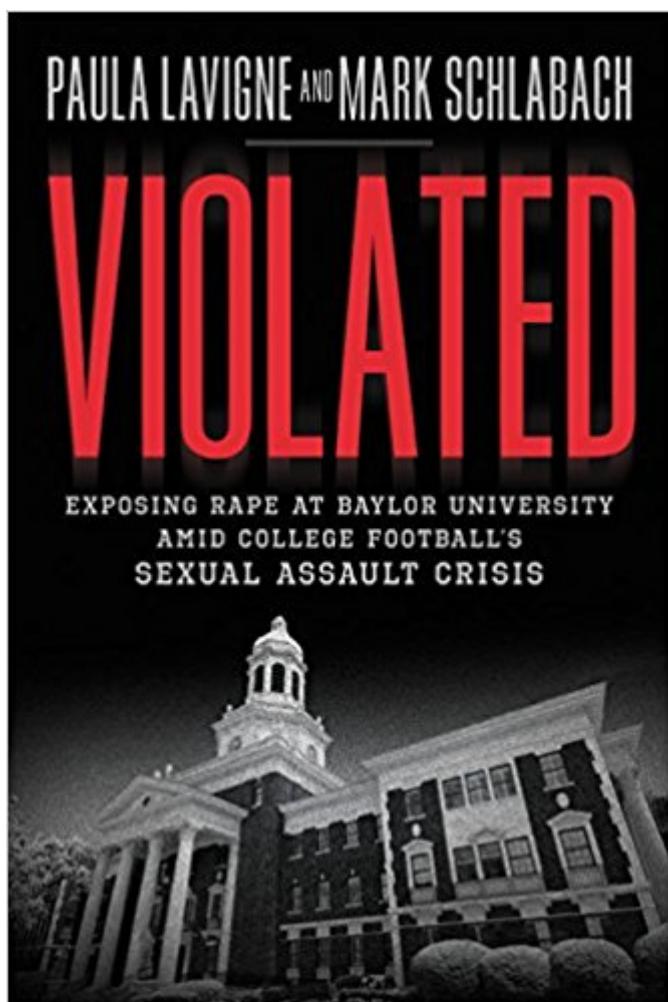


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# Violated: Exposing Rape At Baylor University Amid College Football's Sexual Assault Crisis



## Synopsis

In *Violated*, two ESPN investigative reporters provide listeners with a shocking narrative of sexual crimes committed against women and a university's culture that kept them quiet. Jasmin was one of five women who reported to police that they were either raped or assaulted -- in incidents from October 2009 to April 2012 -- by a single university football player, who was convicted on two counts of sexual assault in January 2014. Indeed, it was only the beginning of what would become the worst scandal in recent college sports history, and one that opened the door to reveal how a university failed to help sexual assault victims across the board. This university's sexual assault crisis does not stand alone in what is becoming one of the biggest crises in American culture -- rape and violence against women on college campuses. But not until now has a sexual assault scandal stripped a celebrated head coach and university president of their jobs, and thrown an entire community into turmoil. Through previously unpublished interviews with victims, assailants, attorneys, university officials, players, coaches, and nationally recognized experts on sexual assault and campus safety, *Violated* is an eye-opening, blow-by-blow account of the genesis and fallout of the sexual assault scandal, and tells a story that will leave listeners pondering what they really know about the culture of college football, the widespread nature of college students getting raped, and what transpires after dark in college towns across the country.

## Customer Reviews

"Through a comprehensive timeline and the stories of survivors, *VIOLATED* exposes our society's 'win at all cost' attitude and the devastation that ensues when we value winning more than human life. The harrowing intersection of sports and violence is undeniable, and *VIOLATED* gives us a look at how things can go so terribly wrong while also celebrating the heroic courage of sexual assault survivors. A must read for everyone, you will be disturbed and horrified by the details, but you will also be better prepared to confront a culture that dismisses, ignores, and minimizes the impact of sexual violence on its victims and our campus communities. There is no other more pressing issue on our college campuses than sexual violence. There is no other crime aside from murder that is more devastating for its victims and families. A There is no other book needed more right now than *VIOLATED*.--Brenda Tracy, sexual assault survivor and activist

"Lavigne and Schlabach have dug deep on the No. 1 scourge in college athletics. Violence against women in any form is unacceptable and yet it has been enabled (at least) by those who either don't want to know or are actively covering up. College athletics in general has been woefully weak in addressing this issue. Thanks to 'Violated' the game is about to change. This is not only a Baylor

problem; it is a national problem brought to light by the fine reporting of the authors."• Dennis Dodd, Senior Reporter, CBS Sports"VIOLATED is the most comprehensive book about college football sexual assault to date. It exposes all of the components of a destructive, win-at-all-costs football culture that shelters predators and cultivates a destructive campus environment. The book gives an in depth, explicit view at the toll on victims when a university decides to afford protection to an elite, powerful group of students and administrators rather than its most vulnerable and injured. It is a cautionary tale about what happens when a university allows an athletic department to operate under autonomy and insulate itself from protocols, procedures, and even laws. VIOLATED describes in painful, gut-wrenching detail, a university who sacrificed character, its Christian values, and moral decency for a run at college football greatness and the entrenched system that supported it. VIOLATED is a must read for athletes, coaches, administrators, and politicians who are committed to understanding the culture surrounding sexual assault that has led to its epidemic status and the inarguable need for Title IX guidelines. VIOLATED literally kept me awake at night, not only reading it, but absorbing the many similarities to my own college experience at Nebraska."•Katherine Redmond, founder, National Coalition Against Violent Athletes

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