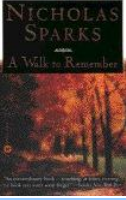


Passages

Reading Level 7



Title: A Walk to Remember

Author: Nicholas Sparks

Sample From The Book

...I close my eyes and the years begin to move in reverse, slowly ticking backward, like the hands of a clock rotating in the wrong direction. As if through someone else's eyes, I watch myself grow younger; I see my hair changing from gray to brown, I feel the wrinkles around my eyes begin to smooth, my arms and legs grow sinewy. Lessons I've learned with age grow dimmer, and my innocence returns as that eventful year approaches.

Then, like me, the world begins to change: roads narrow and some become gravel, suburban sprawl has been replaced with farmland, downtown streets teem with people, looking in windows as they pass Sweeney's bakery and Palka's meat shop. Men wear hats, women wear dresses. At the courthouse up the street, the bell tower rings....

I open my eyes and pause. I am standing outside the Baptist church, and when I stare at the gable, I know exactly who I am.

My name is Landon Carter; and I'm seventeen years old.

This is my story; I promise to leave nothing out.

First you will smile, and then you will cry – don't say you haven't been warned.



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