

Another romance Sparks interest

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When you think of romance, who do you think of? In my opinion, the king of romance is Nicholas Sparks. He has written many love stories over the years and several have been turned into movies. This is your guide to which books are the best to read and which movies are the best to watch.

"Safe Haven" is one of Sparks' newest novels that was turned into a film a short few years later. The film was released in theaters earlier this month.

Sparks' first published book was "The Notebook," which he wrote when he was 28. Since then, he has also written "The Last Song," "Nights in Rodanthe," "A Walk to Remember" and many more.

The best part about his novels is that there is always a tragedy involved. It gives the reading some suspense and makes people wonder what is going to happen next.

Most of Sparks' novels are based in North Carolina. The towns that he chooses to be the setting for his stories are usually small, beautiful towns full of life and character. I think that is why he chose North Carolina as his basic setting for all the novels. It feels good to pick up a book and to be able to visualize the beautiful trees and flowers.

"I live in North Carolina and am familiar with the area," stated Sparks on the frequently asked questions page of his official website.

With watching the movies, even though the towns may all be in North Carolina, he makes the scene so different from the next film. Not one town has the same character as the next. It is

refreshing.

"The Notebook" may be one of the most popular of Sparks' novels that have been turned into films. The cast of the movie includes Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling, a couple that found love again after years of not being with each other.

This movie has the most forbidden passion and romance of any of the other movies I have seen. McAdams' character has to choose between a life with a rich man or the love of her life. After years without seeing Gosling's character, she remembers the love that they once had when they were young and foolish. This was probably the biggest chick flick ever created, with almost every girl in the world having seen this film.

Personally, as one of my favorite movies, I can watch "The Notebook" twice in one day and I will still cry at the same spots even though I know already know what is going to happen. I am sure many teen girls have at least cried more than twice while watching this movie.

Another film created from a Sparks novel, "Nights in Rodanthe," is very different than "The Notebook" or his other romance novels. "Nights in Rodanthe" is about a divorced mother who needed to get away. While living at a beach house, she falls in love with another divorced parent but they realize that they have to leave eventually and move on with their lives. They are unsure if their relationship could work outside of their secluded beach home.



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This is a different kind of love story and it is nice to see Sparks change up his romance a little bit while watching the movie. This story is not talking about the typical teenage love story when boy meets girl and they fall in love at first sight. It is about a passion between two older people who have had love in the past but it did not work out.

This novel shows adults that even if you fall out of love, there is always someone else that can love you even more.

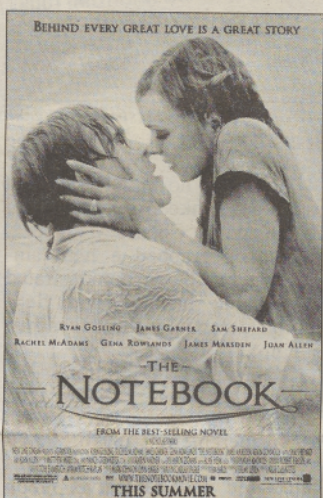
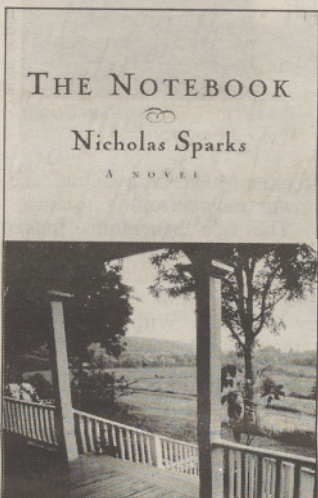
"Safe Haven" is a very different kind of novel and film compared to most of the love stories he has previously written. Willamette Week wrote a review on the film and graded the film pretty low. The review said that this movie is a "happily-ever-after version of domestic violence. In this film, Sparks tries to add something different than what people are used to reading or watching in his novels and films. It is not all about falling in love. It

shows the struggles that many women have in life including domestic violence and being forced to run away and start over. She ends up in a small town, South Port, North Carolina, and starts a new life with another man who shows her what real true love is like.

This is probably the most suspenseful and life-changing novel that Sparks has written.

"For 'Safe Haven' I really wanted to add in the element of danger," said Sparks in the trailer for the film.

I think that Sparks is one of the best fiction writers of all time. His books help show women what kind of love we should aim for and that we should not settle for someone who hurts us. Sparks has two movies coming out in the near future. One comes out next month called "The Choice." His new novel that comes out this September, "The Longest Ride," will also be turned into a film and will hit theaters by the beginning of next year.



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