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## **CHAPTER I**

### **SUMMARY**

This story is about a young woman Susannah Simmons whose main goal for her life is to work her way up the corporate ladder. She has no desire for marriage or kids and feels that the typical “mommy” lifestyle would only get in the way of her career. It all started when Susannah Simmons is asked to babysit her infant niece. At first things are fine but then Michelle started crying. Soon there is a knock on the door and there stood Susannah’s knight in shining armor. His name is Nate Townsend.

Over a few days, Nate and Susannah begin to learn more about each other and find that they have a mutual attraction to each other. The only thing that confuses Susannah about Nate is that he doesn’t work. Susannah on the other hand actually has a five year plan which is to be a vice president in charge of marketing at H&J Lima. And found that she keeps on thinking about Nate so she tries to leave Nate so that everything will be back to normal but in the end she couldn’t. So she followed what Nate wanted first watching baseball match, then it was playing video games and kite flying. And finally achieved the position of president because worried of Nate who doesn’t work she offered Nate a job and told him to think about it but then few days later her boss send her a business magazine about Nate a few years ago and she found out that Nate was a Multimillionaire at an age of twenty-eight.

After reading she was really angry because she made such a fool of herself by offering him a job and wanted to leave Nate because of that. Nate told her just put the misunderstanding behind but she insists on it and told Nate that she doesn’t want to see him anymore and after Nate left her she met him once more at Convention Centre and heard Nate was going to auction himself to benefit the Children’s Home Society she run in the auction without ticket and use all her money she collected to bid for Nate. She won the auction and clears the misunderstanding with him and got married.

## CHAPTER II

### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHARACTER

#### 2.1 Major Character

##### 2.1.1 Nate Townsend

Nate Townsend is one of the main protagonist he was a calm person with a don't worry attitude and also was a multimillionaire by the age of twenty-eight he was a hard working person before he became a millionaire we can see that hard work from the following section of the book.

*“Because of his father’s untimely death, she’d taken a job in a local factory, and Nate, eager to find a way to attend university in the fall, had started baking the cookies and selling them to tourists for fifty cents each.”*

- Page 188

As we can see here he is eager to find a way to attend a university and started to bake and sell cookies to the tourists for fifty cents each. How much money will he need and how long will it take him to attend the university from selling cookies and by the time he graduated from college he was already a millionaire.

Another characteristics of Nate Townsend is romantic and caring we can see that a lot of time First when he take care of Michelle then forces Susannah to take a break from office to bring her to watch baseball match after that playing video games and flying kites together. We can see this romantic and caring in the following section of the book.

*“Susannah, there’s no reason to cry. It was a reasonable mistake. Here, sit down.” Gently he lowered her onto the kitchen chair and knelt in front of her, taking her hands in his and rubbing them. “It isn’t the biggest disaster in the world.”*

- Page 136

### **2.1.2 Susannah Simmons**

She is the other main protagonist whose dream is to climb up the corporate ladder and be the first woman who became a vice president at her company H&J Lima. She was a kind person since she agreed to babysit her sister infant niece we can see the evidence where she agreed below.

***“When I told Robert I hadn’t found a sitter, he got so angry...and that’s not like Robert. Susannah agreed.”***

**- Page 14**

Other characteristic of Susannah was stubborn. She was very stubborn since the time she read an article about Nate because she thinks that he wasn’t trustworthy by not telling his real life which was a multimillionaire. Nate already apologized and told her just leave that as a misunderstanding but she insists on it. As an evidence of her stubborn attitude we can see it on the following section of the book.

***“Why?” she demanded “why did you wait to tell me? Why couldn’t you have said something sooner?”***

**- Page 177**

## **2.2 Minor Character**

### **2.2.1 Emily**

Emily is Susannah’s sister. She is worried and always wanted Susannah to get married with someone because she has no desire on marriage or kids. She was a very talkative and full of idea person we can view this talkative and full of idea at this following part of the book.

***“I’ll start you out on something simple and we’ll work our way up. “Cookies,” Emily explained. “There isn’t a man alive who doesn’t appreciate homemade cookies. There’s something magical about them – really,” she added when Susannah cast her doubtful glance. “Cookies create an aura of domestic bliss – it sounds crazy, but it’s true.”***

**-Page 122**

### 2.2.2 Robert Davidson

Robert Davidson was Susannah sister's husband and also the one who caused Susannah to meet Nate if not because of he who claims that he don't receive any attention from his wife and call his wife to find someone to look after Michelle and have some time for themselves or not their marriage was off. From this we can extract he was an arrogant person to show the evidence we can see below.

