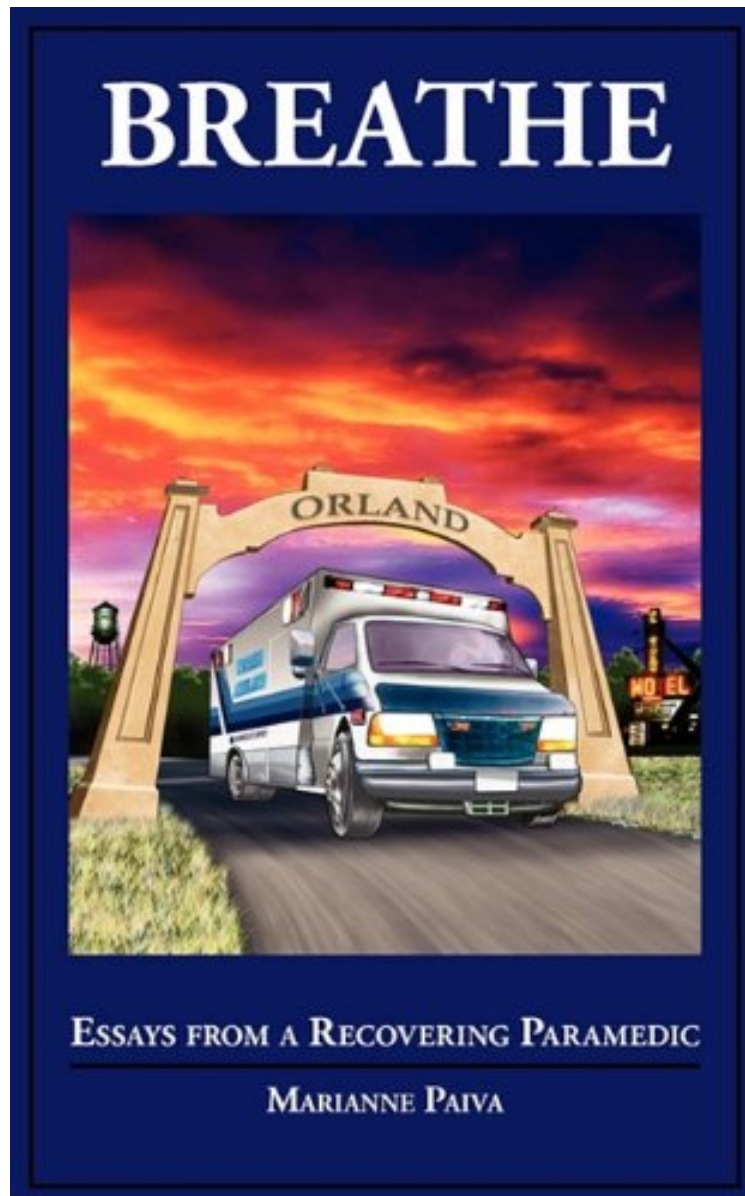


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sirens and flashing lights are not for everyone By Whistlers Mom A year ago I read SILENT SIREN by paramedic Matthew Sias and I still think it's one of the most out-standing books I've ever read. Sias has spent decades in the field and is not a "recovering" paramedic, but a very active one. Starting as

a teenaged volunteer, he's one of the few who was able to make peace with the demands of the profession. Many others fall by the wayside. This author was a paramedic who quit after a few years and her experience raises some intriguing questions. Was she under additional stress because of being a young woman in a male-dominated field? Was she TOO empathetic to last in a job that requires some degree of detachment? Do some employers demand too much or fail to provide adequate support? Or was she simply not the typical "adrenaline junkie" who gets hooked on the excitement of emergency calls and never lets go? Hers is a success story. She trained as an EMT, then up-graded to paramedic status. When she decided to leave the field, she studied sociology and now teaches and specializes in researching the effects of stress on paramedics and how improvements can be made. It can be argued that her contributions have been greater than if she had continued to work as a paramedic. While her paramedic stories are fascinating, I was just as interested in the glimpses she gives of her childhood and family. She was a "free range" kid before the term was coined and a single mother at seventeen. Life in her not-very-affluent rural community was so different from anything I have known and she writes simply but evocatively. I hope she will write more.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An eye opener
By Barbara Ybarra
I had never read a book of paramedic stories, but I am sure that this one is at least one of the best, if not the very best. Marianne says in the beginning of her book that her writing is about the patients (the victims), and we see as we go along that the relationship between patient and paramedic is inextricable for the duration of the rescue, and probably in some way forever after. A good paramedic is a warrior of the heart, someone with compassion and amazing strength, and we get to see all of that in Marianne. The stories are carefully chosen among all of the ones that occurred in Marianne's practice to show the reader the depth and intensity of a paramedic's mission. It takes a certain kind of person to work in the "field" like this, and another additional type of character to do it well. That additional characteristic belongs to the soul, a spiritual development that Marianne never even talks about. Those who can see will see it. I think this author has more books in her, perhaps nothing to do with paramedics at all.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. By Sandy Good
This was not at all what I expected. I think for the most part it was not that good even boring in spots.

An ambulance speeds through the night in tule fog across the Central Valley of California, siren blaring, EMTs ready, racing, praying to save lives. These essays follow Marianne Paiva in her captivating and heart wrenching adventures as she recalls her four-year journey as an emergency medical technician in the small farm towns and back roads of Glenn County, California. Told with an ultimately uplifting and descriptive power, this collection describes those precious minutes after we dial 911. Exciting and adventurous and written with great compassion, *Breathe* is a book you can't put down. -Claire Braz-Valentine