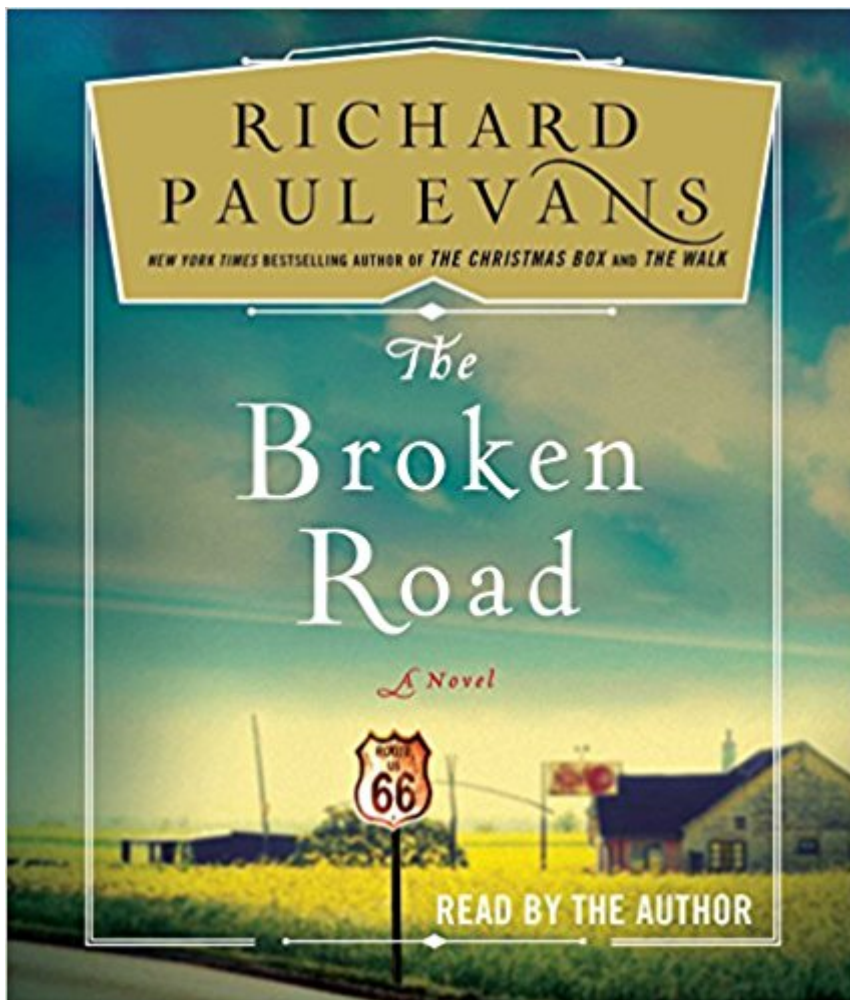




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# The Broken Road



## Synopsis

A broken man. A twist of fate. A second chance. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Mistletoe Promise* and *The Walk* comes the first novel in a riveting new trilogy that explores the tantalizing question: What if you could start over? Chicago celebrity, Charles James can't shake the nightmare that wakes him each night. He sees himself walking down a long, broken highway the sides of which are lit in flames. Where is he going? Why is he walking? What is the wailing he hears around him? By day, he wonders why he's so haunted and unhappy when he has all he ever wanted—fame, fans and fortune and the lavish lifestyle it affords him. Coming from a childhood of poverty and pain, this is what he's dreamed of. But now, at the pinnacle of his career, he's started to wonder if he's wanted the wrong things. His wealth has come legally, but questionably, from the power of his personality, seducing people out of their hard-earned money. When he learns that one of his customers has committed suicide because of financial ruin, Charles is shaken. The cracks in his façade start to break down spurring him to question everything: his choices, his relationships, his future and the type of man he's become. Then a twist of fate changes everything. Charles is granted something very remarkable: a second chance. The question is: What will he do with it? *The Broken Road* is the first book in a much-anticipated new trilogy by beloved storyteller Richard Paul Evans. It is an engrossing, contemplative story of redemption and grace and the power of second chances. It is an epic journey you won't soon forget.

