Book Report on *About a Boy*

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Summary of the Book

Will is in his thirties, and he has never had a job in his life. The reason he does not need to work is that his father wrote a famous Christmas song. Therefore, Will lives off the royalties from the song. He enjoys his own life, and he has many girlfriends. He, however, does not get intimately involved with others. He just wants companions to bring happiness to his life, and he does not want to get involved with serious friendships.

Marcus is a twelve-year-old boy, and he has just moved to London with his mother. His parents have been separated for several years. He does not get along with any of his classmates at his new school. Marcus’s classmates think he is strange because of his clothes, his hairstyle, and his behavior. Marcus has no one to talk to and his mother is severely depressed. She regularly cries for no apparent reason. Marcus wants to help her, but he does not know what to do.

Will wants to meet single mothers. He pretends to be a single father, and joins a single parents’ group. He meets a woman named Suzie. She has a daughter named Megan. Suzie makes friends with Fiona. He meets Marcus at a SPAT picnic. When they return to Marcus’s home, his mother, Fiona, attempts to commit suicide. She is hurriedly sent to the hospital.

After that, Marcus decides to talk seriously with his mother, and he plans to set her up with Will. It does not work out between Fiona and Will. Marcus often visits Will after school, and he discusses his problems with him. He thinks Will is the first person who understands him in his life. Marcus talks to Will about Ellie and other things that happen at school. Will does not like Marcus because he does not want to care for anyone.

After a while, Will takes pity on Marcus, and he figures out a way to help him. Will falls in love with a woman named Rachel, and he wants to spend the rest of his life with her. In the end, Will realizes that people need to support each other instead of living on their own.
Characters Analysis

**Will** is a free man. He is thirty-six years old man, and he has never had a job in his life. He lives off the royalties of his father’s famous Christmas song. Everything changes in his life after he meets Marcus.

**Marcus** is a twelve-year-old boy. He is worried about his mom and his new school because he just moved to London. His parents have been separated for several years. Marcus is very different from most other kids of his age. Therefore, his classmates do not like him at all. He feels disappointed because of his troubles at school, the problems he has with his mother’s depression at home.

**Fiona** is Marcus’s mom. She is careless about her son, and she has difficulty communicating with Marcus. She often feels sad and cries for no reason. Worst of all, she wants to kill herself.

**Clive** is Marcus’s father. He has a new girlfriend, Lindsey.

**Suzie** is friends with Fiona, and she has a daughter. Will meets her at a Single Parents-Alone Together meeting. She discovers that Will lies to her, but she eventually forgives him.

**Ellie** is Marcus’s only real friend at school. She wears a sweatshirt with Kurt Cobain’s picture on it all the time. She is known at school as a troublemaker. Marcus wants to be her boyfriend, but he changes his mind at the end of the story.

**Rachel** is a very beautiful woman, and Will falls in love with her. She is the first woman Will has wanted to spend the rest of his life with. She believes for a period of time that Marcus is Will’s son. When he admits his lie and explains his actions, she does not get angry at him, and she understands his reasons.
Reflections on the Book

Nowadays, people are often stressed-out due to their work and studies. As a result, people may become depressed. This can have a negative impact on family and friends. Take Fiona for example. She can’t help crying frequently. When people are sad, they should think about interesting and joyful things in their lives. Friends and Families need to monitor the behavior of their loved ones. If we find someone we care about looking strange or depressed, we need to spend more time talking with them patiently, and we need to prevent terrible things from happening.

In this book, Will is a carefree man who does not work, but he does not lead a perfect life. Only when he gets involved with others does he realize how precious relationships are in people’s lives. As a result, Will changes his life after meeting Marcus and falling in love with Rachel.

Will learns that he cannot live without others’ support. All human beings need love. At school, students should get along with their classmates and teachers. Children in school should study together and take part in activities happily. School should bring happiness into a student’s life, and an individual’s school life should be enjoyable.

Often, teenagers enjoy doing special and reckless things. As a result, they can be put at risk. Fortunately, they have families, teachers, and friends to offer them support in times of need. People may argue, but part of growing older is to learn to apologize. Teenagers need to realize how difficult raising children can be, and they should be mindful of the job that has been taken on by their parents. Most importantly in life, people should cherish what they have and not take it for granted.