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APPENDICES

Biography of the Author

Nicholas Sparks is a world-famous American writer. She writes touching novels about love, the tragedies of life, Christianity, human relationships and helping each other. Nicholas Sparks' full name is Nicholas Charles Sparks. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 31, 1965. He received a full scholarship from the University of Notre Dame as a runner at the University. However, the injury he suffered after breaking the 4x800 meter relay record made Sparks "forced" to spend his time writing.

This romantic man fell in love at first sight with Cathy, whom he married in 1989, a year after they met. After selling his novel *The Notebook*, the first thing he bought was a new wedding ring for his wife. His name was further elevated after *Message in the Bottle* was filmed with lead star Kevin Costner in 1999. *A Walk to Remember* which many critics considered his best work was also filmed with the main star Mandy Moore. *The Last Song* is a 2010 American romantic drama film directed by Julie Anne Robinson and produced by Adam Shankman and Jennifer Gibgot. Based on the 2009 novel of the same name by Nicholas Sparks, the film stars Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth, Greg Kinnear, Kelly Preston and Bobby Coleman. *The Last Song* was filmed on Tybee Island and Savannah, Georgia..Nicholas Sparks now lives in New Bern, North Carolina, with a wife and four children. He is #1 New York time bestselling author for 12 books and In a poll of the Entertainment Weekly readers he was voted as the favorite author.

Plot summary of the *The Last Song*

Veronica 'Ronnie', a seventeen year old girl, is famous for her classical piano talent, Steve Miller who is a professor at Julliard School. Since childhood, Ronnie has had many achievements from playing the piano, and became the target of a well-known music school, Julliard School. He and his father often play to compose songs together.

Until at the age of fifteen, Ronnie decided not to touch the piano again for good. He rebelled and chose to live as he pleased. This is not without reason, Ronnie is already disappointed with the decision of his parents to divorce. Not only that, Steve was also relocated to Tybee Island, the small Georgian coastal town where he grew up. He lived quietly and alone there as a volunteer-stained glass craftsman for a church that was under renovation due to a fire.

Until one day, Kim, invites Ronnie and Jonah, his sister to meet their father in Georgia, and forces Ronnie to spend his summer there. Unlike Jonah, who seems happy with his father, Ronnie is suffering. He never spoke to his father even though Jonah asked Ronnie to make up.

However, it seems Tybee Island brings love for Ronnie. While he is feeling pressured by his father, Ronnie meets Will at a beach volleyball competition where the island's teens spend the weekend. Her meeting with Will changes her feelings. Slowly, Ronnie and Will grew closer. Ronnie begins to realize that Will is a man who is different from the others. As his relationship with Will grew closer, Ronnie and his father's relationship got better. Will is a good arbiter of Ronnie and Steve's relationship.

However, problems arise when Steve suddenly faints. When examined, the doctor told Ronnie that Steve had stomach cancer which had been around for a long time. Around the same time, Ronnie and Will fight over a secret that Will has regarding Steve. Will, who also decided to study in Europe, then left Ronnie.

Day after day changed, Jonah had to return to New York to return to school. Meanwhile, Ronnie decides to stay longer with his father. When his father's condition worsens, Ronnie is determined to return to playing the piano and finish a song that his father wrote but never finished. Ronnie finished it.

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Characters of the story

Veronica "Ronnie" Miller

The 17 year old protagonist he is the main character in the novel, he has a very bad temper. At the beginning of the novel, Ronnie is angry with his parents, who are separated, and hates having to spend summers with his father and he quarrels with his girlfriend and decides not to go to college as a form of rebellion against his parents. Over the summer, however, Ronnie gains a new appreciation

for family, life, faith, and love, as she evolves from a rebellious teenager into a responsible and kind young woman, now able to change her bad temper for the better after the death of her father and Making up with his girlfriend Will, they decide to study at the same campus, Columbia University.

Steve Miller

Ronnie's father. They used to share a passion for the piano and writing music; now they share nothing. Steve has one summer to reconnect with his daughter. During this same summer, Steve engages in his own spiritual journey as he struggles with the question of what it means to experience the presence of God, and he develops a lasting and special relationship with his son. Steve also realized that his age was not long, during the summer he and his daughter made up and loved each other and finished their song, but finally his daughter finished it herself because Steve had been called to God before the song was finished.

Kim

Ronnie's mother. the woman who took care of ronnie and his sister for 3 years after her divorce from steve. where steve died they just like that, he knew that this was his fault, he was the one who had an affair with another man. but he forbade his children to hate their father. Especially Ronnie, Kim always defended her ex-husband in front of Ronnie by saying "he is a good man.

Will Blakelee

Ronnie's boyfriend , the "eye candy" beach volleyball player who is definitely not Ronnie's type . . . or is he? After literally bumping into Ronnie, Will's path continues to cross hers until they cautiously and carefully explore their mutual attraction. The only problem is the secret that he is keeping, a secret that

might irreparably destroy their young love. will is also a good man he helps ronnie look after the turtles until they hatch, and because of that they get closer and have a special relationship.

Jonah Miller

Ronnie's 10-year-old brother. Unlike Ronnie, Jonah is looking forward to spending the summer with his dad. Not only does Steve teach Jonah how to build a stained-glass window, but he also teaches his son about love and trust. It is clear that Jonah has learned from his father when he unexpectedly assists Ronnie in her time of need.

Blaze

A Wrightsville beach girl whose real name is Galadriel. Initially, Blaze befriends Ronnie when she first arrives in Wrightsville Beach, but jealousy and insecurity cause Blaze to betray this budding friendship. In the end, Blaze has the opportunity to redeem herself, but will she?

Marcus

The resident bad boy and fireball thrower. Although Marcus is interested in Ronnie, she does not fall for his charm. A self-centered manipulator, Marcus' primary concern is taking care of himself.

Pastor Charlie Harris

The local minister. Pastor Harris served as Steve's surrogate father and piano teacher as well as Steve's oldest friend. He provides both Ronnie and her father with spiritual guidance and strength during their journeys of self-discovery and faith.

Scott

Will's best friend. Because Scott saved Will's life, Scott is able to convince Will to keep his secret.

Megan Blakelee

Will's older sister. Rather than holding a grudge about the interruption of her wedding, Megan uses it as an opportunity to show understanding. She is a minor character who plays a major role in attempting to reunite Ronnie and Will.

Ashley and Cassie

Friends of Scott and Will. Ashley is Will's ex-girlfriend who will seemingly do anything to get him back, and Cassie is the girl Scott seems to have his eye on.

Tom and Susan

Will's parents. Susan believes that Ronnie is beneath her son's station in life and is hesitant to encourage any relationship between the two.