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From the #1 *New York Times*- and *USA Today*-bestselling author of the *Rosemary Beach* and *The Vincent Boys* series, Abbi Glines delivers another smoldering, compulsively readable YA romance with *As She Fades*.

On the night of her high school graduation, Vale McKinley and her boyfriend Crawford are in a terrible car accident that leaves Crawford in a coma. They were supposed to spend the summer planning for college, for a bright future full of possibility. Together. Instead, Vale spends long days in the hospital, hoping Crawford will awaken.

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Glines' millions of fans will adore *As She Fades*, a novel as romantic as it is full of twists and unexpected turns.

As She Fades Details

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Chelsea Humphrey says

3.5 STARS

I seem to read a hefty number of novels that I can't divulge many plot details on, and this one falls into that category as well. If you followed along with my Goodreads updates, you'll have noticed my extreme surprise at a particular twist; from the reviews I've read thus far it appears I wasn't alone, and I'd go as far as to say that no one has mentioned guessing it ahead of time yet. The twist alone earns it stars, but the writing also drew me in and kept me engaged. I will say my only issue was that, due to the twist, there was a change in the story that felt a bit rushed. If the twist had happened earlier, then perhaps we readers would have had more time to adjust to this shifting storyline and really connected with the second part much more. Overall, a great read and one I would recommend to fans of YA contemporary with a tinge of suspense and mystery.

Review copy furnished by the publisher via NetGalley.

Angie Elle says

ARC from Netgalley

3.5 stars

Abbi Glines is an author who has been on my radar for years, but if you know anything about me, it's that I am not one to give in to the the hype. If I don't read a book before it's released and there's a lot of buzz surrounding it, it'll probably be a good two years before I finally read it. When I saw the blurb for this book, though, I couldn't resist it. Now, I would be remiss if I didn't say this blurb is incredibly misleading (thought I can't tell you why without spoiling,) but I enjoyed it anyway.

Here is what I really liked about this book:

Crawford's situation may have been serious, but there was a light-heartedness to this story that I wasn't expecting.

Vale's family – I loved that they were so close-knit, but that even her four overprotective brothers weren't overdone. The family dynamic was so wonderful, and the love they had for each other leapt off the pages. Knox, especially was a standout character for me. He could be a bit overbearing, but he was quick to back off when Vale gave him the 'I got this' vibe.

Slate – I really liked Slate's character. He was the character who showed the most growth, and I thought the changes were credible, and I could see him becoming a better person throughout this story.

Uncle D – The man was a hoot, and it was clear he would do anything for his nephew. It really was his relationship with his uncle that showed us who Slate really was, and their scenes together made my heart melt.

The pacing – I really enjoyed this pacing. As She Fades was such a quick read, and I feel like the pacing was steady right up to the very end.

The twist – The twist here really worked for me. Because I'm a romantic, I like to think love transcends anything, and I love the idea behind this twist.

I did have a few issues with this book:

Catty females – Why are we not over this yet? Women are not nearly as clingy after one night stands as fiction would have you believe, and when someone has a reputation like Slate's, they know the score going in and are unlikely to borderline stalk him afterwards. Let alone threaten his only female friend.

Crawford – There were a few things about his character that bothered me. First of all, he was the one driving when the accident occurred, but we never saw remorse or guilt from him, and while I know he wasn't at fault because of the circumstances, I think it is still something that would have plagued him on some level. (view spoiler)

Overall, I thought **As She Fades** was an enjoyable read, and I'll be keeping my eye out for more from Abbi Glines in the future!

This review was originally posted on Books & Beauty Are My Bag.

Kayla says

This was just your cliché contemporary but I actually really enjoyed it and found it very fun!

Sharon ∞💎 is an emotional book junkie 💎∞ says

4 ★'s

This is my first Abbi Glines' book besides the Rosemary Beach series. I guess I've been hesitant because you know, Rush. ~Sigh~ However, I did feel there was a bit of Rush in Slate.

