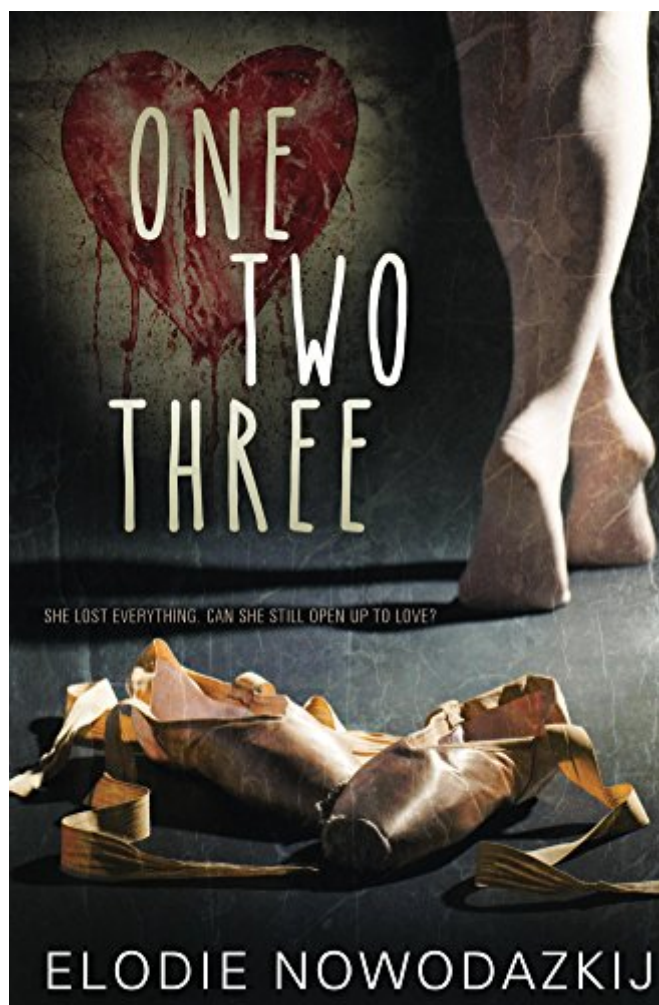


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# One, Two, Three (Broken Dreams: Natalya's Story Book 1)



## Synopsis

PERFECT CHEMISTRY meets SAVE THE LAST DANCE in this story of tragedy and hope, anger and forgiveness. Last year, seventeen-year-old Natalya Pushkaya was attending the School of Performing Arts in New York City. Last year, she was well on her way to becoming a professional ballerina. Last year, her father was still alive. But a car crash changed all that—and Natalya can't stop blaming herself. Now, she goes to a regular high school in New Jersey; lives with her onetime prima ballerina, now alcoholic mother; and has no hope of a dance career. At her new school, however, sexy soccer player Antonio sees a brighter future for Natalya, or at least a more pleasant present. Keeping him at arm's length proves to be a challenge for Natalya and his patient charms eventually draw her out of her shell. When upsetting secrets come to light and Antonio's own problems draw her in, Natalya shuts down again, this time turning to alcohol herself. Can Natalya learn to trust Antonio before she loses him—and destroys herself?

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## Customer Reviews

Natalya has dreamed of nothing short of being a professional ballerina for as long as she can remember. That was before a tragic car accident took her dad's life, her dreams of dancing, and

pushed her mother over the edge. Now Natalya is forced to live in her Babushka's house, alone with an alcoholic mother, and go to a high school with her only real friend. Adding to the mess she now calls her life is troubled Tonio, who makes her heart do ballet moves every time he's near. Topping it all off is the question regarding what everyone else thinks really happened that night of the accident. Oh, how I love Natalya and Tonio! Both are so beautifully broken by life and things out of their control. And finding your way through life when everything seems so hopeless can feel so defeating. I really loved Natalya and identified with her through her struggles to make everything look perfect on the outside. She has to deal with an alcoholic mother and the loss of her father on her own. It's not easy, especially trying to keep up appearances while navigating a new high school. I found myself smiling like an idiot at the parts when Natalya and Tonio were together. At one point I was waiting for my daughter after school and I had no clue the rest of the cars ahead of me had moved forward. Yes, I was that parent, clueless and holding up the line while I read an exchange between the two. I loved the writing and the world Natalya lives in. Although I never took ballet, I loved the references Natalya made to the moves as her life, and heart, went through the motions. It really showed just how much of her life revolved around something she may never be able to do. She's lost everything, and now she's navigating it nearly alone. I'm really hoping for more of Natalya and Tonio!

Natalya was such a relatable character and the scenes where she's practicing a move over and over, dreaming of dancing again, are heartbreaking. Add in her awesome best friend, a sexy love interest and some family secrets, and this is a beautiful story of a girl learning to live again after an accident shattered all she'd ever known.

I was provided with a complimentary copy of this book so I could give an honest review. This was a beautiful coming of age story with a lot of heart. I look forward to reading more of the author's book. It was much more than a romance. It was family, friendship, and finding your way in the world again.

What a bittersweet, lovely read! There are so many layers to this book: the struggle between the life of a dancer vs. having an outside life, recovery from a terrible injury, heaps of family tragedy, and possibly best of all, a less-than-perfect but oh-so-adorable love interest in Tonio. Dancers and fans of contemporary YA will love Natalya's story!

A thrilling story with lots of psychology. Teen Natalya is at a turning point of her life, tragically lost

already a lot but there is still to regain the direction and associates in life. With the family in ruins, love and friendship take the centre stage. Romeo and Juliet pop up from time to time as well as a bit of Hamlet. Very fun reading!

Great read, I could not put the book down! Compelling story with good morals. It is fast-paced, entertaining and emotional. I absolutely loved the best friend relationship and could not get enough of Tonio and Nata. I can't wait to read more in the series! :)

Loved the book and Highly recommend it to anyone looking to get lost in a great story. An easy read that you wont want to put down. I cant wait to read more from the Author!

A quick summer read!

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