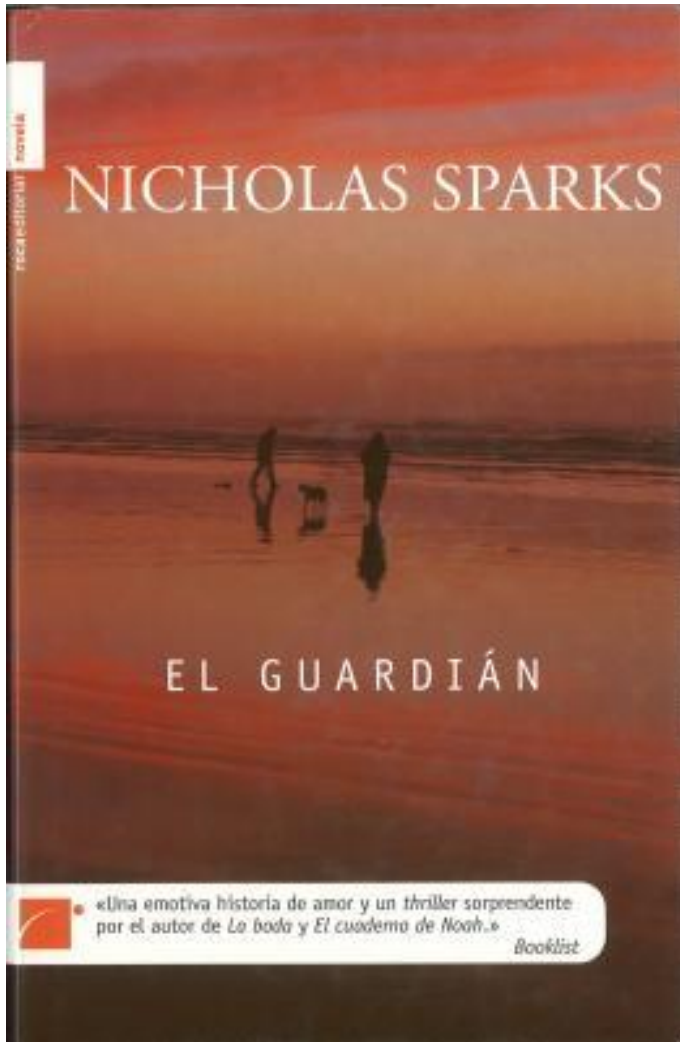

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Description

Julie Barenson es, a sus veintinueve años, demasiado joven para olvidarse del amor. Su amado esposo murió en un trágico accidente cuatro años antes, haciéndole dos regalos antes de su muerte: un cachorro llamado Singer y la promesa de cuidarla para siempre. Ella sigue recordándole, pero siente que por fin ha llegado el momento de rehacer su vida. La pregunta es, ¿con quién? Quizá con Richard Franklin, un hombre guapo y sofisticado que la trata como a una reina; o Mike Harris, el mejor amigo de su difunto marido y un hombre sensato y cabal. La toma de una decisión deparará a Julie momentos de felicidad que no había sentido en años. Pero una pesadilla asomará en su vida justo entonces: los celos la sumirán en una espiral de obsesión y muerte.

Insightful reviews

Antof9: Notes from BookCrossing: Just finished this one. I was going to clean in my office a bit and then finish it up tonight, but with the stalker in it, I decided to read it while it was light out, as my husband is out of town :)

I wasn't sure what to expect, as I saw the movie "Message in a Bottle" (hated it), the previews for "The Notebook" (but haven't read the book or seen the movie yet), saw "A Walk to Remember" (liked it, but it was slow and almost too sweet), and I have "Nights in Rodanthe" in the pile of books to be read.

I didn't have any pre-conceived notions about this one, so thought it might be a good light one to read while my book club is going through [Catch-22](#). Problem is we just started that (read the first 10 chapters for yesterday's meeting), and I've already finished this. Guess I'll have to find something else. . .

