tangent for describing the rainbow that is BLACK ("honesuckle

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