*“He...he claims I give Michelle all my attention and that I have never have enough energy left to be a decent wife.”*

*“He asked me to find someone to look after Michelle for a while. He says we have to have some time for ourselves, or our marriage is dead.”*

- Page 14

### 2.2.3 John Hammer

John Hammer is the boss of H&J Lima he was the one who decide the vice president. And he knows Nate who really is. And he is a compassionate and friendly person is because when Nate told him he wanted to watch baseball game with Susannah. He directly gave Susannah a break by letting her go and also forces Susannah to go with him. To show that he is friendly and compassionate person we can see below.

*“I’m here to pick Susannah. We’re going to a Mariners game this afternoon.” John removed the glasses from the end of his nose, and nodded thoughtfully. “An excellent idea.” “No, I really don’t think I’ll go. I mean...” She stopped when it became obvious that no one was paying attention to her protests. “Nate’s absolutely right,” John said, setting the file on her desk. “You’ve been putting in a lot of extra hours lately. Take the afternoon off. Enjoy yourself.” “But—“*

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## CHAPTER III

### MORAL VALUES

The first moral value we can excerpt from the book is once we are at the top what we felt isn't all that great and we forget what it means to appreciate the simple things in life. It tells us that what for being rich but forgets to have fun and enjoy life by just working everyday with the high position you have.

It is indeed true what for we keeps working to earn money when we already had it and doesn't use it to have fun with our children or family. What is the money used for then? Just for daily necessities and buy things we wanted? No other usage for the money? We can excerpt the moral value from the following section of the novel.

***“Let me tell you that once you’re at the top, the view isn’t all that great.  
You forget what it means to appreciate the simple things in life”***

**-Page 177**

In the section above Nate told how he felt when he was at top to Susannah that he forgot how to enjoy and have fun in life but Susannah doesn't believe it and take it as an insult for her but at the end she gave up all her money she worked for years just to get Nate back and enjoy her life with Nate and she realised that what Nate said was true as Nate was the one who teach her to have fun.



Another moral insight we can extract from the book is to think first before doing an action we must ponder about what someone had advised you will it really happen? And was the advice a good one don't directly take it as an insult.

Most people take advice as a humiliation of what they are doing and don't think about the advice given to them but indeed there is also bad advice so we need to mull over on what advice received whether to follow or not. This was inferred on the following part of the book.

*“Are you telling me to stop and smell the flowers? Well, I’ve got news for you, Nate Townsend. I like my life just the way it is. I consider it insulting that you think you can casually walk into my world and my career and tell me I’m headed down the road to destruction, because I’ll tell you right now—“ she paused to take a deep breath “—I don’t appreciate it.”*

**- Page 177**

In the part above Susannah didn't think first about advice Nate had given to her and directly take it as an insult to her world and career and said what he was trying to tell her is that she is heading to the road of destruction. Nate then tried to explain but Susannah doesn't care and told him to leave her because she says she would be doing fine with her job and doesn't need any advice from him.

The next moral value one could receive through reading this book is don't be too stubborn as we may regret our decision later in the future. As one with this trait hates admitting that he/she is wrong so strongly that he/she is willing to make bold claims that may cut down one's authority on anything in the future.

Being stubborn is not always a bad idea as it sometimes shows that an individual have determined their own way or they have strong belief of their views. But it is better to avoid having this trait since obstinate is most definitely negative.

*“Now exactly what is the purpose of this call, other than to embarrass me?” “Lunch.” “I can’t today. I’ve got an appointment.” “Okay.” He sighed, clearly frustrated. “How about dinner just you and me?” “I’m working late and was planning on sending out for something. Thanks, anyway.” “Susannah,” he said in a burst of impatience, “are we going to go through this again? You should’ve figured out by now that avoiding me won’t change anything.” Perhaps not, she reasoned, but it would certainly help. “Listen, Nate, I really am busy. Perhaps we should continue this conversation another time.”*

**-Page 127-128**

In the section above Susannah in this novel is so hard headed to refuse Nate invitation for a dinner by giving lots of reason to reject this dinner and keep believing that by avoiding Nate she could forget Nate and have a normal day like how she usually has.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

#### **4.1 Comments**

##### **4.1.1 Writing Style**

The sentences were structured coherently and clearly and there was no usage of long convoluted or complex sentences and everything was kept to a minimal so it could be easily understood despite of the some hard words and the writing style of the story wasn't directed to the point, typical of a romance based novel.

##### **4.1.2 Content**

The content of the novel I quite good as it doesn't tell about any explicit sex which was vulgar or impolite and also described the actions of the characters clearly. And the plot of story which wasn't straightforward makes the story keep repeating their romance on different scenery.

#### **4.2 Suggestions**

The novel is highly recommended for those who love reading romance genre as it was a typical romance novel and even though the novel keeps repeating their romance which was kissing in different scenery this novel reader will not feel bored reading it. And the novel wasn't that many pages like other novels which make us readers feel bored and not interested in reading it because it was too long and the leading or main character is stupid or something like that.