Anyway, I liked this, in a odd romance/mystery novel sort of way. I actually liked it better when I read the author's notes at the end where he mentions having always wanted to write a book about a dog :)

The characters were pretty believable and I found myself really caring for them, even if the story was fairly predictable from almost the first chapter.

The best part was the description in the prologue, of how Julie felt after losing her husband. It was so totally accurate, I know the author has either lost someone close to him, or asked someone who has how it feels:

If people asked how she was doing, she simply shrugged. But sometimes, just had the urge to answer.

You want to know what it was like to lose my husband? she wanted to ask.

Here's what it's

*like. Jim's dead, and now that h
e's gone, I feel like I'm dead, too.*

Is that, Julie
wondered, what people
wanted to hear? Or did they want platitudes?
*I'll be okay. It's hard, but I'
ll make it through this. Thank you for asking.*

She could do the brave soldier routine, she supposed, but she never had. It
d more honest to simply shrug and say nothing.

This is a good, quick read.

Donna Antaramian: *The Guardian* by Nicholas Sparks picks up 4 years after Julie Barenson's husband, Jim has died from cancer. But at the young age of 29 she no longer wants to be alone and ready to test the waters of romance. There are 2 men that come into her life; Richard Franklin, a handsome and seemingly smart man that treats Julie like a queen and Mike Harris, who was the best man at the Barenson's wedding and now Julie's closest and best friend. After several dates with Richard, Julie discovers there is no romantically connection with Richard and severs the relationship. She also discovers there seems to be a connection between Mike and herself. Little does she know that the worse nightmare in her life is about to take place, of what a devious, spiteful and jealous person Richard turns out to be. Thought out this is Julie's constant companion, Singer, a Great Dane her husband got her for protection – and sometime one would think it was Jim reincarnated.

I really want to give this book 3 ½ stars. The story was predictable and unlike many of Sparks book was not totally sad at the end. I must admit that Singer, the Great Dane, is a wonderful character in the book even though he was a dog.

Jessica: I wish that I could give this book 3 stars. I really wish that I could. I mean there are a lot of parts of the book that I really liked. But in general the story was a little familiar...I read a book earlier this year that was almost exactly the same plot line but of course was not as well put together as a Nicholas Sparks' book! And up until the last chapter and epilogue, I was going to give it 3 stars. But that last bit ruined it for me. Not to spoil anything for any readers, but seriously, the guardian is not at all what I, being a reader, wanted it to be. I mean, the book is based around a love story with a thrilling secondary plot, and the love story in the end has nothing to do with the ending. What the heck?!? It left me incredibly underwhelmed.

Karen: The mum or dad via Nicholas Sparks is a mix of a love tale and a mystery with a puppy thrown in. the most personality is Julie, a tender widow who works at a salon and at last comes to a decision thus far 4 years after her husband died. Her husband, Jim, left her a letter and organized for her to get a good Dane dog within the occasion of his dying which i presumed used to be a gorgeous neat idea. The puppy was once his means of looking at out for her. After the Prologue, this publication poked alongside for me till approximately part method via whilst the psycho stalks her and she or he realizes she is in danger. I loved "The Guardian" end result of the puppy concerned staring at out for Julie. BEWARE: SPOILER AHEAD--STOP the

following in the event you have not learn THE BOOK!The finishing used to be lovely severe yet i did not like that the puppy died. i believe Julie must have went for the gun while her puppy grabbed the fellows arm rather than letting him shoot her dog. i am getting that the puppy used to be like a mother or father angel and as soon as Richard used to be dead, she'd have Mike and stay fortunately ever after and the dog's "job" used to be done. I simply imagine the puppy may have lived too--I could have loved that finishing better.

Blythe: Wasn't a major fan of this one, yet i'm looking ahead to Sparks' subsequent novel:

Michelle Raven: Stars: five i'm going to write a overview whilst i cease crying.

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