

APPENDIX I

BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Matt Haig is an English journalist and author who was born on 3rd July 1975 in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England. He studied English and History at the University of Hull. Matt Haig is married to Andrea Semple, and they have two children named Lucas and Pearl. He and his family live in Brighton, Sussex. Matt Haig has been creating a lot of work in his career -- fiction and non-fiction. His work of fiction and non-fiction is written for children and adults. Much of the work Matt Haig has created, especially his non-fiction books, is inspired by his own true experiences. His work is written based on experiences he went through a long time ago when he was suffering from a mental breakdown. Even these days, he still suffers from the occasional anxiety disorder. Since much of his work is based on his true story, it becomes even more amazing and felt real. His works have been included in the bestseller book lists, such as his book *Reasons to Stay Alive*, *Last Family in England*, *Dead Fathers Club*, *The Possession of Mr. Cave*, *Shadow Forest*, *Runaway Troll*, *The Radleys*, *How to Stop Time*, *the Comfort Book*, and *the Midnight Library*, etc. They have also been translated into forty languages throughout the country. It also led him to get many awards, such as Blue Peter Award and the Smarties Book Prize because of his outstanding works.

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SYNOPSIS OF MATT HAIG'S *THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY*

Matt Haig's *The Midnight Library*, tells about the main character, Nora, who lives with disappointment and regret. She always worries about her life and always thinks that her life is a mess. When things do not go as she planned, she gets mad at herself and feels desperate. She thinks that everything she does always fails and goes wrong, her moves feel like a mistake and she thinks that it is her fault. One time, she wants to end her life because she feels that she no longer has any goals to achieve in life, even a small goal has gone. She feels that no one needs her or her help anymore. Finally, she decided to kill herself to put an end to all the worries and regrets in her life. But Nora wakes up in a slightly odd library with an awful lot of green books, from dark to clear green. In the library, Nora meets Mrs. Elm, an old woman librarian from her past school. Mrs. Elm explains to Nora that they are in the Midnight Library which is between life and death. In this Midnight Library, all books provide different opportunities to try another life that she likes to live and try the life that she might have regretted before. The book helps to illustrate how Nora's life is going to be and what might be happened if Nora made different choices. In her chance to try different versions of life, Nora learns a lot of new things and begins to think that there is no perfect life. Nora realizes that any decision can be made, but it will never be able to determine the final results. She even realizes that she does not really want to die. Finally, after Nora has been through a lot and learns a lot of interesting facts about life, her desire to live becomes stronger and it finally brings her back to her root life. Nora is finally able to come back to life despite her dying condition and has to be taken to a hospital. Now, Nora finally begins to see positive things in her life and she begins to appreciate everything that exists and happens in her life. She enjoys her life and always lives happily because everything that happens in life is not depressing at all, but that is inspiring.