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APPENDICES

1. Synopsis of Novel *The Fault In Our Stars*

Hazel Grace is a 17-year-old girl living in Indianapolis who has had thyroid cancer that has spread to her lungs since 13. The cancer, which is already in stage 4 and has spread to the lungs, makes it difficult for Hazel to breathe, so she uses a breathing apparatus in the form of a tube and a tube. This makes her always have to carry it wherever she goes. Hazel's mother believes that Hazel is depressed and urged her to attend weekly cancer patient support groups.

Hazel meets Augustus, a 17-year-old boy who suffers from osteosarcoma, forcing him to lose one leg. After the support group meeting, Augustus got Hazel to talk and invited Hazel to his house. When Hazel arrived at Augustus's house, Hazel met Augustus' parents. They found a lot in common, including their hobbies, and agreed to read their favorite books.

Hazel recommends "An Imperial Affliction," a novel about a girl who has cancer, and Augustus gives Hazel "Counter Insurgence." After Augustus finished the book, Augustus did not like the book's ending. Hazel describes the novel's mysterious author as Peter Van Houten. A few weeks later, Augustus told Hazel he had tracked down Van Houten's assistant Lidewij and corresponded to Van Houten via email.

Augustus finds out more about the ending of this ambiguous book. Peter Van Houten replied that he was only willing to answer questions from him provided they met in Amsterdam. Hazel asked her mother if she could go to Amsterdam to visit Peter, but her mother refused due to financial constraints and Hazel's health. Augustus suggests Hazel take advantage of the cancer wish she received from the

Make-A-Wish Foundation, but Hazel explains she has used hers to visit Walt Disney World. As a result, Augustus used this wish to go to Amsterdam.

Before they left, Hazel was rushed to the ICU, and that made the doctors disapprove of Hazel leaving for Amsterdam. But Dr. Maria helped Hazel get away, and with Hazel's luck, they were able to go to Amsterdam. Augustus and Hazel arrived in Amsterdam, and they went to an expensive restaurant that Van Houten paid for. During the meal, Augustus confessed his love for Hazel. Next, they go to Van Houten's house but are shocked to learn that he is a violent alcoholic.

Lidewij arranges their meeting and dinner without Van Houten knowing anything about it, explaining he knows he will do anything to stop him. Hazel meets Peter but doesn't get the rest of the book. Peter doesn't want to tell people what the next story is. Hazel was very disappointed and angry at Peter's attitude towards her.

Peter Van Houten taunts Hazel for seeking a serious answer to fiction and belittling Hazel's medical condition. He leaves, confused and Lidewij invites them to go out for a walk to make up for their ruined experience.

The three of them head to the Anne Frank House, where Hazel struggles to climb the house's many stairs. Inside Anne Frank's house, they kissed. Even though she didn't get an answer from Peter, Hazel was still happy. The next day Augustus told Hazel cancer had returned and had spread throughout her body. After they returned to Indianapolis, Augustus' health worsened.

He was taken to the ICU and realized he was almost dead. Augustus invites his blind friends Isaac and Hazel to his pre-funeral, offering the praises they both prepare. Hazel explained to him she wouldn't trade their short time together for anything. Augustus died eight days later, and Hazel was surprised to find Peter Van

Houten at the funeral. Peter Van Houten explains to Hazel that Augustus had demanded she attend his funeral to make up for his bad trip.

Peter Van Houten explains to Hazel that the book *An Imperial Affliction* is based on the experience of his daughter, Anna, who died of leukemia at a young age. Hazel accepted the reason for Peter's attitude towards her. Later, speaking to Isaac, Hazel learned that Gus had asked Van Houten to help her write a speech for him. He also took the paper and read her words accepting his death and his love for her. He lay on his back in the yard gazing at the stars, smiling as he remembered Augustus.

2. Biography of John Green

John Green was born on the 24th of August in 1977, in Indianapolis, Indiana. His parents are Mike Green and Sydney Green. Soon after his birth, the family was in a constant move; first, they shifted to Michigan. Then he went to Birmingham before settling in Florida. He also spent his childhood in Orlando, where his parents helped him improve his creative abilities.

John Green started his educational journey at Lake Highland Preparatory School, where he completed his elementary and middle schooling. Unfortunately, his experience at school was terrible due to the constant bullying from the fellow students making his life miserable. Later, he attended Indian Springs School and after graduation, he was admitted to Kenyon College, where he gained a double major in religious and English studies. After graduating from college, in 2000, he was enrolled at the University of Chicago Divinity School to become a priest.

John also worked at a children's hospital that proved a good experience for his future career. The miseries of the people and the life-threatening situation that he witnessed in the hospital made him rethink the choice of his life. Thus, he gave up the idea of the priesthood and decided to become a writer. He married Sarah Urist on the 21st of May in 2006 and the couple has two children.

The most popular author of the current era, John Green started writing when he was young and earned huge followers during his lifetime. His experience in a children's hospital forced him to pursue writing as a career. After completing his studies, he spent several years in Chicago, where he completed his first masterpiece, *Looking for Alaska*, published in 2005. The publication proved a huge massive success by winning the annual Michael L. Printz Award. Later, in 2006, he

came up with another big hit, *An Abundance of Katherine's*. The appreciation and admiration added more to the glory of this bright author. After two years, with fellow young authors, he collaborated on *Let it Snow: Three Holidays Romances*.

The book once again brought fortune for the young man. His third novel, *Paper Towns* came in 2008, winning the Edgar Award for Best Young Adult Novel and the 2010 Corine Literature Prize. His next book, *The Fault in our Stars*, published in 2012 earned him a rapid success. This book was also awarded the Teen Book of the Year Award in 2013. His other notable works include *Turtles All the Way Down*, *Double on Call and Other Short Stories*, and *The Space & The Cat and the Mouse*.

After establishing his career as a writer, John's creative, witty, and philosophical ideas brought variety to the literary world. His works primarily focused on the experiences and feelings of real people in real situations. Using intellectual concepts and down to earth real language mixed with compassion and humor, his books have proved treats for a wide variety of his readers. Moreover, with his ambrosial and wistful writing style, he successfully creates certain experiences for his audiences.

Marked with the blend of expectation and reality, his work, *The Fault in Our Stars*, hit the shelves, fulfilling his expectations about his creative abilities. His other works such as, *Looking for Alaska*, *Let it Snow*, and, *Paper Towns*, emphasize ethics, positivity, and guidance, we, as human beings, need in our lives. The recurring thematic strands exhibited in his writings involve the depiction of hope, courage, perseverance, challenges, and nature.

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