

APPENDICES

1. Synopsis of *Gone Girl*

The novel *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn tells that there is a husband and wife named Amy and Nick Dunne. After they move from New York to Missouri to care for Nick's mother, who is suffering from cancer, their marriage takes a turn for the worse. Then Amy decides to disappear right on her fifth wedding anniversary to Nick. The news of Amy's disappearance has been known by the police and the news media and even the whole community, and they all including Amy's parents came to Nick's house to conduct an investigation so that Nick could not do anything. The case of Amy's disappearance has become the center of attention of the news media because more and more Amy's whereabouts are unknown and this news has become the most popular news. For the disappearance of Amy, Nick is accused of being the culprit behind Amy's disappearance. People actually want to believe that Nick wasn't the culprit, but all the evidence investigators have found all goes to Nick, especially with his affair with a younger woman.

Then a treasure hunt that leaves a trail of clues that lead Nick to the most important places during their wedding that finally finds his birthday present. They had been magazine writers in New York before they lost their jobs and moved to Missouri. In order to get a job, Nick and his twin have opened a Bar. Amy wrote a diary containing her heart's disclosure of her insecurities with her husband. Day by day, the evidence that has been obtained is increasingly focused on Nick so that it is difficult for Nick to dodge. Traces of blood on the kitchen floor found by police, piled up credit card bills, and other evidence. Nick always denies all the accusations involving him in the case of Amy's disappearance, behind that he also tries to hide the secret of his affair in front of everyone. When a treasure hunt leads to a log warehouse located behind his sister's house that contains electronics from his credit card, and now he realizes that a big problem lies ahead of him. The fact is that Amy is still alive and hiding in the Ozarks after he managed to make false evidence that he purposely aimed at Nick for the murder case against him, Amy is really crazy. All the fake evidence found was Amy's own creation, even the news of her pregnancy that was conveyed by her neighbors to the police was also fake. Amy hid from her death case until she had run out of money and planned to let herself drown in the Gulf of Mexico until she was found. However, he had run out of money before the plan ended, he was robbed by a friend who lived with him in the cabin complex where he lived, and in the end Amy did not have a single penny. After all the money she had was robbed, now Amy only has one choice, which is to ask for help from her ex-boyfriend named Desi, Desi who

has always been obsessed with Amy until now, and will be willing to do anything for Amy. Amy and Desi also met at the Casino, then Desi took Amy home with her and Amy stayed and even held her hostage for a few weeks.

Since finding Amy's diary the police have distrusted Nick Dunne. In Amy's diary, it was written neatly what Nick Dunne had done, until the evidence found by the police was exactly what Amy had written. Nick Dunne decided to hire a lawyer who could handle the case he was facing. Nick Dunne and the lawyer knew this was Amy's trap. Nick and the lawyers begin to devise a plan to lure Amy back into Nick Dunne's house. When Nick Dunne is invited for an interview on a television show, Nick Dunne admits all his mistakes including his affair with Andie. Nick Dunne is truly sorry and regrets what he did. Nick Dunne also expressed his feelings for Amy. Nick Dunne says he loves Amy, misses Amy and needs Amy by his side. Nick Dunne wants Amy to come back and start a household with him again (Nick Dunne's way of baiting Amy).

Finally Amy saw Nick Dunne on TV. Amy is provoked by Nick Dunne's confession and decides to leave Desi immediately. Amy begins to devise a plan to kill Desi. At first, Amy asked Desi to make love, then Amy slit Desi's throat with a kitchen knife. After that Amy rushed to get the house keys and Desi's car keys to go back to Nick Dunne's house.

Besides, Nick Dunne has been in jail for the murders that have been committed to Amy, but Nick Dunne can get out of prison by giving bail. After a few days Nick Dunne was surprised by the arrival of Amy. Nick Dunne is happy to see Amy back, because he can escape the murder charge against Amy, but on the other hand Nick Dunne is very upset and angry when he sees Amy come to his house. Remembering Amy had made such a big lie that it could land Nick Dunne in prison.

