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Sometimes It Lasts (Sea Breeze Book 5)



Synopsis

Cage York has to choose between a love of the game and a love of the girl in this sultry Sea Breeze novel from bestselling author Abbi Glines. Cage York finally has everything he ever wanted. And Eva is at the very top of that list—the perfect girl with a temper as hot as her fabulously flawless body. But for Cage, a baseball scholarship has always been a close second. So when Cage finally gets his chance, he and Eva must endure a long distance relationship—and all the dangerous temptations that come with it. Temptations that former ad boy Cage York may not be able to escape. Then after receiving some illicit photos that show Cage has been behaving badly—very badly—Eva finds solace in the comforting arms of her insanely attractive neighbor Jeremy, who vows that he will take care of Eva in ways Cage never could. It's an offer that may be too good for Eva to turn down. Torn between his baseball dream and the girl of his dreams, Cage must prove he's worthy of Eva's love, or risk losing her to Jeremy forever.

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"Make no mistake. There will always be an us. You can pretend like what we had never happened. You can ignore your feelings. Hell, baby, you can even marry Jeremy ***ing Beasley. But there will always be an us. No one and nothing can change that." There are sequels and then there are PERFECT sequels, and this is as perfect as a continuation of a favourite story can get. In *While It Lasts*, we fell in love with Cage York, a bad boy sent to work on a farm during summer because of a DUI, who met his match in one fierce and no-nonsense farmer's daughter named Eva Brooks. We watched them flirt, fight their attraction, and eventually succumb to love. While at the end of that book we had left them in a good place, in this sequel, we watch them fight for that happy ending, through heartache and tragedy, but making it one heck of a roller-coaster ride that you won't want to pause for one single second. Cage York is my new obsession and after you read this book, you'll know why. "No one else for me ever. You're it. You're my always." The story takes off where the first book ended, Cage and Eva are blissfully happy together and faced with their first big decision as a couple - whether to move interstate to attend a college that would offer Cage a full-ride scholarship and an opportunity to play college baseball, putting him one step closer to his dream of playing professionally. But smooth sailing quickly turns into choppy waters as Eva's whole world comes crushing down when faced with her father's sudden illness. Forced to stay back and look after her dad and the farm, Eva lets Cage go to college on his own, reluctantly but selflessly, knowing that holding him back would only take his dreams away. "You gotta let that boy go, baby girl. He came here last summer because he had a plan. He had one chance to get the future he wants and even though he is a rascal he is a smart boy. He got what he wanted. But if you ask him to let it go he will. In a heartbeat. Don't make him choose. Let him go. Make it okay for him to go take that dream he fought for. Do it 'cause you love him." What starts as a temporary long-distance relationship soon turns into missed phone calls and unusual text messages, and one ugly breakup later, Eva and Cage are no longer together. Eva's pain, coupled with the sorrow from watching her father slowly wither away, is tangible, soul-shattering. We watch her face a new reality in her life, bravely and with determination, regardless of the fact that her heart is breaking more and more each day. Cage is facing his own demons far away from the woman he loves. Eva's parting words scarred him deeply, awakening the unwanted little boy in him whose own mother had called him her biggest mistake. "Just like my momma had when she'd called me her biggest mistake, she'd meant it. How could I fight for someone who didn't want me?" They both stumble through their separation,

heartbroken and lonely, until tragedy brings them back into each other's lives and back on the farm where they fell in love. And this is where the story becomes a whole new ballgame, one of two people still loving one another heart and soul, their bodies aching for each other, their lives making more sense being together than apart, but not trusting their hearts to find their way back to each other. Cage fights for Eva, like a man on a mission, persistently and passionately. He misses her in his arms, he resents her for giving up on them so easily and rejecting his love so readily, but he also loves her more than anything else in his life and he cannot see his future without Eva in it. But actions are so much better than mere words and nothing warms my heart like a man proving his undying love by refusing to leave his woman's side ever again. "Being near you completes me. It makes me happy. I ****ed up and I lost you. I don't expect to ever get you back. I don't deserve you. But I want to be near you." As Eva's resolve slowly crumbles down, we are reminded of the magic that made us fall in love with Cage and Eva in the first place, and why there is truly nothing like an Abbi Glines kind of happy ending. Brace yourselves because Ms Glines pulled out the big guns and gave these characters the send-off of a lifetime. Her books are getting more and more emotional with each new release and this instalment of the Sea Breeze series is no exception. Heart-wrenching, romantic, even sexier and steamier than the prequel and simply unputtable-down. Like I always say, pure Abbi Glines perfection. "You're mine, Eva Brooks. Always. You told me that yourself and, sweetheart, I'm holding you to it."

3.75 Angsty Abbi stars :) The continuation of Cage and Eva's story, following on the end of Just For Now. Eva and Cage are happily in love and making plans on starting a new life together in Tennessee, when tragedy strikes. Eva must remain in Alabama, and she makes Cage go off to college to fulfill his dreams without her. Over time, the distance takes its toll, and the two find themselves where they never thought they would be: apart. This book was a sweet, yet angsty story. I know for many she is a favorite, but Ms. Glines is my choice guilty pleasure author. I normally wouldn't like a book like this, but something about how it's written sucks me in and keeps me reading when I normally. Is it the most original plot? No. Do I care? Not a bit. Abbi Glines could recycle the plot for Emma and I would still read it. In most other reviews I've read about this book people have said they found this book unnecessary, and I disagree. Not everyone has a cut and dry happy ending. Life happens, s*** happens and we all need to get our act together and pull through it and that's exactly what happened in this book. The circumstances may seem extreme but most relationships suffer hardship and Cage and Eva were not the exception. The one thing I did not love about this book was the reconciliation. I feel Cage did a fair amount of groveling, but Eva didn't. She

knew his emotional issues, and she used them against him when she was hurt. And then she never apologized. So I would have liked to see more groveling on her end. I also think Jeremy deserves his own book if he doesn't have one already. Asap! Some of my favorite quotes from the book: "Because I can't live without you. However you allow me to have you is what I will take." "It's time we start our always."

A quick catch up with Cage and Eva. Their relationship is growing and going strong, until Cage and his baseball buddies have an evening out. Shenanigans ensue, and Cage ends up drugged. Putting his relationship at risk. Eva is understandably upset and turns to the constant in her life Jeremy, but does she really love him, or is he just comfortable and safe? I love Cage and Eva and I am glad they are getting their happily ever after. Baby makes 3 for both Marcus and Cage. Looking forward to the next book in the series.

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