Vale and Crawford have been together since they were six years old. They're involved in a car wreck the night of graduation and Crawford is in a coma with Vale at his side as much as his mother will allow.

Time passes and she meets Slate who's at the hospital to see his Uncle who has cancer. Slate is actually in the same fraternity as Vale's brother. Slate tries talking to her and brings her coffee but she's not really interested. That is, until she finds out that Slate has been reading to Crawford and Crawford is responding. She feels she should at least be Slate's friend.

Eventually, her family and friends convince her to get on with her life and go to college. This is when her and Slate become *very* close...friends. No one can believe it because Slate has been such the player.

I loved the angst whenever Vale would see Slate with a girl or when Slate would see Vale with someone. I especially loved how much it affected Slate. (sounds like Rush right?) Thankfully, they finally decide to start dating and well, we all know where that leads.

...and then there's Part Two...

Ugh...I just didn't really care for this part even if the "twist" was unique. I guess I just wanted the first part to keep going. And I really didn't care for Crawford at all! However, I did enjoy the play on certain characters and how some people are just meant to be together!

Christa says

I almost dnf this book.

Almost.

Don't bother reading the summary of this book, it's lies.

I thought this would be about a girl who finds another love while her boyfriend is in a coma, for her boyfriend to wake up and not remember her. I thought this because it says this in the summary.

Slate Allen, a college friend of Vale's brother, has been visiting his dying uncle at the same hospital. When he and Vale meet, she can't deny the flutter of an illicit attraction. She tries to ignore her feelings, but she's not immune to Slate's charm. Slowly, they form a cautious friendship. Then, Crawford wakes up . . . with no memory of Vale or their relationship. Heartbroken, Vale opts to leave for college and move on with her life.

Except that's not what happens.

The book is divided into part one and part two. And part one was hard to get through. Slate will sleep with anyone, and it's hard to think of how great a guy is when there are no telling how many STDs he has. Vale was young and immature, which comes with being eighteen, I guess?

And then part two, the plot twist.

Vale was actually in the coma, not Crawford. I honestly had to go back and read it again, because I thought I had zoned out.

Yep, the first 60% was all just a dream.

And the ending was abrupt.

What kills me the most?

Then, Crawford wakes up . . . with no memory of Vale or their relationship. Heartbroken, Vale opts to leave for college and move on with her life.

^ That part, the part I was looking forward to? Didn't even happen. And I don't mean it was all a dream - it didn't happen. It straight up wasn't in the book. Even in part one, where it was Crawford in the coma, he never woke up.

I don't know if this was a sloppy description or just straight lies.

I would love to read an angsty story where a girl loses her first love to amnesia and has to move on with her life. And I just feel cheated.

Part two was ok, with Vale finding confidence in herself and getting a backbone.

I'd recommend if you have read this author and liked her previous works. But I would borrow before buying.

Misty says

I was already on the fence about whether to continue with this one, and now that I know the twist, I'm even more on the fence. But the thing really holding me back is the writing. It all seemed very surface, formulaic, and very tell-heavy. First impressions and excerpt video coming soon.

Jen Ryland says

Story about a girl who's been in a car accident, her boyfriend lying in the hospital in a coma, and her growing attraction to the hot fraternity brother of one of her siblings.

I've read Abbi Glines books before and they are a particular thing - very romance-y in an old-school romance novel way. And I can absolutely, definitely be up for some romantic melodrama, which is what the blurb made this book sound like. And as I read, I *wished* for melodrama, because the book was pretty blah most of the way through. Despite the dramatic-sounding premise, the writing was flat and the characters were just sort of there. However, I could see it as a guilty pleasure for some YA readers - it's a quick (and undemanding) read for sure.

The plot does take an unexpected turn toward the middle, and I wasn't sure how I felt about that. If the characters and their relationships had felt better developed I think the plot shift could have been much more interesting. My blogger friend Lauren makes a great point in her review, which I hadn't thought of as I think I zoned into boredom while reading, but (BIG SPOILER under protection- beware) (view spoiler)

This didn't feel triangle-y (if that's an issue for you).

