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After The Game (Field Party)



Synopsis

The third book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Field Party series – a southern soap opera with football, cute boys, and pick-up trucks – from USA TODAY bestselling author Abbi Glines. Two years ago, Riley Young fled from Lawton, Alabama. After accusing the oldest Lawton son, Rhett, of rape, everyone called her a liar and she had no option but to leave. Now she's back, but she's not at Lawton High finishing up her senior year. She's at home raising the little girl that no one believed was Rhett's. Rhett is off at college living the life he was afraid he'd lose with Riley's accusation, so Riley agrees to move back to Lawton so she and her parents could take care of her grandmother, who is suffering from Alzheimer's. But the town still hasn't forgotten their hate for her, and she hasn't forgotten the way they turned on her when she needed them most. When town golden boy Brady Higgs finds Riley and her daughter, Bryony, stranded on the side of the road in a storm, he pulls over and gives them a ride. Not because he cares about Riley, of course, but because of the kid. But after the simple car ride, he begins to question everything he thought he knew. Could Brady believe Riley and risk losing everything?

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Customer Reviews

Abbi Glines has stolen my heart again with *After The Game*. Just when you think the field party series couldn't get any better Abbi blows you away with another installment. Brady and Riley's story was everything you thought it would be and more. I recommend keeping your Kleenex handy because you WILL need it. *After The Game* was a perfectly spun web of heartache, angst and healing. This book was Abbi's most empowering novel yet. The life lessons incorporated in this book stand loud and clear. I seriously can't stress enough how completely brilliant I found this story. The plot twists in this book left me completely speechless. You think everything's going great and BAM Abbi pulls the rug out from under you. You don't see anything coming until it slaps you in the face. I also have to give major kudos to the author for tackling some tough subjects and handling them with taste and grace. Rape is never a easy subject to read about but the author handled it in a inspiring and encouraging way. Riley's character has piqued my interest from the start. I was desperate to know more about the girl Lawton went through so much trouble to shun. I always felt there was more to the story and I was thankful to finally get answers. I have always liked Riley in the bits we get to know her from previous books. And my heart broke for her on numerous occasions but the strength and determination of her character was phenomenal. Riley took the worst of a situation and completely owned it, and in turn became a stronger person for it. I truly admired Riley's strength and determination to not only be the best mother she could be, but not let the bad of her past determine who she is. Brady's character has had his ups and downs with me. I LOVED him in *Until Friday Night*, and then I didn't so much in *Under The Lights*. I was glad to finally see his character develop and grow and initially find himself in *After The Game*. But that didn't come without admitting his mistakes, and getting his first taste of heartache. It warmed my heart to see the lengths Brady went through to help Riley's character heal. I was swooning more than once at his determination to fix his mistakes. With all that said I kept a lump in my throat as I watched Brady's world crumble, it truly broke my heart. But as with Riley, that's what it took for Brady to finally realise who his character truly was. *After The Game* is 5 AMAZING STARS well earned. I would highly recommend this book to anyone. Now I'm on pins and needles as I patiently await the next installment to the Field Party series.

After the Game is the third in The Field Party series from Abbi Glines. Abbi Glines' a great author that has the ability to create a wonderful and realistic world with characters that aren't perfect and

going through some hard times. She has a talent to draw readers to her books and keep them coming back for more. After the Game is Riley Young and Brady Higgins story. It is told in dual points of view between the two main characters with a small amount of memories from the past. Riley grew up in Lawton and was friends with Brady and dated Gunner but 2 years ago she was raped by Gunner's older brother Rhett and the town didn't believe her and turned against her. Her parents were the only ones to believe her and they left town to protect her. She ended up getting pregnant from the situation and had a beautiful and wonderful daughter named Bryony. Now her grandmother has Alzheimers so she and her parents move back to take care of her. Riley is a great character that just makes the reader love her. She was a sweet girl that was raped by her boyfriend's older brother and she was ostracized by the town when she told the truth. Rhett and the Lawton family were so rich and popular that the whole town turned against her. Riley's strong and she's been through so much. Most rape victims can't handle to keep the children from those situations or they would hold it against the child. Riley's a great mom that loves her daughter and just sees it as a horrible situation that brought her the best thing in her life. Brady's a great character as well but he's made some mistakes. He grew up with Riley and everyone and he was just another person that turned his back on her and believed Rhett couldn't have raped her. He and his friends idolized Rhett and didn't think he would be able to do such a thing. Brady's known as the nice guy and the star quarterback. He's been focused on football his whole life. Even when he was dating Ivy, he wasn't happy and didn't want to be with her but he couldn't bring himself to break up with her. He didn't want to ruin his nice guy image. He now realizes that he was wrong about Riley and he's trying to make up for it.

I'm really giving this book more of a 3.5 stars than 3, the saving grace was Bryony. I was a little more than disappointed in this book to be honest. I read other reviews and thought "surely it's not as bad as they make it out to seem. If the first two were great this one should be too right?" I was dead wrong and it definitely was worth the \$10.99 price tag. I kept waiting for me to love the storyline. I kept waiting for something big to happen, but it never came. I predicted the bad thing that happened to Brady at the very beginning of the book. I felt like something better could've been written for him. I also felt like we should've been a little more privy to Riley and everything that happened with Rhett. It still isn't entirely clear and this story definitely needed that gut-wrenching tale. For the most part it stayed relatively smooth sailing. There wasn't any big bumps in the road, no obstacles that they had to get over as a couple. Their breakup and eventual makeup was even lackluster. I wish Abbi would've given us more. It felt rushed and I couldn't get passed the inconsistencies. If it happens

once okay, but multiple times were really bugging me (am I the only one that noticed in the beginning Brady mentioned he was going to Texas A&M for college instead of the University of Alabama that he magically always knew he was going to and took a college visit?). I hope her other series ends a little better than this one did.

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