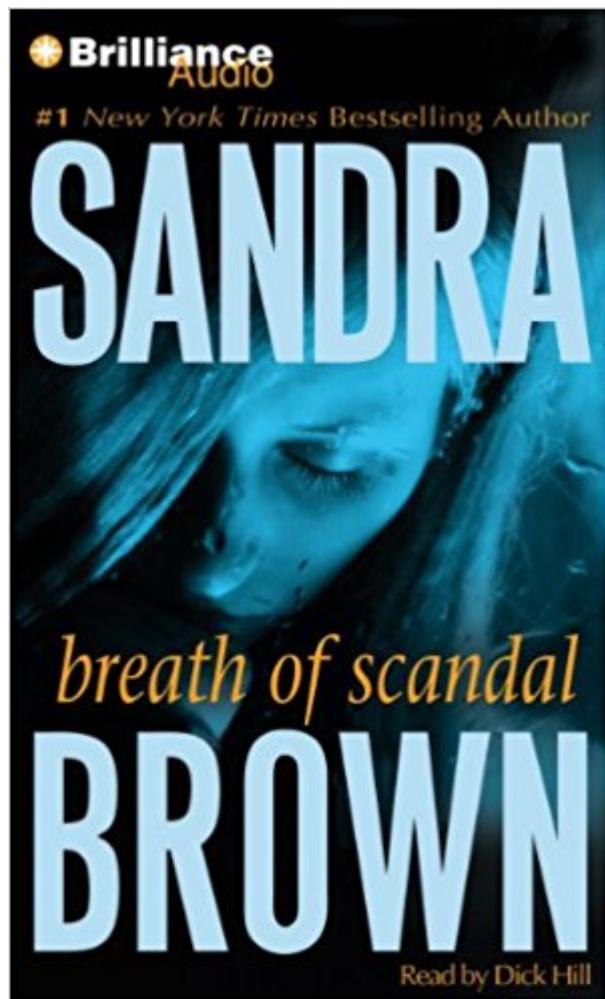


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## Breath Of Scandal



## **Synopsis**

The New York Times bestselling novel is back with a stunning new cover. On a rainy Southern night, Jade Sperry endured a young woman's worst nightmare at the hands of three local hell-raisers. Robbed of her youthful ideals and at the center of scandal and tragedy, Jade ran as far and as fast as she could. But she never forgot the sleepy "company town" where every man, woman, and child was dependent on one wealthy family. And she never forgot their spoiled son, who, with his two friends, changed her life forever. Someday, somehow, she'd return, exact a just revenge— and free herself from fear, and the powerful family that could destroy her.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Jade Sperry's entire professional life is dedicated to one purpose: revenge. As a pretty and intelligent high school senior she is raped by three classmates, an attack instigated by Neal Patchett, the son of the most powerful man in Palmetto, S.C. No one, not even her own mother, believes Jade's tale, and her boyfriend, led to think she cheated on him, commits suicide. Jade vows to destroy all three boys, especially Neal. She has become pregnant from the attack, but she wins a full scholarship to college and takes her baby son with her. Even after she achieves professional success, her violent past will not allow her to enjoy healthy relationships with men--until she meets Dillon Burke, whom she hires to build the construction project in Palmetto that will spell financial ruin to Neal Patchett and his father. A heroine with a one-track mind can be tedious, but Brown's ( Mirror Image ) portrayal of Dillon as a well-rounded character in his own right adds depth to a fast-paced drama. Doubleday Book Club selection. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information,

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This is a powerful story, beautifully told with outstanding character development of all the primary, secondary and minor characters. It is both an intriguing and heart wrenching story about a young girl's shattered dreams, her fight to survive and her ability to triumph. The story flows beautifully and elicits so many emotions from the reader (disbelief, anguish, sadness, disgust, awe, elation, joy and pride). A serious but uplifting read about a young woman who overcomes incredibly devastating events and overcomes them to triumph over those who tried to destroy her. It is also a story about the redemptive power of love and trust. I rate the book at 4.75. Bravo Ms. Brown!