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taking." â "Booklist "Richard Paul Evans has proven to be one of Americaâ™s most precious gifts...Â an inspirational writer who has the ability to read our very souls and heal broken hearts... His books are the ones you canâ™t wait to finish, but when you do, you wish you hadnâ™t. I suggest readers accompany Evans onÂ The Walk." â "New York Journal of Books "Hoda and I both thoroughly enjoyed this book...Â The WalkÂ is beautifully written." â "KathieÂ Lee Gifford Praise forÂ THE ROAD TO GRACE \*\*\*AÂ NEW YORK TIMESÂ BESTSELLER\*\*\* "There's no doubt Evans knows how to keep the pages turning. A cliff-hanger ending ups the stakes, putting Alan's journey in jeopardy and ensuring readers will come back for the fourth outing. There's no stopping now." â "Booklist "A fast and pleasurable read with plenty of local color and enough sentiment to evoke a tear or two." â "Kirkus "Though written with a religious tone,Â The Road to GraceÂ is for people of all beliefs. It is an intriguing story that is simply enjoyable to read." â "Deseret Morning News Praise for WALKING ON WATER \*\*\*AÂ NEW YORK TIMESÂ BESTSELLER\*\*\* "Evans moves events along at a rapid-fire pace. . . . Christoffersen's unconventional road trip travels a path of self-discovery and determination." â "Publisher's Weekly "There are humorous moments, heartwarming moments, moments of self-discovery and moments of profound wisdom." â "Deseret Morning News --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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This begins as the story of a man, Charles James, who starts out from humble beginnings and ends up making millions. He has had an abusive childhood and, thankfully, seems to have spared the curse of becoming abusive in his turn. Charles, for all that he seems to have everything, has come to realize that he is really empty and has nothing of true value. The "author" of the book has traveled Route 66 looking for inspiration for his next novel. At the end of the journey, when he realizes that he has not found what he was looking and expecting to find, he comes across a dusty and dirty hiker who looks vaguely familiar. When he realizes who the hiker is (Charles), they agree that the author will possibly be given the rights to tell the hiker's story. This book is the first in those tales. As the story is told by way of a look backward through the pages of Charles' journal, it is more autobiographical than biographical in nature. This first book in a new trilogy looks far back into Charles' life and shows us a young boy who learns to fight to survive. It is due to these abusive years that Charles turns his back on God and decides that he is his own god. The events described in his younger years are enough to make one weep while reading. We follow his life through the point when he realizes making money is not the same as making a joyful life. The book ends when he is given a truly undeserved chance to start again, to reboot and, hopefully, find a life of true and lasting value. While this is the first book I have read by Richard Paul Evans, it will certainly not be the last. I felt as if I knew the man the story was written about. I cheered when he overcame obstacles and felt sad and disappointed for him when he made unwise decisions and yielded to temptations that could destroy his life. In other words, Richard Paul Evans made this character come alive to me. I will be waiting (anxiously) for the second book in this series to be released.

Mr Evans never disappoints! This story makes me grateful, that I was blessed with good, honorable parents. This story makes your heart ache for this man. It also keeps you wanting the best for him, only to want nothing more than to smack him a good one for the selfish & poor choices he makes. Especially when those choices hurt those who truly care for him. I was glued to the story from start to finish. My regret however, is that I have to wait a year to see what happens next! Dang!

A good story, well writing, interesting, but... the journey along Route 66 doesn't end for this unlikely pair of run-away man and an author who wants to write his story of going from being abused as a

child to a multi-millionaire, to a man running away from it all. What about the love of his life? Does he still love her? Will they ever get back together? What about his child whom he hasn't seen for years? You won't find out in this first of 3 books. I don't like books that force me to wait a year to continue. Therefore 3 stars and I won't be going back for the 2nd book in a year.

Totally loved the book. Can't wait for the 2nd in the series to come out next year. For those of you wondering if this book is anything like the Walk Series, it is NOT. Totally different story and approach.

I absolutely love Richard Paul Evans. The only problem I have with his books is that I can't put them down so I finish them too soon! I've decided to start all over and read the books I've enjoyed the most again. When I finished The Broken Road, I had tears in my eyes. But my favorite so far is The Gift. I've read it twice and plan to read it again and again. His Mistletoe series also brought tears to my eyes--but they were tears of joy! This author can do no wrong in my book.

I have only read a few of Mr. Evans stories years ago. I picked this one up because I live in Chicago and have traveled Route 66. I loved the story and would highly recommend this book. Suggested my dad buy it even though he is not familiar with Mr. Evans, and reads more historical and graphic genres. He is reading the book now, and, so far, is engrossed. Loved the ending! I will now purchase other stories by Mr. Evans.

Another AWESOME, COMPELLINGLY AMAZING STORY THAT CAPTIVATED ME FROM THE GET GO! I was supposed to be vacationing with my husband in Cabo, which I was, BUT, I do not like to "vacation" and thus it's a good thing that my favorite author came through with another great book just in time!!!What an amazing story! WOWZER is all I dare say! Now for the difficult part, the wait till Spring of 2018 for the next one????

The beginning of a new series about a man changing from the terrible and rich life he had created for himself to one with more joy and love (we hope anyway). Surely the question that begs an answer is what would we change in our current life if we had a similar change of heart? An enjoyable read, similar to The Walk series with a different character with a different back story. Maybe we all have a walk that we need to take?

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