

APPENDIX I

SYNOPSIS

The Best of Me by Nicholas Sparks tells about the story of two main characters, Dawson Cole and Amanda Collier. Amanda is the popular Southern belle of the small town of Oriental, North Carolina, raised in an elite rich family. Dawson Cole is a poor and comes from criminal family. When he was three years old, Dawson's mom had run away. He lives in a criminal family, who allowed to get away with many petty crimes out.

These two character meet in high school and fall in love, but Amanda's parents do not like their relationship and force them apart. Twenty years later Dawson meet Amanda in Tuck's house. He still considers Amanda to be his one and only true love, even though he does know that she is married and has children. When Amanda and Dawson find themselves back in their hometown after a friend's death, they are faced with their forbidden desire to rekindle their teenage love affair.

While as a teenager Dawson suffered from physical abuse by his family, Amanda's adult life brings suffering through emotional abuse by her husband, leading her to wonder what kind of life she would have if she stayed with Dawson. Amanda's daughter named Bea loses her battle with brain cancer as a toddler, pushing her marriage almost to a breaking point. She starts to drink every night, trying to numb his self, but Amanda's husband named Frank could drink even more. He is an alcoholic, and for the last ten years he is lived half a life. It presents the possibility that her unhappy marriage might lead her back into Dawson's arm.

Dawson is one of those rare people who could love only once, and if anything, separation has only made his feelings grow stronger. Love, after all, always says more about those who feel it than it does about the ones they love.

In the end of Dawson's relationship with Amanda is a tragic moment, he saves Alan's life by fighting with his cousin, Ted and Abee Cole and also gives Jared's a new life by donating his heart to Jared, but Dawson's life could not be saved, he wants to give the best for him to make Amanda happy.

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AUTHOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Nicholas Sparks is a 52-years-old American romance novelist and screenwriter. He was born on December 31, 1965 and currently lives in New Bern, North Carolina with his wife, Cathy Cote, and their five children. He studied at University of Notre Dame. He started writing based on a simple remark from his mother when he was 19 years old.

After his first book *The Passing* published, he has written a further twelve novels since then. All of his novels have been critically acclaimed including *Pharmaceuticals*, *The Notebook*, *Message in a Bottle*, *A Walk to Remember*, *Nights in Rodanthe*, *Dear John*, *The Last Song*, *The Lucky One*, *Safe Heaven*, *The Longest Ride*, *The Choice*, and *The Best of Me*. Nicholas has also sold the screenplay adaptation of their novel. Eleven of Nicholas Sparks's novels have been first New York Times Best Sellers, it has since gone on to sell over 8 million copies worldwide and has been translated into more than 40 languages.

The Best of Me is a romantic novel that published on 11 October 2011 by Grand Central Publishing in the United States. It was about Dawson Cole and Amanda Collier relationship, even though they were from opposite sides of the tracks, their love for each other seemed to defy the realities of life in the small town of Oriental, North Carolina. However, as the summer of their senior year came to a close, unforeseen events would tear the young couple apart, setting them on radically divergent paths. Twenty years later, Amanda and Dawson are summoned back to Oriental for a funeral of Tuck. Neither has lived the life they imagined and neither can forget the passionate first love that forever changes their lives. Forced to confront painful memories, the two former lovers soon realize that everything they thought they knew about themselves and the dreams they held dear was not as it seemed. *The Best of Me* was ranked second in the Top Ten overall from Publisher Weekly. *The Best of Me* is a romantic story with tragic love and shows that unconditional love will happen if someone is sincerely loving you.