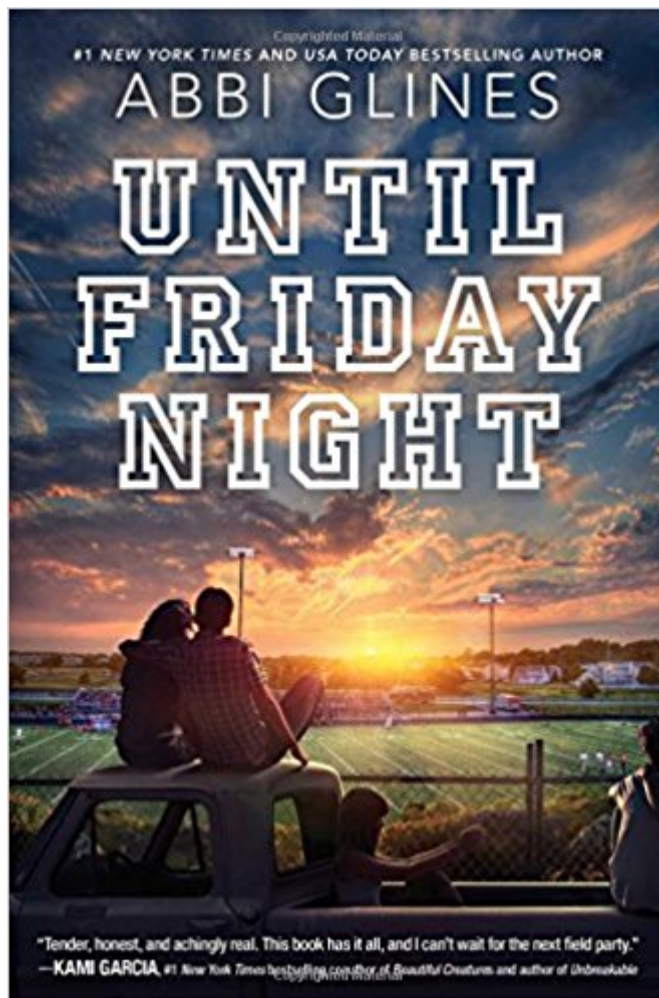


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# Until Friday Night (Field Party)



## Synopsis

A #1 New York Times bestseller and the first novel in a brand-new series—•from bestselling author Abbi Glines—•about a small Southern town filled with cute boys in pickup trucks, Friday night football games, and crazy parties that stir up some major drama. To everyone who knows him, West Ashby has always been that guy: the cocky, popular, way-too-handsome-for-his-own-good football god who led Lawton High to the state championships. But while West may be Big Man on Campus on the outside, on the inside he’s battling the grief that comes with watching his father slowly die of cancer. Two years ago, Maggie Carleton’s life fell apart when her father murdered her mother. And after she told the police what happened, she stopped speaking and hasn’t spoken since. Even the move to Lawton, Alabama, couldn’t draw Maggie back out. So she stayed quiet, keeping her sorrow and her fractured heart hidden away. As West’s pain becomes too much to handle, he knows he needs to talk to someone about his father—so in the dark shadows of a post-game party, he opens up to the one girl who he knows won’t tell anyone else. West expected that talking about his dad would bring some relief, or at least a flood of emotions he couldn’t control. But he never expected the quiet new girl to reply, to reveal a pain even deeper than his own—or for them to form a connection so strong that he couldn’t ever let her go.

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“Tender, honest, and achingly real” • Until Friday Night captures the intensity of first love, the power of friendship, and the pain of growing up. This book has it all, and I can't wait for the next field party. (Kami Garcia, #1 New York Times bestselling coauthor of BEAUTIFUL CREATURES & author of UNBREAKABLE) Two years ago, Maggie Carleton witnessed a horrific event. She saw her father murder her mother. Since that moment, she has not spoken a word. Even when forced to move in with her aunt, uncle, and cousin, she remains silent. West Ashby is a super hot, popular, football-playing jock that everyone wants to be friends with or date. No one knows the pain he endures every day having to watch his dad die from cancer. West does not feel comfortable telling anyone about his father's illness. However, when he meets a girl who cannot speak, he finally bears his soul. Maggie is just as shocked as West when she responds, sharing her story with him. Having someone who can understand their pain and help them heal is a blessing for both of them. Glines believably shows readers that love, trust, and friendship can result from so much tragedy. The narrative illustrates that there is more to high school than the big game. VERDICT Romance fans will love the relationship between the protagonists and be sucked into the story line of the circumstances that bring them together. (School Library Journal August 2015) West Ashby seems to have it all—looks, a football future, and any girl he wants. No one, not even his closest friend Brady, knows that his dad—West's biggest fan—is dying of cancer. Two years ago, Maggie Carleton saw her father murder her mother, and once she told