Abbi Glines books are not for everyone but she has definitely written better books. If you haven't read anything of hers, this might not be the best book to start with.

Read more of my reviews on JenRyland.com! Check out my Bookstagram! Or check out my Jen In Ten reviews on Youtube - get the lowdown on current books in 10-30 seconds!

Thanks to the publisher for providing an advance copy for review!

Sabrina says

PRE-ORDER

Amazon US * Amazon UK

3.5 Stars

As She Fades is Abbi Glines' newest YA novel, following Vale McKinley as she tries to hold on to the only boy she's ever loved. This wasn't a story of flowers and sunshine, it was a story of walking through the pouring rain to get to your true love. Vale finds out the hard way that sometimes life throws a roadblock in your plans, but with the right person you can find a detour.

I'm honestly a little conflicted about this book. Without giving spoilers, I'll say that there was a twist that happened a little after the half way mark of the story and that's where my issue comes from. It wasn't the twist itself because I actually thought that was intriguing, but with the way it played out. Maybe if that revelation had come a little earlier in the book so that we could get more story after that, it would have worked better for me. But as it was it just didn't leave with a satisfied feeling.

One other thing that got to be a little annoying was the constant females throwing themselves at Slade. It just became too repetitive, and it was frustrating that it seemed like any female that wasn't the heroine or a relative was portrayed as someone who couldn't control their lust.

But putting all that aside I did really enjoy the overall story. It was thought-provoking and intriguing. The kind of story that makes you put yourself in the characters shoes and wonder what you would do in such a situation. I found the characters easy to like and relatable, and thought there was a great connection between them. It also held a bit of mystery as to what would happen in the end, which captivated me, and I liked that it wasn't very predictable.

Overall, I had some issues with some of the ways this story was portrayed but in the end I can say that it was an enjoyable read. Abbi Glines' YA novels are some of the only ones I'll read in the genre because she always finds a way for me to relate to these young characters and this book was no different. I would definitely recommend this story if you're looking for a young-love type of romance.

ARC kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.

Jessica (BookObsessedJess) says

Well. Well. Well. What do we have here?

A book that I received as an eARC that I *actually* FINISHED the day it was released.

Hooray for me!

The accurate part of the synopsis: *On the night of her high school graduation, Vale McKinley and her boyfriend Crawford are in a terrible car accident that leaves Crawford in a coma. They were supposed to spend the summer planning for college, for a bright future full of possibility. Together. Instead, Vale spends long days in the hospital, hoping Crawford will awaken.*

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What did I think?

How bout a handy dandy list of pros and cons?

No? Well, you are going to get them anyway.

A list of "Yay's":

1. Quick read.
2. "Bad boy" hero.
3. A teensy, gigantic twist (view spoiler).

A list of "WHY DID YOU DO THIS?":

1. Too quick of a resolution, wrapped up in a lovely bow.
2. Not a terrible cover, but not a great one either.
3. The synopsis + the book? Not exactly accurate. Me no like.

At the end of the day, I did like this book. Why did I give it 3 stars? The resolution. It was too quick for me to justify giving it any higher of a rating.

Reader beware. Mostly YA, but has some NA moments.

Thank you to the publishers and those over at NetGalley for giving me an eARC of this book.

As *She Fades* is currently on sale at a retailer near you!

Lorrea - WhatChaReadin'? says

Vale McKinley and her boyfriend Crawford have been together since they were six years old. On the night of their high school graduation they are in a terrible car accident that leaves one of them in a coma. The other does their best to visit everyday, but college is just around the corner and they have to make the decision to either move on together or apart. Vale comes from a large family and their support is very important to her. People come in and out Vale and Crawford's lives as they try to deal with the circumstances they are under. The most notable is Slate Allan, a friend to Vale's brother, Knox, whose reputation is not the most desirable. He reads sports magazines and has a heart of gold. Will Vale and Crawford be able to move forward together or is their life better apart?

Thank you to NetGalley and Feiwel & Friends for the opportunity to read and review this book.

