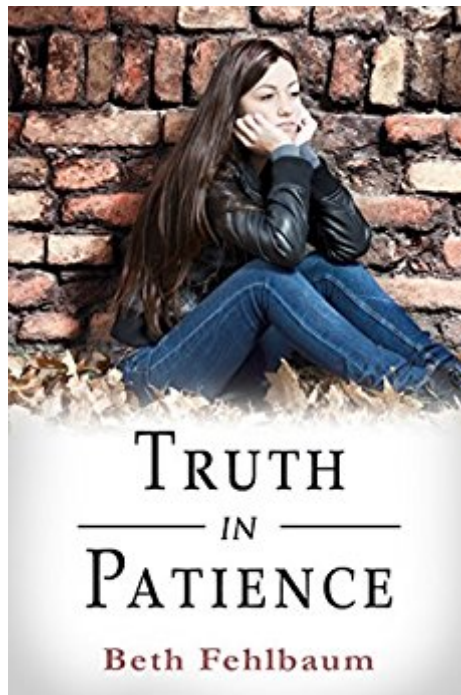




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Truth in the past. Truth in reality. Truth for tomorrow. Finally adjusting to life in small town Texas, Ashley Asher sees a glimmer of what happiness really is. Even her new relationship with the attentive Joshua Brandt shows promise of a first romance. But Ashley's fear of intimacy after years of unspeakable abuse may cause friction and distance in their relationship. Determined to prove to her that she's healing, Dr. Matt, her beloved therapist, shows her that "life is messy." And he doesn't know how messy it is about to get. When her mother decides that Ashley belongs back in their hometown with her, Ashley is forced into another family feud that she isn't prepared for. Refusing to leave behind the new life she created in Texas, Ashley and her mother go head-to-head. But can Ashley finally find the courage and strength to battle her demons when her mother might be the biggest demon of all?

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Customer Reviews

WOW! I love this trilogy. I wish this was available to me when I was going through my recovery from child sexual abuse. I thought it would be hard to read but it wasn't. It was still helpful all these years later to know that I'm still not alone. Sadly though it is. Fantastic reading. Great reading for anyone going through the recovery process.

What a great ending to this series! Not just for Ashley but for some of the other characters as well. So many emotional topics covered with different view points. And Coach Griffin?!?! Wow!!!

These books are extremely well written and the characters are very real any age group would benefit from reading and discussing the situations presented.

I thought this trilogy was fantastic. Heartbreaking to think a child could be treated like this. Definitely worth the read.

Heartbreaking. Courageous. Necessary. Truth in Patience is the third installment in the PATIENCE series by young adult author, Beth Fehlbaum. It follows the struggles of teen Ashley Asher in the aftermath of sexual abuse. Ashley follows her path to healing despite struggles with self-worth, intimacy and family relations. This courageous teen must find a way to deal with her demons, and stand up to the people who should have been protecting her from the evil she endured. What a tragic story to tell, but one that needs to be heard. Beth Fehlbaum paints a tragic, but realistic picture of what's left in the wake of sexual abuse, and the damage it does to its victims. Kudos to Beth's brave efforts in advocating for those whose voices are silenced by those close to them. I think these stories MUST be told, and those who let it go on and keep it quiet should be exposed and held accountable. I highly recommend this book, and encourage readers to start with book one, Courage in Patience, so Ashley's story gets a chance to be told. I received this book in exchange for an honest review***

This story was raw. It was a hard story to tell, especially from an author who has lived through the struggles. I don't normally pick stories like this because of the memories they bring back, but I realized it had been a while and the author's connection to the subject matter caught my attention. It's nice to relate and see the passion and strength behind her words; to be able to witness what people can do with their life once they have overcome past struggles. This story held a strong, grounded message. It was hard not to cry at least once if not multiple times. It left my heart aching

for those in similar situations. My favorite part of this book was the intertwining of Chris Crutcher's novel and the discussions and controversy it led to between such diverse characters. The main plot involved a group of students from a small town in Texas who were told to read a novel with a main character who is a minority referencing any racial, religious, political, national, or other group thought to be different from the larger group of which it is part; leading to the entire class choosing Chris Crutcher's novel, *Whale Talk*. In reality a perfect candidate for Mrs. Asher's reading assignment could have been *Truth in Patience*. *Truth in Patience* represented beautifully a minority from each of those categories. It was intriguing to see how both the minorities and antagonists reacted as they discussed how they were each represented in the class reading assignment. It held revelations to the struggles faced by the other party both internally and as the reader. This story held depth and was well constructed. It held the complement of the poem at the beginning that I did not begin to understand until halfway through the book to where the true meaning started to bloom. I would easily give *Truth in Patience* five out of five stars. The first message I took away from this book was to not hide behind your past, but face the truth and grow from it. The second message was the need to educate oneself in order to form their independent opinions of themselves as well as how perceive the world around you. You should never follow behind the group because it doesn't make a wave and you should never let someone else's opinion of you define who you are. I would highly recommend this to anyone that has been through abuse as it is helpful to know you are not alone in your fight.

This was a very sad and heartbreaking story. When Ashley was a young girl and needed her mom the most. Her mom was not there for her. This story is about a courageous and strong young girl who is going through the stages of healing. She was sexually, mentally and physically abused by her step dad. She was neglected by her mom. When Ashley moved in with her dad and Step mom she was fragile and broken. This story was beautifully written considering the contents of the story line. I liked how the author put in the struggle of racism in that area as well. It too is a very real issue. This story was very good. I enjoyed seeing how Ashley was able to heal. It was difficult to see her struggles.

Truth In Patience is the third and final book in the *Patience Trilogy*. As Ashley tries to get settled in a small town, her past is still haunting her to the point that she can finally remember what really happened when her Step-Father abused her. As she copes with that, her Mother comes back in the picture wanting to be with Ashley again but as Ashley is realizing that her Mother maybe the bigger

monster in the picture in an epic showdown that will have you cheering on Ashley in her new journey of life. All I can say is that this book is kinda amazing and I never even read the first two books in this series and that says a lot about it coming from me! You can feel Ashley's pain in what she had to go through and her dealings with her Mother, it just makes you think about everyone who is going through something like this in real life. This book needs to be in Public Schools just to get everyone talking and maybe just maybe, get someone to speak out about what is going on at home. Thank You to Beth Fehlbaum for writing a series that deals with a very touchy subject that needs to be talked about more! I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book from Lone Star Book Blog Tours!

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