police what happened, she refused to speak another word. Now Maggie lives with her cousin Brady's family, and when she meets West, she sees the pain in his eyes that no one else recognizes. The bond between West and Maggie grows, and eventually Maggie rediscovers her voice to walk West through his father's final days. Aided by chapters that alternate between West's and Maggie's perspectives, what could be a typical romance •both are drop-dead gorgeous and could have anyone they want •is raised to a new level by Maggie's self-imposed silence and the grief they are both experiencing. Glines' novel will be welcomed by fans of Lurlene McDaniel who want something with more depth. (Booklist Online August 31, 2015)

Abbi Glines is one of my favorite authors, so, to say that I was like a little kid on Christmas morning anticipating the release of this book is an understatement. I assumed it would be a great read because, Abbi has yet to disappoint, but, I was absolutely blown away by *Until Friday Night*. I am not one to get emotionally attached to characters. While I love reading and getting lost in another world for a bit, I don't often find myself physically feeling the emotions that the characters are feeling. But, that's exactly what happened while reading *Until Friday Night*. I cried, I laughed, I felt triumph and sadness, but, most of all I had hope. The writing was flawless. The story line was sweet and full of emotion. The characters, even the side characters, were all well-developed and easy to relate to. Maggie, the lead female character, is one of the strongest female lead characters that I've ever read. She's someone I would have wanted to be friends with in high school. And, Abbi managed to get the "high school football player" down perfectly. I'm pretty sure I went to high school and was friends with half the Lawton Lions football team. To be honest, I'm not great with coming up with exactly what to say in reviews, but, what I can tell you, is that *Until Friday Night* is my favorite book by Abbi Glines and easily, my favorite book of 2015.

I really dislike that fact that I'm a HUGE Abbi Glines fan because it really makes my love for this book seem biased. *Until Friday Night* was amazing! Maggie and West's story is right up there with Blair and Rush's series for me. If I could say that *Fallen Too Far* wasn't my favorite Abbie Glines book, then *Until Friday Night* would be. The story was gut wrenching and heart warming at the same time. Maggie and West's story I think was one that brings to light the horrible life experiences that young people face. I'm not going to go into great details about the story because honestly, the summery does a fantastic job of that. What I am going to close this review is saying that *The Field Party* series has started off phenomenally. The stage has been set and I can't wait to read all about

Brady, Nash, Gunner, Ryker and Asa in future books. If it just so happens that Raleigh and Serena get dropped on their heads during a cheer, well, then I just might celebrate. ;) (hint, hint) It's going to be a torturous wait but I'm more than confident that it will be one worth waiting for.

Abbi Glines does it again with another fantastic read and a new and wonderful series. This is West Ashby and Maggie Carleton's story and it is set in Lawton, Alabama. Lawton is a small town where everyone knows everyone, most of the time secrets don't stay secret, and football is a huge deal. West is gorgeous, popular, and part of the football team. But he and his family have been keeping a huge secret - his father is battling cancer and he's sadly losing. He and his family don't want to share that information and the grief is eating him up inside. Maggie moves to town to live with her Uncle, Aunt, and cousin Brady. Brady is the Quarterback of the football team and best friends with West. Maggie stopped talking soon after she saw her father kill her mother 2 years ago. She was traumatized and used her muteness to protect herself. She lived with her Godmother for 2 years but the woman wasn't around much and didn't really take care of her. Maggie experienced something so horrific and traumatic in her young life. She lost both her parents in one horrific moment when her father killed her mother right in front of her. But her life wasn't anywhere near perfect before that. Her mother was sweet, caring, and all around wonderful. Her father, on the other hand, was abusive and nothing his wife did made him happy. He always found faults in everything and thought of her as his possession. She didn't have anyone that was there for her or helped her. She found some solace in being mute and keeping to herself. She has great strength. Finally she moves in with her family and they want to help her and be there for her. Now her cousin Brady isn't the most understanding and caring individual. He feels like his parents are pushing Maggie down his throat and making him take her with him to many places. West has so much going for him but none of it means anything to him considering his father is dying. He loves football but mostly because it was something he shared with his father. His father was a high school football hero and for a time played in the NFL until he was hurt. West grew up with loving and supportive parents. The women in town, on the other hand, haven't been very welcoming to his mother. The only people who were ever nice to her was Brady's parents. His family decided to keep his father's cancer a secret for many reasons but it has just made him feel so much more alone. The pain and grief are pretty much eating West up inside and he has a tendency to be cruel at times. He's been with Ryleigh for about a year but there wasn't really any feelings involved. Definitely worth reading. I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

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