This book will put you through the feels. Emotional turmoil is on the horizon here. You oscillate between different years so you can get the background of what is going on and why. For Dillon poor guy. I mean to have such a tragic ending to your first love story is so devastating. I did cheer him on against Scanlon though. Dillon is a character you fall in love with. Like Gary was except Gary in the end has you crying. Balls out crying how sad and tragic. He was great. So kind and loving. Patient and such a future ahead of him. If the story of what Lamar, Hutch and Neal and even to a extent Donna Dee did to Jade doesn't take your breath away than it's aftermath and what Neal did to Gary afterwards will. You have empathy for Gary and Jade. The feels is there for them. Gary though ends in tragedy. Jade ends wanting revenge and with a tough road ahead. Lamar is the first of the three to crack and his demise is sad. He wants forgiveness and Jade can begin to see his point of view but is unrelentant to him. When he finally is free, Lamar meets a sad end. Hutch is bogged by guilt and in the end he does redeem himself to Jade before coming to a sad end. He marries Donna Dee out of guilt. She protected him. She loved him and lost Jade as a friend due to her jealousy. A distorted twisted jealousy. Jade to get to be able to get her just desserts- she goes through a tough journey. She loses her mom to her mom's anger to her. Almost loses out on college and gets to where she is fearful of the touch of a man. She claws her way up to the top and comes back to exact a pound of flesh for what they did. Neal and his dad are in a crude way pretentious pricks. They think the world is their playground and they don't need to take responsibility for their wrongdoings. The train incident was nothing but a bump to them. It made them more out to be cruel and not care. I was glad with what

Jade did to them. They got a eyeopening moment.Graham was a sweet kid and what Neal tried to do was wrong. Never turn a son against mom. Dillon helped there. He helped Graham in growing from the first time they met.So did Hank and Cathy and even Mitch who is sad to see go.A book on small towns and perceptions that can be made when the rich people in town control the outcomes. What happens to the innocent when the perception is against them and what happens to those they love in the wake of the perceptions and actions of others. What happens when you apply yourself and go for what you want. And the story of Dillon and how he helped Jade and they found love. It teaches us that karma will come back to haunt you when you feel no remorse for bad things you do. A artfully crafted book that gives you the feels in so many ways.

Sometimes I just want to read a Sandra Brown novel. I don't know why exactly because at some point I always end up with tears running down my face, ready to start sobbing. I generally don't like books that I feel are emotionally manipulative. But with Sandra Brown novels, it is more cathartic than manipulative.One thing that always sees me through the tough parts is knowing that Sandra Brown will get justice. The culprits don't always have to die horrifying deaths but it would be nice if they did.

This book by Sandra Brown has fascinated me since it was first published. I read it on average of once every 2 years, when I get tired of waiting for her next book to come out. This one wasn't a 3 day book as so many are which are published these days. A 3-day book takes place within 3 or 4 days. Action begins, woman meets man, instant attraction, and at the end of 3, may be 4 days book time, they are madly in love, sexually compatible and on the way to marriage. This book requires the reader to pay attention and to actually understand all the ramifications of the story. I was very impressed with Jade's plan and how she used the avarice and arrogance of the villains of the piece against them and they got their comeuppance. I would have liked to seen a bit of epilogue to wind up their story, but imagination comes into play at that point in the story. I thoroughly enjoy Sandra Brown's writing and hope she continues to present well-written, well thought out plots in her books.

Breath of Scandal by Sandra Brown was the first book I read by her and was responsible for me reading rest of her works. The story was so memorable and touching, I just recently reread it. Same effect. It is a story about rape and its deadly results, while giving birth to something special. The story of two lost souls find each other and revenge that is well deserved. Her character development is excellent and the story well told.Sandra Brown is one of my favorite authors because her stories

are so genuine and have an emotional impact on her readers. I would highly recommend that you read this book, as I have recommended to my friends.

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