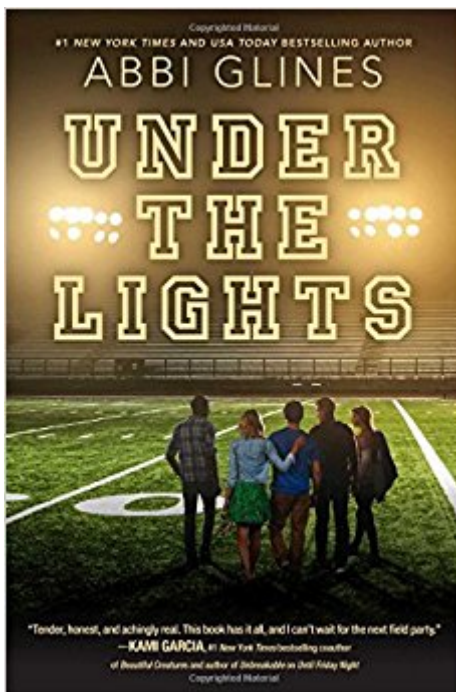


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# Under The Lights (Field Party)



## Synopsis

In the follow-up to Abbi Glines's #1 New York Times bestseller *Until Friday Night*—which bestselling author Kami Garcia called “tender, honest, and achingly real”—three teens from a small southern town are caught in a dramatic love triangle. Willa can't erase the bad decisions of her past that led her down the path she's on now. But she can fight for forgiveness from her family. And she can protect herself by refusing to let anyone else get close to her. High school quarterback and town golden boy Brady used to be the best of friends with Willa—she even had a crush on him when they were kids. But that's all changed now: her life choices have made her a different person from the girl he used to know. Gunner used to be friends with Willa and Brady, too. He too is larger than life and a high school football star—not to mention that his family basically owns the town of Lawton. He loves his life, and doesn't care about anyone except himself. But Willa is the exception—and he understands the girl she's become in a way no one else can. As secrets come to light and hearts are broken, these former childhood friends must face the truth about growing up and falling in love—even if it means losing each other forever.

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for *Until Friday Night*: “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, on UNTIL FRIDAY NIGHT 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, on UNTIL FRIDAY NIGHT August 31, 2015)

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When I read Until Friday Night it blew me away. I thought it was the perfect blend of drama,

romance and Football. I could not wait for Under the Lights to come up in hopes to experience the same kind of Friday Night Lights experience. While I thought Under the Lights was entertaining and it kept me turning the pages it felt nothing like Until Friday Night. There was little talk of Football. More teenage angst, which makes decent storytelling, however in a world where there is a new book released what feel like every second you really have to do something to set yourself apart from the crowd. I did still enjoy this book; however, I was hoping for something more. Despite all of this I am still looking forward to the third book in this series.

In the second installment of The Field Party Series by Abbi Glines we meet Willa who has returned to Lawton after being gone for six years and is dealing with some demons. She's back and trying to keep to herself, but her best friends from childhood Brady and Gunner refuse to let her isolate herself. All grown up and seniors in high school the three of them are learning that their friendship from all those years ago is still as strong, but some things are different. Willa was sent to live with her Nonna, the only one who ever really cared about her, after being thrown out of her parents house. As the story progresses we learn why, and it's tragic and breaks your heart. Willa has a lot of healing to do in this story, and with the help of one of these boys she is finally able to forgive herself and start to learn to accept what happened in her past, but it's a long road. Watching Willa struggle with her feelings both past and present with Brady and Gunner is frustrating at times. Brady and Gunner both want Willa but don't know how to deal with it. They both have a bond with her, and that bond didn't change even with all the years they spent apart. They were inseparable growing up now that they are all together again, things get complicated. You will root for one of these guys to win Willa over more so than the other, just because they fit more so than the other does. That boy also has his own story to tell, and it's just as messed up as Willa's. This was an angsty and dramatic story that had me hooked till the end, but it ended quite abruptly for my liking and left me with quite a few questions. The epilogue was also in the past instead of the future which is usually ok, but since there was so many unanswered questions I wasn't feeling how this book ended. I did enjoy Willa's story, and also seeing characters from the previous book as well. I'm hoping in the next book some questions will be answered as I have become attached to these characters and need to know what happened! Overall this was a good read, but there was too many things that were left open ended for me. Willa's story was sad, yet beautiful and full of laughs, tears, and forgiveness. If you're looking for a Young Adult/New Adult book that isn't full of craziness and backstabbing, I do suggest adding this one to your TBR list today.

I loved reading this book because it continues the story about West, Brady and Gunner. I love reading about these high school seniors, football, and Friday nights with games and field parties. West and Maggie's story was lovely so I was looking forward to this one. Willa and Gunther has something in common, they weren't loved by their mother and had a crappy home lives. Will at least had her Nonna who raised her until she was 8 y/o, then took over when she came again, in probation from juvie. Now she had to toe the line, study hard, convince her Nonna she had learned her lesson and was going to make her proud. When she arrived back in Lawton, both Brady and Gunner were happy to have their old playmate back, except they were now grown and their interactions were now different. I suspected this was going to be a love triangle but it turned out different and much better. There was growth in all three, good feelings and affection. What I loved most of all is that the sex scenes weren't long winded and exaggerated, just enough to give emphasis to the story. And I love when floozies appear in the story as the annoyance factor and then are squashed flat (it's a good girls' fantasy). Overall, an entertaining read, except for the crappy and short ending, with no happy times epilogue.

It's a good book but it's not great. There is a lot of repetitive things going on in this book. She's feels guilty about things. He feels unloved by everyone. The book finally takes a turn and new things start to happen. That's when it gets good. She continues to feel guilty, he continues to feel unloved. Nonna threatens to kick her out. Nonna says she loves her and won't kick her out. Nonna says to stay away from the boys. Willa doesn't stay away. Nonna threatens to kick her out again, but doesn't... You get the point. It goes on like that the whole book, something interesting happens then it gets repetitive again. I don't regret reading it and I don't think you would either.

I was impatiently awaiting this sequel and wasn't disappointed. The deep, emotional topics really grabbed my heart and had me devastated at times. I really grew to care about these characters and now am suffering a massive book hangover. I did struggle with my feelings for Nonna. I realize everything she does for Willa is out of love, but I disagreed with her methods. I finished this book in one day. It captured my attention and had me unable to put it down.

I'm usually a huge fan of all of her book but I dont know what happened with this one. I was so excited about it because I lived the first one so much. I read this one in a day and all it did was leave me disappointed. It dragged on and really felt like a book that was just thrown together. It was pretty expensive too and now. I feel like I wasted ten bucks.

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