Let me say, this book held my attention from the very beginning. Vale is a very interesting character and you immediately want to be her friend and a part of her family. I read this book in 2 days. Wherever I went, I was reading it. There was a huge twist a little more than half way through the book, that made me yell and curse!!

This is a YA Romance book. The characters are all 21 or under and it made me feel a bit nostalgic. Took my

back to my college days with roommates and friends all over campus. How much life changes when you get to college.

Vale and Crawford have a lot on their plates. The accident has changed them and made Vale, especially think about her life with and without Crawford. Everything has always been the way he wanted, even the college they both decided to go to was his idea. It's not too bad, though because her brother is there too.

Will this relationship last? Will the past 12 years of their life come to an end after this accident? Will they be able to push through and continue the relationship through college? Will Slate Allan be able to prove to the world what a great guy he is or will his reputation as a playboy be all that anyone will see?

This is the first book I have read by Abbi Glines, but it will not be my last. This book held and kept my attention from the very start until THE END!!

Cait says

FRIENDS I AM GOING TO TELL YOU A STORY. (I'm not putting it under a spoiler cut because I cannot imagine any of you actually care? anyway).

SO I AM READING THIS BOOK. IT WASN'T AMAZING BUT IT WAS ENTERTAINING WHATEVER. WE GET TO 60% THROUGH. VALE IS GROWING, SHE'S LIVING HER LIFE WHILE HER HIGH SCHOOL BOYFRIEND IS IN A COMA.

BUT THEN

IT TURNS OUT *SHE* WAS THE ONE IN THE COMA. OVER THE FIRST HALF OF THE BOOK IS A DREAM SEQUENCE.

Honestly, I could not stop laughing.

Joleen (starlightbooktales) says

This arc was provided to me for free from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

3 Stars

First, I must point out that the blurb doesn't match what actually happens in the book.

The story revolves around Vale, who has been in a long-term relationship with Crawford. Their perfect plan for the future comes to a halt when they are involved in a car accident leaving Crawford in a coma. Vale spends her summer visiting every day and it's during those visits she meets Slate, who is there visiting his uncle. Now that college is about to start, Vale makes the decision to go. There she becomes close to Slate and starts a new life. But then the unthinkable happens, Crawford wakes up...

Part one had me in love, I was head over heels for this story and the characters. It was lighting fireworks off in my head. However, when part two rolled around, I wanted to cry out in frustration. That big twist was not necessary and the rest of it was just rushed. It brought nothing to the plot and just complicated everything.

I would gladly recommend part one to everyone, I mean that part is well worth the read. Just maybe don't read part two.

Stacee says

DNF on page 86

I've enjoyed some of Abbi's other books and I liked the synopsis of this one.

Vale has a lot of potential. She's smart and caring and seems to have a big heart. Unfortunately, her inner monologue is 100% about Crawford and that got super boring super fast. I mean, I'm not completely heartless, the coma situation is sad, yet in 86 pages, I saw no indication that there would be growth.

Plot wise, not much happened in the parts that I read. Oh, there was a lot of girls throwing themselves at Slate, a lot of girls calling other girls sluts and whores, and a lot of talk of sex and blow jobs. So there's that.

I've seen other reviews talk about a twist and I was curious, so I skipped to the end and read some of it, but it didn't compel me to go further. I was bored and had no connection to any of the characters.

I'm not going to rate this because maybe that twist would have changed things. If I were to rate it from what I read, it would be one star.

****Huge thanks to Feiwei and Friends for providing the arc free of charge****

Lo Bookfrantic says

3.5 stars

Full review coming

Laura Lovely says

2.5/5 stars

Okay so first of all, im a really big fan of Abbi's books and i always have loved them for their simple and fun nature. This book really surprised me. I would first like to point out that the blurb on the back of the book and also on Goodreads does not match the plot. That really confused me but i can look past that for now.

This book is told in two parts and to be honest, I really wish the book was just a continuation of part one because part two made absolutely no sense to me and made the book feel so rushed and confusing. Again I'm a really big fan of Abbi's books so this one was just a major disappointment.
