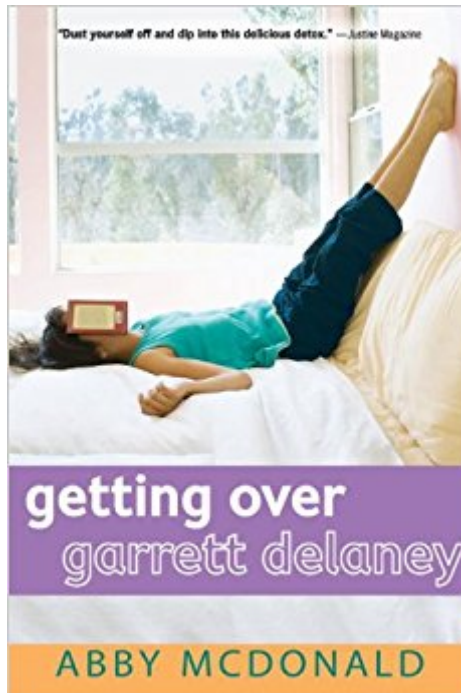




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# Getting Over Garrett Delaney



## Synopsis

Can a twelve-step program help Sadie kick her unrequited crush for good? Abby McDonald serves up her trademark wit and wisdom in a hilarious new novel. Seventeen-year-old Sadie is in love: epic, heartfelt, and utterly one-sided. The object of her obsession — ahem, affection — is her best friend, Garrett Delaney, who has been oblivious to Sadie's feelings ever since he sauntered into her life and wowed her with his passion for Proust (not to mention his deep-blue eyes). For two long, painful years, Sadie has been Garrett's constant companion, sharing his taste in everything from tragic Russian literature to art films to '80s indie rock — all to no avail. But when Garrett leaves for a summer literary retreat, Sadie is sure that the absence will make his heart grow fonder — until he calls to say he's fallen in love. With some other girl! A heartbroken Sadie realizes that she's finally had enough. It's time for a total Garrett detox! Aided by a barista job, an eclectic crew of new friends (including the hunky chef, Josh), and a customized self-help guide, Sadie embarks on a summer of personal reinvention full of laughter, mortifying meltdowns, and a double shot of love.

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## Customer Reviews

Gentle and humorous, GETTING OVER GARRETT DELANEY is sure to be a hit with fans of Joan Bauer and Meg Cabot. "VOYA In this entertaining antiromance, McDonald turns the tragedy of unrequited love on its head as she traces her heroine's determined and often comical efforts to find herself and become more independent." Publishers Weekly

Abby McDonald is the author of three other young adult novels: *Sophomore Switch*; *Boys, Bears, and a Serious Pair of Hiking Boots*; and *The Anti-Prom*. Originally from England, Abby McDonald now lives in Los Angeles.

Sadie has known that she and her best friend Garrett are meant to be together for two years now--she's just waiting for Garrett to realize it. But when he gets into a prestigious writing summer camp and all she has to look forward to is a job at a local coffee shop, Sadie decides that enough is enough. She is going to get over Garrett once and for all. With some help from friends new and old, Sadie puts herself through a twelve-step recovery process. But can you fall out of love with someone and still remain friends with him? *Getting Over Garrett* Delaney is a delightfully funny read, and Sadie is a charming, plucky narrator. The heart of the story takes place in the coffee shop, *Totally Wired*, that many characters work and meet at, which is a fun and energetic setting with lots of eccentric characters. It's the stage for a lot of drama, the beginning and end of many relationships, and the site of a support group that Sadie leans on. Her twelve-step program is witty and simple, but it is pretty solid advice on McDonald's part. Sadie's personal growth is really the best part of this book--she slowly begins to embrace her own identity by shedding her carefully Garrett-tailored image, and deciding that it's okay to like popular books and movies because she likes them, not because they're things she feels she ought to like for their literary or culture value. She discovers that while it's important to be open-minded and try new things, you shouldn't change your tastes and preferences for the sake of a boy, a good lesson that bears repeating. There's just enough romance in this one to satisfy readers, but the dominant themes of friendship and independence prevail. McDonald has written a fun and humorous book that will be well-received by YA readers.

I love, love, love this book! I don't even know where to start. Sadie is an absolute wonderful character. She has fallen so head over heels for Garrett that she doesn't even know where he stops and she begins. She does really like those old black and white films and 80's British indie bands, right? Maybe not. The whole novel I was rooting for her to figure out who she is and what she likes. It's really confusing for her, because when she first met Garrett they did share common interests. But Sadie realizes that she lost herself somewhere along the way. In the beginning I liked Garrett. As the story progressed though, I realized what a self-absorbed jerk he is. I was so connected with Sadie that I was literally afraid for her heart when he comes back to town. I cried with her and laughed with her. It's just an incredible story. And the secondary characters - love all of her

coworkers and her friend Kayla. They aren't just fluff; all of them are instrumental in Sadie's progress. Speaking of progress, I love that we intermittently get the steps to Sadie's 12 step Garrett-detox every few chapters. It flows really well within the story, entering when that step complements the storyline. They are written from Sadie to herself. No complaints about this one from me. It's perfect just the way it is. This is the first novel I've read from Abby McDonald, but it certainly won't be the last.

Have you ever pined after someone, and thought you were going to get your chance? Well, Sadie is definitely no stranger in that apartment. She has loved Garrett ever since she saw him two years ago. Both, of them have the same interests. On her birthday, she learns that he and his girlfriend and no longer dating. This is her chance to finally get out of the friend zone. At a party, she thinks he is finally going to tell her that he loves her, but they are interrupted and never have the conversation. Sadie and Garrett have applied to a writing camp over the summer, but Sadie's plans of getting close to him backfire when she finds out she didn't get accepted. She has no idea what she going to do without him. She lands a job at a coffee shop and looks forward to see him again until she learns he is in love with a girl at camp. Not only has she missed her chance, Garrett claims this girl is exactly like Sadie. Sadie plans to go through a Garrett detox. Will she be able to become the girl she wants instead of the one Garrett always expected her to be? I thought this book sounded so cute and pitiful. It stinks when the guy you're crushing on doesn't have a clue to how you feel. I liked that Sadie rekindled the relationship she had with Kayla. I would love to read a story about Kayla. She was one of the people who helped Sadie stick to her plan, so Sadie wouldn't fall back in love with him. I loved seeing Sadie figure out who she is. I never cared much for Garrett. He took her for granted and is definitely pompous, especially to Sadie's coworkers. I do think Sadie was a little bit obsessive in the extent that she cared for him.

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