

Dismantling Evan

The Evan Series Book 1

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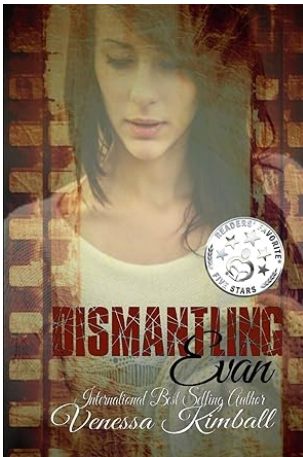
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Evangeline 'Evan' Phillips moves halfway across the country with her parents to the quaint town of Braxton Springs, Texas. It is a chance for Evan to leave her past in San Francisco and start over; at least that's what her parents think. The loner high school senior doesn't share their optimism and she's determined to remain invisible in her new school and neighborhood. Little does she know that it won't go as planned.

Venessa Kimball's *Dismantling Evan* (The Evan Series, Book 1) offers an edgy perception on teen troubles that could threaten one's will to live. Evan unwillingly gets tangled with the unsettling matters of the lives of those around her. This makes Evan's own problem rear its head and she struggles to hold on to her sanity.

Dismantling Evan is a story that engages the minds and the hearts of its readers from start to finish. Looking at mental illness and other troubling matters through the young characters' eyes is a rewarding insight. Even though Evan is the lead character that moves the story, I gravitated towards Gavin more. He is greatly misunderstood, but lucky to have some people who comprehend and accept him, especially his brother, Brody.

Kimball writes with precision, clarity, and style that makes the reading flawless. The controversial social issues and the way the characters struggle and deal with them are relevant as well as challenging. On the whole, this is a YA literary work that belies its genre. Young and mature readers should not overlook this series.



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Author Biography



Having always been passionate about the written word, Venessa Kimball embarked on writing what would become her debut novel, *Piercing the Fold: Book 1*; a young adult paranormal/sci-fi series. July 2, 2012, Venessa Kimball independently published the first book in the *Piercing the Fold* series. Book 2, *Surfacing the Rim*, released March 14, 2013. In August of 2013, Venessa joined the publishing house, *Crushing Hearts and Black Butterfly*. The *Piercing the Fold* series has been re-published with CHBB beginning with *Piercing the Fold: Book 1* on September 3, 2013. *Surfacing the Rim: Book 2* re-published on September 24, 2013 and *Ascending the Veil: Book 3* released November 2013. The fourth book in the series, *Transcending the Legacy: Book 4* released May 13, 2014. Kimball's compelling teen contemporary fiction novel, *Dismantling Evan*, released January 13, 2015. Venessa is currently working on the Evan series, but as for the future, she is filling her Work-In-Progress folder with some world piercing characters and stories. When Venessa is not writing, she is keeping active with her husband and three children; chauffeuring said children to extracurricular activities, catching a movie with her hubby, and staying up way too late reading.