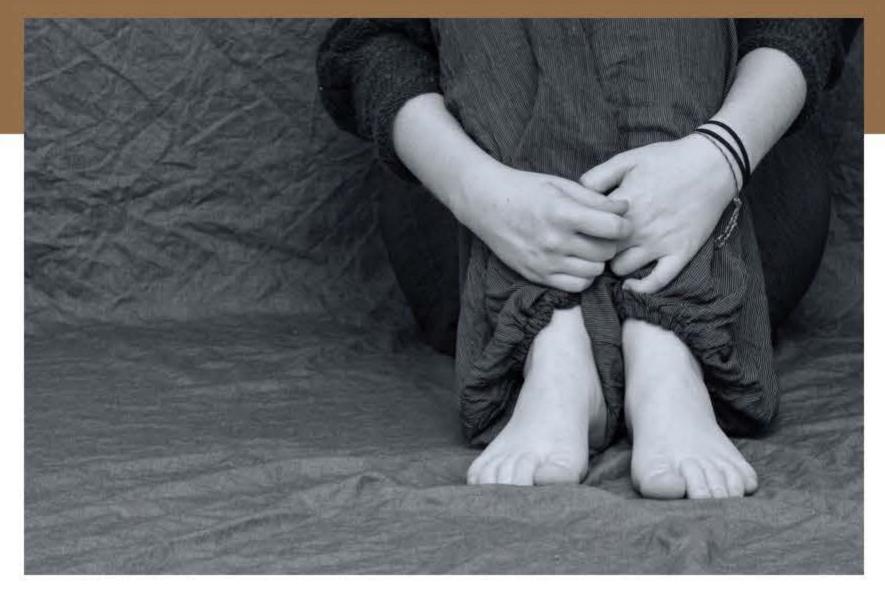
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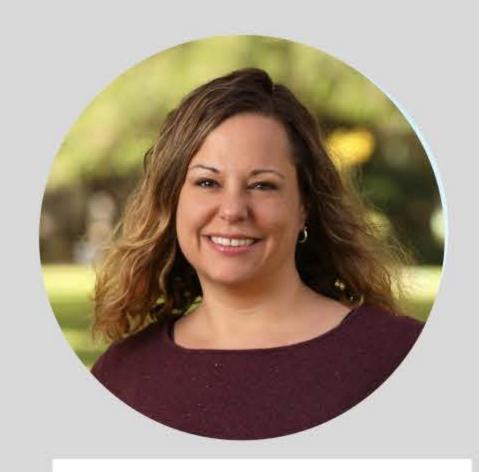


Emily yearns to break free from her painful past of crippling anxiety, verbal abuse by her pastor father, and a toxic friendship. After reconnecting with her childhood friend, Leo, and starting college, Emily believes her dreams of a life free from emotional pain will come true. Then her older brother's confession changes everything.

Repressed memories of sexual abuse surface, sending Emily into a pervasive depression. Emily questions everything in life: family, love, truth, and her relationship with God. As Emily pursues her education, a romance, a career, and starting a family, the effects of sexual, verbal, and emotional abuse continue to haunt her. Will she ever be whole again?



*If only she could* escape into the void where she kept all of her unspoken words.



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