

APPENDIX I SYNOPSIS

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes tells about the story of two main characters, Will Traynor and Louisa Clark. Will Traynor loves his life very much, he has gone places and done things he likes, such as extreme sports, being a successful businessman, having everything. However, a motorcycle accident left him paralyzed from the neck down, he suffered from quadriplegic. At first Will kept trying to recover until finally he gave up, he was no longer able to enjoy life, he lost the will to continue to live. Will became a sarcastic, cynical, cold person, no one wanted to take care of it because of all the fears, except Nathan was the one who took care of his medical needs. Will needs another person to take care of his daily life.

Louisa Clark, a 26-year-old girl who had just lost her job as a cafe waitress, Louisa was in charge of helping pay for her family's living expenses. She went to the Job Center but there was no work for her because her expertise was limited, the officer offered an offer that had just entered and was well paid, namely caring for disabled people. Because there was no other choice and Louisa desperately needed money, she accepted the offer. The work turned out to be not as easy as Louisa imagined, Will, the person she had to care for was very cold and didn't want to be disturbed, Louisa felt uneasy because she didn't know what to do, but she couldn't get out because that was the only job she got.

Will was angry and very hurt, when he found out his ex-girlfriend, Alicia and his best friend Rupert came and reported that they were getting married. This did not make Louisa even more scared but aroused Louisa not to give up on Will. However, he did not have the zest for life anymore and repeatedly attempted suicide. Depression in his weak physical condition and suffering from pneumonia caused Will to want to end his life through Dignitas, an organization that organizes assisted suicides located in Switzerland. His mother also gave six months for Will to rethink and who knows in those six months his decision will change.

Will and Louisa have a very close relationship. Their closeness made Louisa even more convinced that Will could change his plans with the Dignitas organization. Will said that the time they spent together was very special, but he could not live in a wheelchair forever and he would continue to plan. Hearing Will's statement, Louisa at first angered by his decisions. Even Louisa is not able to persuade Will to not end his life, once again fate decided it. As Will already ended his life, Louisa continued

her new life with a fairly valuable inheritance from Will which he leaves before ended his life.

APPENDIX II BIOGRAPHY

Jojo Moyes is a 51 years old. She was born on August 4, 1969 in England. She lives with her husband who is a journalist, Charles Arthur, and their three children. She has varied career experiences including assignments as a minicab controller, tips for braille statements for the blind to NatWest, and brochure writer for Club 18-30. She studied at Royal Holloway, University of London. After earning a bachelor's degree, she worked for Egham and Staines News. Then she got a scholarship and continued her postgraduate studies at City University. After she got a journalism degree, she worked at The Independent, for 10 years, and for period of time works as their Arts and Media correspondent.

While working nights as journalist, Jojo Moyes begins to write fiction to fill her empty days. Her first three novels were rejected for publication, but her fourth, *Sheltering Rain*, is accepted by an agent and published in 2002. After that she published twelve novels written, including *Foreign Fruit*, *The Peacock Emporium*, *The Ship of Brides*, *Silver Bay*, *Night Music*, *The Last Letter from Your Lover*, *The Horse Dancer*, *Me Before You*, *After You*, *Still Me*, *The Girl You Left Behind*, *The One Plus One* and *The Giver of Stars*. Jojo Moyes has won the Romantic Novelist's Award twice and *Me Before You* has been nominated for Book of the Year at the UK Galaxy Book Award, it has since gone on to sell over 8 million copies worldwide.

Me Before You is a romantic novel that was published on 5 January 2012 in the United Kingdom. It is about Louisa Clark and Will Traynor's relationship after Will Traynor suffers quadriplegia that was caused by a motorbike accident. *Me Before You* went straight to the New York Times best seller Top Ten chart in the United Kingdom. That novel now has two sequels featuring the same protagonist, *After You* and *Still Me*.