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I. About the author

- Erich Wolf Segal was born in 1937 16th of June . He was an American author, screenwriter, and educator. He was best known for writing the 'Love story' novel in 1970, a best-seller, and writing the motion picture of the same name, which was a major hit.
- Segal was a professor of Greek and Latin literature at Harvard University.
- His first academic book, Roman Laughter: The Comedy of Plautus revolutionized the great Roman comic playwright best known today as the inspiration for the Broadway hit, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum . In 2001 Harvard published his The Death of Comedy, the all-encompassing literary history.



II. The theme

Love Story is romantic and funny yet tragic. It is the tale of two college students whose love enables them to overcome the adversities they encounter in life. Oliver Barrett IV, a **Harvard jock** and heir to the Barrett fortune and legacy, and Jennifer Cavillers, the quick-witted daughter of a Rhode Island baker. Oliver (Ollie) was expected to assume control of his father's business empire, while Jennifer (Jenny), a music major studying at **Radcliffe College** planned to study in **Paris**. From very different worlds, Oliver and Jenny immediately attracted each other and their love deepened. The story of Jenny and Ollie is a story of two young people who come from two separate worlds and are joined together in the unlikeliest of ways. Upon graduation from college, the two decide to marry against the wishes of Oliver's father, who promptly severs all ties with his son. Without financial support, the couple struggles to pay Oliver's way through **Harvard Law School**, with Jenny working as a private school teacher. Graduating third in his class, Oliver gets several job offers and takes up a position at a respectable New York **law firm**. Jenny promises to follow Oliver anywhere on the East Coast. The couple moves to **New York City**, excited to spend more time together, rather than in working and studying. With Oliver's new income, the pair of 24-year-olds decide to have a child. After Jenny fails to conceive, they consult a medical specialist, who after repeated tests, informs Oliver and Jenny that Jenny is suffering from **leukemia** and will soon die.

III. The form

First person narration

Location: Harvard university, home.

Time: autumn

Style : short story

Genre: romance novel

IV.Climax

When Oliver went to the hospital to get result of analysis. Doctor said that his wife suffering from leukemia and will soon die. He was shocked to hear that.

V.Characters portrayal

Oliver Barrett IV - twenty-year student at Harvard University to study law . Three years in a row in the list of the best on the course, the faculty member 's hockey team

- **Jennifer Kavilleri - a student of the music department Redcliffe College. Her mother died in a car accident when Jenny was a little girl . Her father she calls only " Phil ."**
- Phil Kavilleri - Jenny 's father . Good-natured and cheerful man, holding a bakery in Cranston (Rhode Island) .**
- Oliver Barrett III - Oliver's father . Former athlete , participated in the final race kayak singles at the Summer Olympics in 1928 . Banker and now head of the Peace Corps .**
- Alison Forbes Barrett - Oliver 's mother .**
- Stratton Raymond (Ray) - buddy Oliver roommate .**

VI. The problem

Fathers and sons because which appears in the book's rejection of a girl from a lower social stratum.

VII. The main idea

Love conquers all ...

difficulties with parents, finances, character .

Stylistic devices

- 1. Alliteration - said suddenly, went wild, we were, for a few months.**
- 2. Epithet - brown eyes, beautiful violent, fresh air, cold winter.**
- 3. Anaphora - I said as I entered my room... I took off my shoes... I telephoned Jenny.**
- 4. Parallelism - you look stupid and rich... No I'm actually clever and poor...**
- 5. Simile - It is like a damn place.**