Seeing Amy's condition, she was pale and still had lots of blood. Nick Dunne rushed to the police to check on Amy's condition. Amy told the chronology of what happened at that time, Amy revealed to the police that on her birthday she was kidnapped by Desi. Amy explained that Desi had kidnapped and raped her. Then Amy showed some evidence that was in her body. Finally, the police believed in the chronology that Amy had told. From this incident Nick Dunne was finally able to prove to everyone that he was not a murderer. Nick Dunne's name could come clean again.

Nick Dunne already knew that this was Amy's trick. Nick Dunne suspects that Desi's death was caused by Amy. After Amy arrived at home Nick Dunne urged Amy to admit that he had killed Desi, but Amy still refused to confess. Nick Dunne finally tried to negotiate with Amy so that Amy would tell the chronology of what really happened. Finally, Amy accepts Nick Dunne's offer and Amy admits that it is true that she killed Desi.

After a few days with Amy living with Nick Dunne, Nick Dunne didn't want to sleep in the same bed with Amy. Nick Dunne still won't forgive Amy for putting him in jail. Nick Dunne wants to divorce Amy but Amy doesn't want to. Nick plans to do arrest to Amy because Amy has killed Desi and created fake news about kidnappings and rapes. Amy threatens to report Nick that Nick tried to poison her with antifreeze. To thwart Nick's plan Amy tells Nick Dunne that she is pregnant. Nick Dunne didn't believe it and immediately ordered Amy to take a pregnancy test in front of Nick Dunne. The results showed that Amy was indeed pregnant. Nick Dunne finally forgives Amy and decides to erase the past and forget everything that happened. Nick Dunne wants to live a new life with Amy. Finally Nick Dunne's desire to have children come true, and Nick Dunne really wants to enjoy his new life with Amy.

2. Author's Biography

Gillian Flynn was born in Kansas City, Missouri to two community-college professors—her mother taught reading; her father, film. Thus she spent an inordinate amount of her youth nosing through books and watching movies. She has happy memories of having *A Wrinkle in Time* pried from her hands at the dinner table, and also of seeing *Alien*, *Psycho* and *Bonnie and Clyde* at a questionable age (like, seven). It was a good childhood. For college, she headed to the University of Kansas (go Jayhawks), where she received her undergraduate degrees in English and journalism.

After a two-year stint writing about human resources for a trade magazine in California, Flynn moved to Chicago. There she earned her master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University and discovered that she was way too wimpy to make it as a crime reporter.

On the other hand, she was a movie geek with a journalism degree—so she moved to New York City and joined *Entertainment Weekly* magazine, where she wrote happily for 10 years, visiting film sets around the world (to New Zealand for *The Lord of the Rings*, to Prague for *The Brothers Grimm*, to somewhere off the highway in Florida for *Jackass: The Movie*). During her last four years at EW, Flynn was the TV critic (all-time best TV show: *The Wire*).

Flynn's 2006 debut novel, the literary mystery *Sharp Objects*, was an Edgar Award finalist and the winner of two of Britain's Dagger Awards—the first book ever to win multiple Daggers in one year. The book is now an HBO limited series starring Amy Adams. Flynn's second novel, the 2009 *New York Times* bestseller *Dark Places*, was a *New Yorker* Reviewers' Favorite, *Weekend TODAY* Top Summer Read, *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of 2009, and *Chicago Tribune* Favorite Fiction choice. In 2015, the movie adaptation starring Charlize Theron was released. Flynn's third novel, *Gone Girl*, was an international sensation and a runaway hit that has spent more

than one hundred weeks on the New York Times bestseller lists. *Gone Girl* was named one of the best books of the year by People Magazine and Janet Maslin at the New York Times. Nominated for both the Edgar Award and the Anthony Award for Best Novel, Flynn wrote the screenplay for David Fincher's 2014 adaptation of *Gone Girl* for the big screen, starring Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike. Her newest release, *The Grownup*, is an Edgar Award-winning short story and an homage to the classic ghost story. Universal has optioned the rights to *The Grownup*. Flynn's work has been published in forty-one languages. She lives in Chicago with her husband, Brett Nolan, their children, and a giant black cat named Roy. In theory she is working on her next novel. In reality she is possibly playing Ms. Pac-Man in her basement lair.



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