

A Walk To Remember

By Author, Nicholas Sparks

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Nicholas Sparks' *A Walk to Remember* is a story about 17 year old Landon Carter and his final year in high school. Throughout his time as a Senior, Landon becomes reacquainted with childhood friend Jamie Sullivan. Out of embarrassment of going to the homecoming dance alone, he asks Jamie to go with him. Landon instantly becomes intrigued by and drawn to Jamie's faith, optimism and idyllic pursuits. Their connection is strengthened as they volunteer at the local orphanage together and perform in the Christmas play. Ultimately, they fall in love; however, Landon begins to notice that something isn't right. It turns out that Jamie has a big secret; one that could change their lives forever. Feeling helpless, Landon must figure out what role he has to play in this shocking turn of events.

I enjoyed this novel immensely. The author kept me hooked from the beginning to the end with the warmth and humility of his characters and brilliant storytelling. Throughout *A Walk to Remember*, the author subtly reminds the audience how precious life is and how it should never be taken for granted. To say the least, it was inspiring. Additionally, I liked that this novel left the ending entirely up to the reader's imagination. This is definitely a book that I will read again and again.

I would recommend this novel to readers in high school. The main character, Landon, exhibits the importance of standing up for what you believe in and of not giving into peer pressure. I believe that this is a message that everyone needs to hear, especially through the often daunting years of high school. *A Walk to Remember* is a moving and delightful story that leaves readers captivated. This is a not to be missed novel.

Recommended Titles:

The Fault In Our Stars by John Green

Five Feet Apart by Mikki Daughtry, Rachael Lippincott, and Tobias Iaconis

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes