

ABSTRACT

Commitment in the romantic relationship is illustrated in the novel *The Notebook* (1996) written by Nicholas Sparks through the image of Noah Calhoun. In order to examine whether the character is committed to Allie, this study seeks to evaluate Noah's characteristics with regard to commitment as defined by Rusbult's Investment Model of Commitment. As per this model, the level of commitment depends on satisfaction, quality of alternatives, investment and long-term orientation. Based on the analysis, Noah demonstrates commitment in terms of high satisfaction, low level of interest in alternatives, great investment and long-term orientation. Commitment of Noah is expressed through his patience, loyalty and consistency of actions throughout all life situations, such as separation and change in life circumstances. Moreover, it should be stated that personal characteristics of Noah have a considerable influence on commitment.

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