

APPENDIX I

AFTER

SUMMARY

Anna Todd's *After* follows the tumultuous and transformative journey of Tessa Young, a freshman college student, as she navigates new relationships, personal growth, and intense emotional experiences. The story begins with Tessa, a diligent and orderly girl, embarking on her college life with clear goals and a stable relationship with her high school boyfriend, Noah. However, her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Hardin Scott, a brooding and rebellious student with a mysterious past.

Tessa and Hardin's relationship starts on rocky ground, marked by clashing personalities and heated confrontations. Tessa is initially repelled by Hardin's abrasive demeanor, but as they spend more time together, she finds herself drawn to his complexity and vulnerability. Hardin, on the other hand, is intrigued by Tessa's innocence and unwavering determination. Despite their differences, they develop a deep and tumultuous connection that challenges Tessa's preconceived notions of love and relationships.

As their relationship intensifies, Tessa faces numerous challenges, including conflicts with her mother, who disapproves of Hardin, and the strain on her relationship with Noah. Hardin's unpredictable behavior and emotional scars add to the tension, pushing Tessa to question her own values and desires. Throughout the story, Tessa undergoes significant personal growth, transitioning from a sheltered and compliant girl to a more self-aware and assertive individual.

The novel explores themes of identity, responsibility, and the impact of one's environment on personal development. Tessa's journey is marked by internal and external conflicts, as she strives to reconcile her desire for stability with her growing feelings for Hardin. Their relationship forces both characters to confront their pasts and insecurities, leading to moments of vulnerability and self-discovery.

Hardin's character is gradually revealed to have a troubled history, including a strained relationship with his family and unresolved trauma. These elements provide context for his behavior and highlight the complexity of his character. As Tessa learns more about Hardin's past, she becomes more empathetic and determined to help him overcome his demons.

The story's climax occurs when Tessa discovers a painful secret about Hardin, which threatens to shatter their relationship and her trust. This revelation serves as a

turning point, compelling Tessa to make difficult choices about her future and the kind of person she wants to become.

In the end, *After* portrays the messy and often painful process of growing up and falling in love. It emphasizes that relationships are complex and multifaceted, requiring effort, understanding, and forgiveness. Through Tessa and Hardin's journey, the novel delves into the intricacies of human emotions and the transformative power of love.

APPENDIX II

ANNA TODD'S BIOGRAPHY

Anna Todd is an American author best known for her New York Times bestselling series *After*. Born on March 20, 1989, in Dayton, Ohio, Todd grew up with a love for reading and writing, but it wasn't until her early twenties that she pursued writing seriously. After graduating high school, she married her high school sweetheart, who was serving in the U.S. Army, and moved to Fort Hood, Texas.

Todd's writing career took off when she began posting her work on the online platform Wattpad. In 2013, she started writing *After*, a fan fiction inspired by the British boy band One Direction, particularly Harry Styles. The story quickly gained a massive following, amassing millions of reads and becoming one of the platform's most popular stories. The success of *After* on Wattpad caught the attention of publishers, leading to a publishing deal with Simon & Schuster.

After was published in 2014 and became an instant bestseller. The series follows the complicated relationship between Tessa Young, a diligent college student, and Hardin Scott, a brooding and troubled young man. The series includes several sequels: *After We Collided*, *After We Fell*, and *After Ever Happy*. The popularity of the series led to a film adaptation, with the first movie released in 2019, followed by sequels in subsequent years.

Apart from the *After* series, Todd has written other novels, including *The Brightest Stars* and its sequels. Her works often explore themes of love, personal growth, and complex relationships, resonating with a broad audience of young adult and new adult readers.

Todd's rise from an online writer to a bestselling author and film producer is a testament to the power of social media and the evolving landscape of publishing. Her success has paved the way for other authors to gain recognition through non-traditional means. Today, Anna Todd continues to write and connect with her fans, maintaining an active presence on social media and engaging with her readers worldwide.