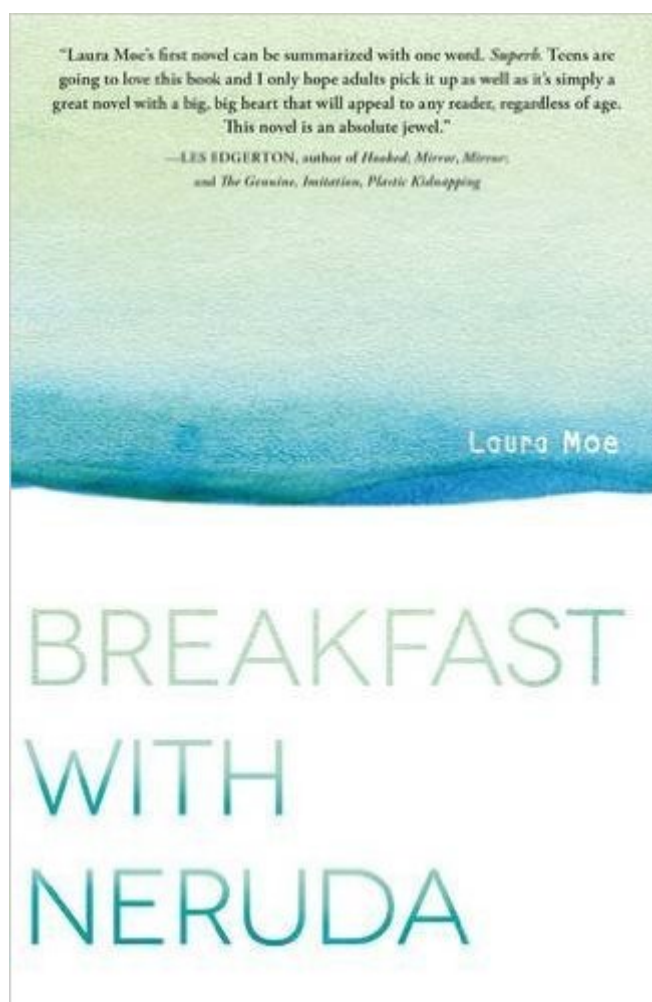


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Michael Flynn is just trying to get through his community service after he made the dumb decision to try to blow up his friend's car with fireworks--the same friend who stole Michael's girl. Being expelled and losing his best buddy and his girlfriend are the least of his problems: Michael has learned to hide everything, from his sick hoarder mother to the fact that he's stuck living in a 1982 Ford LTD station wagon he calls the Blue Whale. Then one day, during mandatory community service, he meets Shelly, a girl with a past, who's also special enough to unmask Michael's deepest secrets. Can he manage to be worthy of her love, a guy living in a car, unable to return to his chaotic and fit-to-be-condemned home? Shelly won't give up, and tries to peel back the layers of garbage and pain to reveal Michael's immense heart.

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Review from my blog: [...]My Thoughts: ****Four Stars****This book was sent to me in exchange for an honest review from Merit Press! Thank you so much! Like I mentioned above, receiving this book was a total surprise and it truly did not disappoint me!The story follows Michael Flynn, a young man who is stuck living in his car because his mother is a hoarder. Michael has no idea why his mother holds onto useless junk that have no meaning to her other than the simple fact that they were on sale. Michael was a really likeable character, he was very realistic and that's what made me love him more. After getting in trouble for trying to blow up his ex-best friend's car with fireworks on school grounds, Michael is suspended and sentenced to community service cleaning out Rooster

High with the cantankerous janitor, Earl. While helping clean out the school Michael meets Shelly, a young beautiful girl with a mysterious past of her own. Shelly quickly becomes the highlight of Michael's days. Shelly knows Michael is hiding something from her and Michael knows Shelly is hiding secrets as well. With the entire summer ahead of them they vow to tell each other everything in time for fear of scaring the other off. As Shelly and Michael become closer throughout the novel they start to unravel each others secrets. After finding an old diary of his mother's Michael learns the heartbreaking truth behind his mother's addiction to junk and possibly the answers to his never ending suspicions of who his father might be. This was simply such a raw emotionally packed novel, and I loved it entirely. This novel focuses around such a real issue, that everyday families and friends face and can relate too!

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