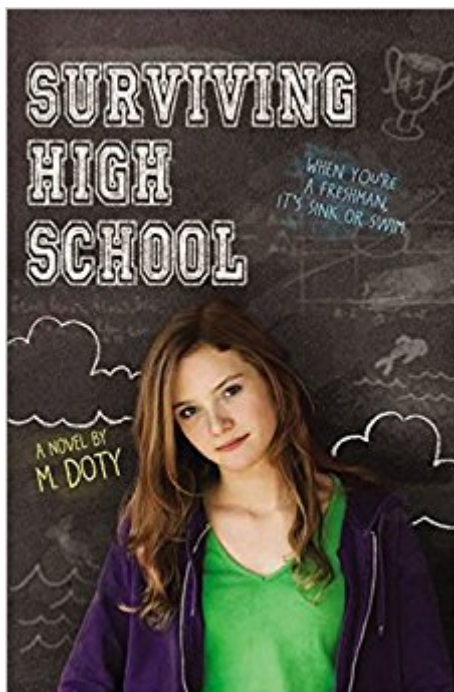


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# Surviving High School



## Synopsis

What's the secret to surviving your freshman year of high school? Emily Kessler thinks she has it all figured out. She eats, sleeps and trains for competitive swimming. All she has to do is keep her grades high and swim times short -- short enough to live up to her sister Sara's. But walking the crowded maze of unfamiliar high school hallways is like diving headfirst into shark-infested waters. Shark #1: Dominique, her biggest competition on the swim team and all-around mean girl. Shark #2: The adorable and popular Ben Kale... Emily can't resist his smile no matter how hard she tries. When the pressure builds to the point where Emily isn't sure she can stay afloat, she begins to question the strict path her life has always followed. Maybe there is more to life than studying and swimming. Maybe the secret to surviving high school is just to have a little fun. The hit mobile game *Surviving High School* comes to life in an original novel about perfection, failure, and following your dreams.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 12 - 17 years

Grade Level: 7 and up

## Customer Reviews

"Snappy dialogue [and] adorable chemistry..."  
—Kirkus  
"The story moves along at a compulsively readable pace. Teens will want to clear their calendars after they start this one."  
—SLJ

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I started this after the baby went to sleep. I was already exhausted but I wanted to check it out so I planned on reading for an hour or so; it definitely didn't happen that way ha ha So my one hour reading plan turned into another hour which turned into one more hour, that turned into a few more pages and so on. Finally I didn't think I could stay up anymore, I had to get some sleep before my toddler woke up so I decided to read until the end of the chapter. Of course that ended up being the chapter where at the end Coach Kessler found out about Emily and Ben, there was no way I was stopping there. I was so excited to find out what happened that I got that second wind ha ha. I knew that I needed to get some sleep but I just couldn't help myself, I was too excited to stop. I read it straight through until it was finished. It took me about 4 hours or so. The book was great, I loved the story and the characters. It is possible to play season 1 without reading it but you don't get the connection to Emily and Kimi and other new characters. It's pretty impossible to appreciate Emily and Ben's relationship without reading the novel. I so glad that I spent the money on it. It was definitely worth only getting 4 hours of sleep that day. Thanks SHS It was a great story. Emily and Ben are awesome, I love them together. Kimi is very interesting too. Have a blessed day

This book is for my daughters summer reading. I hope that she will enjoy it.

This is a very good book, guide for an incoming high school student. I gave this as a gift to a friend's daughter. She is about to enter a very competitive school and go through life-changes, cultural changes and anxiety about academic performance. The book does a good job outlining personality, individuality and the social pressures and awkwardness of the high school years. It paves a way to "take things in stride" and understand the world of high school challenges. I asked the young student about her reaction to the book. She smiled and said she appreciated the story, information and advice.

This book is very detailed. It was worth the wait when I pre-ordered it. It's just an amazing, loving, sad moments, caring book. It's worth to buy it, I only finished it one whole day, I was just reading and reading because it was like, "ohhhhhhhhhh woah, I wonder what happens next," or

"noooooooooooooooooooooo," or "awwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwhhhh." lol And if you want to know more about all the characters that were in this book, then go to the app store of your ipod and purchase Surviving HS for free(with ad). And every week there's free episodes :)

I loved this book and can't believe that the middle school I work does not have it in their library yet? What is with that?

Because I'm such a fan of the app, and because I know the story so well it was just an addictive book that is hard to put down. You just want to root for Emily throughout the whole book. Even if not a fan of the series, it's a fun entertaining read with a great message. Five stars, well done.

I absolutely loved the novel and am so happy that they turned the game into a novel. I really enjoyed how the continuation between the novel and the book. As a huge fan of the game I would say the book delivers!

Very lovely read and particularly good if you play the game as well. Doesn't take too much to get through and leaves you feeling pretty chuffed for Emily (the main character) in the end. Looking forward to the next installment!

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