

APPENDIX**SYNOPSIS**

Nina Leeds, a confused neurotic girl, loses her fiance (Gordon) is killed in a war. She blames and hates her father for not allowing them to get married and destroys her happiness. Since Gordon's death, her whole manner is totally at variance with her healthy outdoor physique.

Then she decides to leave her father and becomes a nurse at a sanitarium for crippled soldiers. She makes this decision because she wants to learn to give herself for a man's happiness without fear, without joy expect in his joy. She considers that it is her duty now since Gordon is dead. In this place she meets Dr. Darrell for the first time. Over a year later, she gets a news of her father's death. Blaming herself for the death of her lover, she takes refuge in promiscuity and ultimately marries Sam Evans on the advice of Dr. Darrell, an admirer, later her lover.

Without love, she marries Evans in order to lead a normal life and reach for happiness. When she is pregnant, Evans' mother reveals that there is an insanity in the family and asks her to get abortion. It happens when Nina has already been pregnant and starts to love Evans. This brings her back into the condition before she marries Evans-- a neurotic person; which leads her to a decision to have a healthy baby from another man.

Things are getting worse when Nina decides to have a baby from Darrell one evening. Thus, from that evening, her love grows toward Darrell, while Darrell can feel his love growing stronger towards her. Nina feels that her love to Darrell grows stronger and starts to feel contempt and dislikes towards Evans. She can feel how weak Evans is when she compares with Darrell. At one time, Nina is thinking about leaving Evans and runs away with Darrell, but at the same time she is tied up to a promise to Evans' mother that she would not leave Evans and wants to keep him happily.

When the baby is born, Evans never knows that the baby is not his baby and believes that he is the father of the baby. Gordon, the baby who has grown as a young boy, is getting closer to his father, Evans, rather than to Nina. That's why Darrell and Nina feel jealous. It is much worse because Gordon hates Darrell whom he thinks has an affair with his mother.

When Gordon has become a successful young man and engages to Madeline Arnold. Nina feels jealous of her. She tries to tell her about the insanity in the family to break their engagement. But Darrell forbids her mean and stops her. Until Evans dies, he never knows that Gordon is not his son, and Gordon, who has hated Darrell, reveals his hatred towards him for he had been insulting his father (Evans) and have an affair with his mother. Nina's indifferent attitude towards Evans' death made Gordon's

suspicious. He tells Darrell that he knows all along about his affair with his mother, but now Evans is dead, he hopes that two of them would get married and even wishes them for happiness. But Darrell can not marry Nina and he decides to go back to Europe to continue his biological research work, while Gordon decides to marry Madeline. That makes Nina feels suffer because she now does not have anything left. Then she decides to marry to good old man, Marsden, who has been waiting for her all this time. After all she has been through in trying to reach for happiness--which all of them fails--all she wants is to rot away in peace.