

APPENDIX I

Synopsis of *The Rosie Project*

Sets in Australia, the novel tells a story about Don Tillman, who is a brilliant and successful professor of genetics, yet he struggles to fit in with society outside his brilliance in the academy. He is unable to perform all of the social behaviors needed to fit in. He actually has some sort of Asperger's syndrome, which resulting in his social awkwardness.

His social awkwardness makes him difficult to find love. He wants to have wife for him to marry but he has a problem to start a committed relationship and to interact with women. When he was told by a friend that he would make a good husband, he felt unsure of himself. With the help from his good friends, Gene and Claudia, he creates a love – seeking project called “The Wife Project” and make a questionnaire to find a perfect female companion that would be a match for him. Gene thinks that Don should be a bit more flexible in his dating life so he sends a PhD student named Rosie to meet Don. Rosie is very much unsuitable for the criteria that Don is searching for, yet for some reason, Don ends up liking her company.

When they first meet, Rosie said that she is intent on finding her real biological father. Her now-deceased mother revealed to Rosie that Phil, the man who has raised Rosie for all of her life, is not her biological father and that she had slept with one of her classmates the night she graduated from medical school. Don became obsessed in helping Rosie to find her real father. He creates a Father Project that is supposed to identify who Rosie’s parent is. The two collaborate together to collect DNA samples from some men who attended the same class as Rosie’s late mother. Don then analyses these samples to see if they resemble Rosie's genes. Rosie and Don finally travel to New York City together after getting to know each other quite well through their efforts to collect genetic samples from as many individuals as possible.

Upon their return from New York, Don is caught by the Dean of the Faculty for using lab equipment at the university where he works to test the DNA samples. As a result, he is dismissed from his job position. Don comes to the realisation that he loves Rosie about the same time. In an effort to try to improve himself in the hopes that Rosie will feel the same way, he devises a plan to imitate the actions he believes those who are in passionate love take. Additionally, he meets Phil, through whom he receives new insight into Rosie's account of their relationship and her childhood. Don even succeeds in regaining his work after receiving considerable financing for a joint research project. However, when he confesses his feelings to Rosie, she is upset that he is behaving insincerely and does not think that he actually feels love for her.

Although he is very sad that Rosie has rejected him, Don realizes that he has value and that he does not need to pretend to be someone different. He proposes to Rosie, and this time, she accepts. Rosie and Don end up moving to New York City together and getting married. They also test the remainders of the samples and realize that Phil, the man who has raised Rosie, is actually her biological father after all.

APPENDIX II

Biography of Graeme Simsion

Graeme Simsion is an Australian author, novelist, data modelist, and a playwright. He was born in Auckland, New Zealand in 1956. He moved to Australia with his family when he was 12 years old. He is an international bestselling author. He is famous for his work titled *The Rosie Project* which was published in 2013. His notable works are *The Rosie Project* (2013), *The Rosie Effect* (2014), *The Rosie Result* (2019), *The Best of Adam Sharp* (2016), *Two Steps Forward* (2017), *Two Step Onward* (2021), and *The Novel Project* (2022).

His first novel, *The Rosie Project*, gains a massive success and his notable awards are the Victorian Premier's Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript in 2012 and the Australian Book Industry's Book of the Year in 2014. In his career as an author, he has published 6 novels, 13 short stories, and 6 technical publications. In 1989 Graeme Simsion married to psychiatrist Anne Buist and they have 2 children together.



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