

APPENDICES

Summary of My Sister's Keeper

Andromeda “Anna” Fitzgerald as one of the protagonists in this novel is trapped in a family situation. She is not ill, but she has to stay at hospital because of her sister’s illness. Her elder sister, Kate Fitzgerald, has acute promyelocytic leukemia since she was two years old. Anna was born as an identical genetic copy of her elder sister to help her to be alive. She is the one who can save her elder sister. Now Anna is thirteen years old and she feels tired that she always gives what her elder sister needs, and her parents never ask permission from her when the doctor takes anything from her body. Anna decides to hire a lawyer to become medically emancipated from her parents in order to gain the right to make the decision for herself. Her lawyer, Campbell Alexander, works for her.

At the end of the book, it is revealed that the reason Anna initiates the lawsuit is because her sister does not want her to donate the kidney. Kate says that she is ready to die. After the trial, Anna is granted medical emancipation. Unfortunately on her way home, Anna has a car accident and dies in the accident. Her parents decide to donate Anna’s kidney for her elder sister.

Biography of the Author

Jodi Picoult was born May 19, 1966 in Nesconset on Long Island, New York. She has written since she was five years old. She studied writing at Princeton University, and graduated in 1987, and she also gets a master's degree in education from Harvard. She married Tim Van Leer and they have three children, Sammy, Kyle and Jake. They live in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Picoult's stories are inspired by her happy childhood and marriage, and her plots tend to revolve around relationships, love, and family. Until 2009 she has written seventeen novels. In 2003, she was awarded the New England Bookseller Award for Fiction. She has also been the recipient an Alex Award from the Young Adult Library Services Association, sponsored by the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust and Booklist, one of ten books written for adults that have special appeal for young adults; the Book Browse Diamond Award for novel of the year; a lifetime achievement award for mainstream fiction from the Romance Writers of America; Cosmopolitan magazine's 'Fearless Fiction' Award 2007; Waterstone's Author of the Year in the UK, and a Vermont Green Mountain Book Award.

Most recently, she wrote five issues of the Wonder Woman comic book series for DC Comics and her book entitled My Sister's Keeper is translated into thirty four languages in thirty five countries. My Sister's Keeper has made into New Line Cinema, with Nick Cassavetes directing and Cameron Diaz starring.

The film was released to theatres nationwide on June 26, 2009 and came out on DVD on November 17, 2009.

Source: “Jodi Picoult”