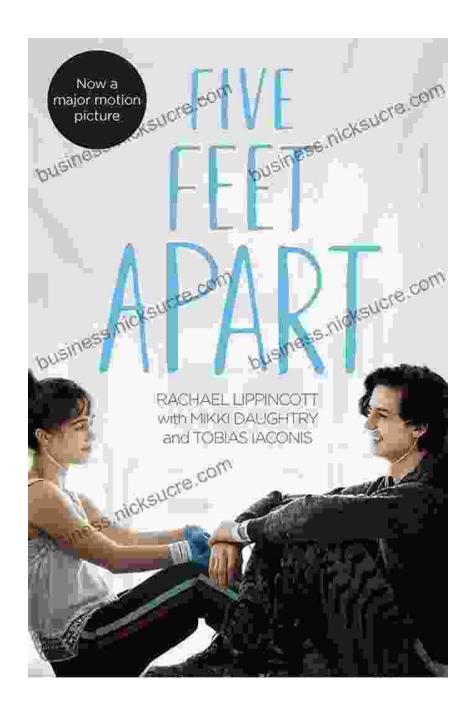
# Five Feet Apart: A Heartfelt and Emotionally Charged Novel by Rachael Lippincott



Five Feet Apart, a poignant and evocative novel by Rachael Lippincott, captivates readers with its exploration of love, loss, and the complexities of living with cystic fibrosis. Through the intertwined narratives of two young

cystic fibrosis patients, Stella Grant and Will Newman, the story delves into the challenges, heartbreaks, and triumphs of navigating life with a chronic illness.

# **Stella Grant: A Determined and Headstrong Spirit**

Stella, a 17-year-old cystic fibrosis patient, is a fiercely independent and determined young woman. Having spent countless nights in hospitals, she has developed a rigid regimen to manage her illness. However, her life is turned upside down when she meets Will Newman.



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Will, a 18-year-old cystic fibrosis patient, is equally determined and headstrong. However, unlike Stella, he has embraced a more reckless approach to his treatment. Their paths cross in a hospital where they are both admitted for a routine checkup.

### Will Newman: A Charismatic and Reckless Spirit

Will, with his infectious smile and rebellious nature, challenges Stella's rigid world. He encourages her to break her routine and live life to the fullest. As

they spend more time together, they develop an undeniable bond that transcends their illness.

However, their relationship is not without its challenges. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that cystic fibrosis patients maintain a minimum distance of six feet apart to prevent cross-infection. For Stella and Will, this seemingly arbitrary rule becomes both a physical and emotional barrier.

#### Love in the Time of Illness

Five Feet Apart explores the complexities of love and intimacy in the face of a life-limiting illness. Stella and Will's relationship is a constant negotiation between their desire for connection and the fear of endangering each other.

Lippincott's writing is both evocative and heartbreaking as she delves into the emotional turmoil of her characters. Readers witness the joys and sorrows of Stella and Will's love, as they navigate the challenges of their illness together.

### Themes of Resilience and Hope

Beyond the love story, *Five Feet Apart* also explores themes of resilience and hope. Stella and Will's unwavering determination to live their lives to the fullest despite their illness is both inspiring and moving.

Lippincott's novel reminds readers that even in the face of adversity, love and hope can thrive. It is a story that celebrates the indomitable spirit of those who live with chronic illnesses and the power of connection that can make life worth living.

# **Critical Reception**

Five Feet Apart has received widespread critical acclaim for its poignant and authentic portrayal of cystic fibrosis and its impact on young lives. The novel has been praised for its sensitive handling of complex themes, its well-developed characters, and its emotionally resonant storyline.

The book has won numerous awards, including the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Young Adult Fiction and the YALSA Morris Award for Best Contemporary Young Adult Novel. It has also been adapted into a major motion picture starring Cole Sprouse and Haley Lu Richardson.

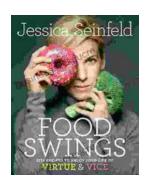
Five Feet Apart is a powerful and unforgettable novel that explores the complexities of love, loss, and the challenges of living with a chronic illness. Through the intertwined narratives of Stella and Will, Rachael Lippincott creates a deeply moving and resonant story that will stay with readers long after they turn the final page.

The novel's exploration of resilience and hope offers a reminder that even in the face of adversity, love and connection can make life worth living. *Five Feet Apart* is a must-read for anyone seeking a poignant and emotionally charged story that will stay with them long after the last page is turned.



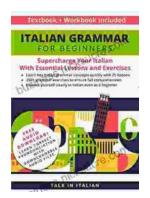
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