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Breathless (Orca Soundings)



Synopsis

Beverly is in Hawaii, helping her uncle at his dive shop, learning how to dive and trying to lose weight and get a boyfriend. When Garth, an accomplished diver, shows an interest in her, Beverly is ecstatic, until it turns out Garth is only interested in one thing. Struggling with failing strength from her self-imposed starvation diet, Beverly finds herself in deep trouble when she has to fight Garth off underwater.

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Beverly is desperate to learn to dive and lose weight.

My reluctant junior high readers love the high interest/low vocabulary books published by Orca Soundings. But, *Breathless* is not one their favorite, nor frankly, is it mine. I thought the plot and

characters were shallow and uninteresting. Just seems to be missing something...

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