

Book Review: Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas by James Patterson

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"This is a love story, Nicholas. Mine, yours, Daddy's! It's about how good it can be if you find the right person. It's about treasuring every moment with that special one. Every single millisecond." -Suzanne

James Patterson has a knack for writing unorthodox romance novels. They don't follow the typical romance novel template; boy meets girl, they fall in love, a complication develops and they split up, boy or girl (whoever was in the wrong) makes amends, they declare their love for each other and go on to live happily ever after.

Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas starts off simply with Katie Wilkinson feeling sorry for herself and trying to understand why her "perfect" boyfriend of eleven months; Matt broke up with her unexpectedly, leaving only a diary for her to read with a note saying that the diary will explain things better than he ever could.

Matt's wife; Suzanne Bedford had written a diary for her baby son; Nicholas to tell him about his life, her life before *and* after he was born. Telling him the love story of her and Matt. Matt; the husband and the father and also the same man who left Katie without an explanation. And Suzanne also teaches Nicholas important life lessons along the way.

Although she finds the diary hard to read, Katie persists, determined to find the answers she needs to move on with her life and move on from Matt. As the diary progresses she begins to admire Suzanne's bravery for moving from Boston to Martha's Vineyard, is jealous of her and Matt's love for each other and sees the endless joy that motherhood has brought for her. Katie even grows to like Suzanne, so much that she is heartbroken by the diary's tragic ending.

Patterson's use of mystery raises a lot of questions within the characters and the reader. With the mystery, brought curiosity, curiosity to find out exactly what happened for all four of these characters lives to connect. This made the novel hard to put down. Patterson's first romance novel definitely tugs at the heartstrings as the tragic ending of Suzanne's diary brought me to tears.

This novel would be a great read for every mother in the world who can relate to the joy Suzanne feels as a mother, for women who have had to deal with the broken heart and sadness that comes with a relationship ending abruptly and also for any woman hoping to find someone who loves them for them unconditionally.

Therefore a great read for all women.