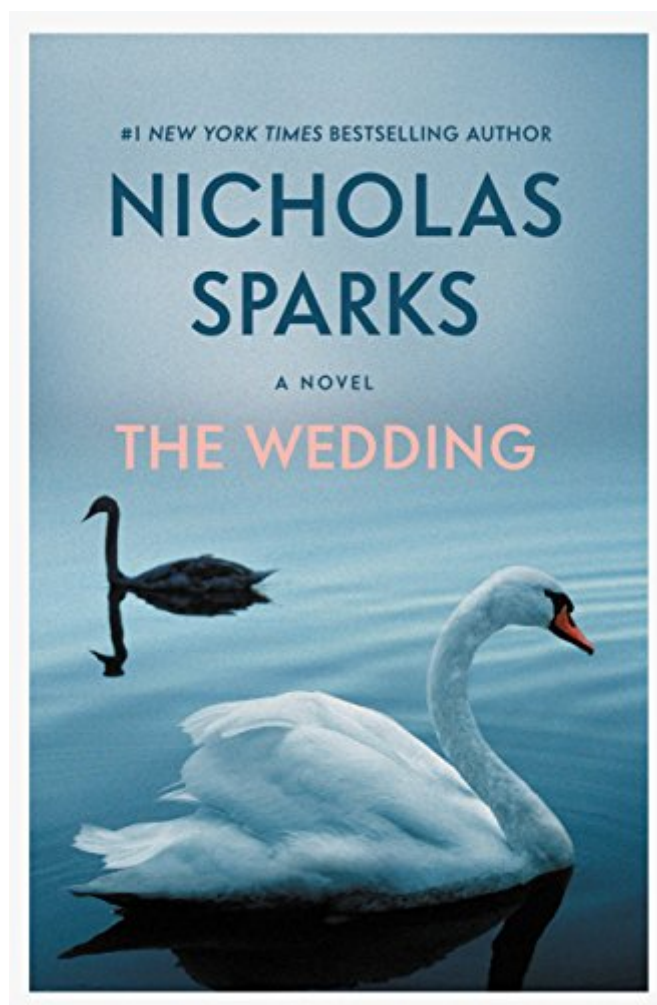


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## Synopsis

With *The Notebook*, *A Walk to Remember*, and his other beloved novels, #1 New York Times bestselling author Nicholas Sparks has given voice to our deepest beliefs about the power of love. Now he brings us the long-awaited follow-up to *The Notebook*—a story of an ordinary man who goes to extraordinary lengths to win back the love of his life... After thirty years, Wilson Lewis is forced to face a painful truth: the romance has gone out of his marriage. His wife, Jane, has fallen out of love with him, and it is entirely his fault. Despite the shining example of his in-laws, Noah and Allie Calhoun, and their fifty-year love affair (originally recounted in *The Notebook*), Wilson himself is a man unable to express his true feelings. He has spent too little time at home and too much at the office, leaving the responsibility of raising their children to Jane. Now his daughter is about to marry, and his wife is thinking about leaving him. But if Wilson is sure of anything, it is this: His love for Jane has only grown over the years, and he will do everything he can to save their marriage. With the memories of Noah and Allie's inspiring life together as his guide, he vows to find a way to make his wife fall in love with him...all over again. In this powerfully moving tale of love lost, rediscovered, and renewed, Nicholas Sparks once again brings readers his unique insight into the only emotion that ultimately really matters.

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## Customer Reviews

THE WEDDING by Nicholas Sparks I'm a big Nicholas Sparks fan, so I may be somewhat biased as I review this book. THE WEDDING is the sequel to THE NOTEBOOK, the love story of Noah and Allie: a love that almost didn't happen. Now, in THE WEDDING, we meet the next two generations of family members, and a somewhat complex story is told. Noah is now living at Creekside, where he and Allie had moved toward the end of her life. He spends his time feeding a lone female swan, distinguished by a dark patch of color on her chest. Noah feels that this is Allie come back to him, and his children feel that he's lost touch with the world. Noah, however, never gives up on his theory and insists that it is his dear beloved wife. Noah and Allie's oldest daughter, Jane, is married to Wilson Lewis. They've been married for nearly 30 years and have raised three children, all of whom are now adults. Jane and Wilson's story is told in flashbacks, as Wilson remembers what brought him and Jane together all those years ago. The reason for his reflections, though, is that he knows Jane is very unhappy with their marriage. So unhappy, that she leaves town for a few weeks to spend with their son Joseph. She doesn't say exactly why she left, but Wilson knows she needs to get away to think things over. In the meantime, their oldest daughter Anna has announced that she and her boyfriend Keith plan to be married in a few weeks. She doesn't want anything fancy, and plans to marry at the justice of the peace. However, this is not what Jane wants for her daughter. Suddenly, Jane shows a new interest in life, and with the help of Wilson the two of them proceed to organize the best wedding any daughter ever had. As the wedding plans take shape, Wilson keeps Noah up to date.

I still remember the exact spot where I was standing in my home when I read the final pages of The Notebook. I had to hide from my kids because I was crying so hard! And I can say the same thing about Nicholas' earlier books - Message in a Bottle, A Walk to Remember. But then I noticed that Nicholas' books were gradually becoming tired and repetitive. I hated to admit it because I love his writing so much and I think he's a great guy. He was really the first author I found who could touch me emotionally in a very real way without his novels being filled with junk. And so I've stayed loyal to him, but I feel as his fans that we need to challenge him more. All the stories are beginning to sound alike. And for the first time, with The Wedding, I didn't feel anything for the characters. I tried to because I want to have that excitement again of picking up a Sparks novel and getting sucked into it and feeling something deeply for 250 pages. But it's not there anymore. And so rather than continue to simply applaud Nicholas for his efforts, I think we need to tell him that we expect more. He's making millions of dollars on every novel and if you were honest with yourself and picked up

this book and didn't know it was by Nicholas, you'd struggle through it. And I'm afraid to say it but I think maybe he used the whole Notebook tie-in with Noah and Allie just to sell books because I didn't see how it was relevant to this story. So I want to challenge my favorite author to perhaps pick a different setting, something that will help him write passionately again so we can feel the characters and the magic.

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