*The Perks of Being a Wallflower

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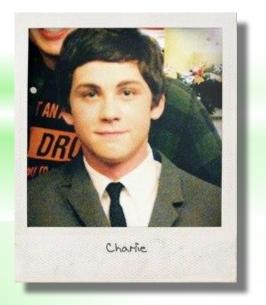
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Stephen Chbosky wrote and directed the feature film adaptation of his novel, The Perks of Being a Wallflower. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he graduated from the University of Southern California's Filmic Writing Program. His first film, The Four Corners of Nowhere, premiered at Sundance Film Festival. He wrote the screenplay for the critically acclaimed film adaptation of Rent; and co-created the post-apocalyptic television drama, Jericho. He also edited Pieces, a collection of short stories for Pocket Books.

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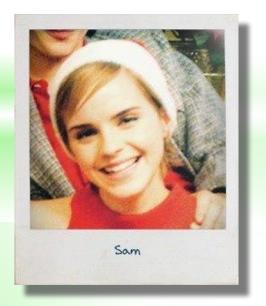
*Main characters

He is the main character of this book as well as the narrator. He starts to write to an anonymous person who he feels that he could trust with all his secrets and distress. In this book, he starts as a freshman in high-school. His best friend, Michael, committed suicide and left him alone to face high-school. Then, he meets Sam and Patrick who are both seniors in high-school.





Sam is a beautiful brown-haired, green-eyed girl who wins Charlie's affection from the first days of their friendship. She is the step-sister of Patrick and a close friend of Charlie's, and her conversations with Charlie both reveal information about Charlie's background and help Charlie to process and reflect upon his concerns.





Patrick, at first introduced as "Nothing" from shop class, becomes one of Charlie's best friends. He is the flamboyant and extravagant step-brother of Sam, Charlie's love interest in the novel. Patrick helps Charlie feel more comfortable in high-school and is always listening to him and giving him advice, whether regarding his family, the loss of his friend Michael, or the process of courting girls.





Charlie is a shy teenager without friends that has just joined the high-school. He misses his best friend, who had committed suicide, and he writes letters to an imaginary friend telling his feelings. Further, Charlie has a mental illness problem in his past. Soon Charlie befriends the veterans Patrick, who is gay, and his stepsister Sam and they become best friends. Charlie wants to be a writer and he also becomes the favorite student of his teacher of literature, Mr. Anderson, who lends him books. Sam and Patrick introduce Charlie to their friends and Charlie falls in love with Sam, but he does not have self-confidence to date her. Charlie discovers a new world and feels happy with his friends, and he dates their common friend Mary Elizabeth. But when they end their relationship, Patrick asks Charlie to stay away from them for a while and soon he triggers his mental illness again. He goes to the hospital where a doctor finally discloses the origin of his problem.

*Plot

"We accept the love we think we deserve."

"Things change. And friends leave. Life doesn't stop for anybody."

"I would die for you. But I won't live for you."

"And in that moment, I swear we were infinite."

"It's strange because sometimes, I read a book, and I think I am the people in the book."

"This moment will just be another story someday."

"Enjoy it. Because it's happening."



The songs mentioned in the book:

Smiths - Asleep

Ride – Vapour Trail

Nirvana – Smells like Teen Spirit

Beatles - Blackbird

Beatles - Dear Prudence

Simon & Garfunkel – Scarborough Fair

Nick Drake – Time of No Reply

The Moody Blues – Nights in White Satin

