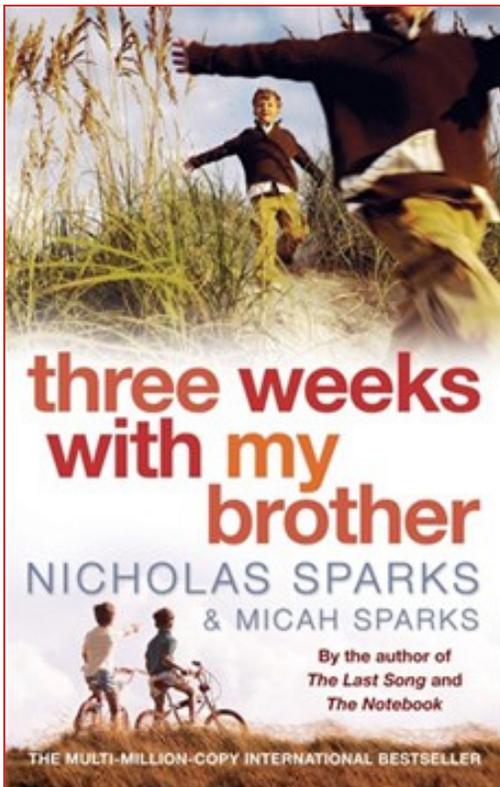


Book Club – Monday, September 16 ~ 9:30 a.m.

‘Three Weeks with My Brother’ by Nicholas & Micah Sparks

**The story of two brothers deeply bound by love and tragedy
and an extraordinary chronicle of a life-affirming trip.**



The day the brochure came was a typical one. With a wife and five small children, a hectic schedule, and a new book due to his publishers, Nicholas Sparks was busy with his usual routine. The colorful mailer, however, described something very different: a tour to some of the most exotic places on Earth. Slowly, an idea took hold in Nicholas’s mind and heart. In January 2003, Nicholas Sparks and his brother, Micah, set off on a three-week trip around the globe. It was to mark a milestone in their lives, for at thirty-seven and thirty-eight respectively, they were now the only surviving members of their family. And as they voyaged to the lost city of Machu Picchu high in the Andes... to mysterious Easter Island...to Ayers Rock in the Australian outback...and across the vast Indian subcontinent, the ultimate story of their lives would unfold. Against the backdrop of the wonders of the world and often overtaken by their feelings, daredevil Micah and the more serious, introspective Nicholas recalled their rambunctious childhood adventures and the tragedies that tested their faith. And in the process, they discovered startling truths about loss, love and hope. Narrated with irrepressible humor and rare candor, and including personal photographs, *Three Weeks with my Brother* reminds us to

embrace life with all its uncertainties. . . and most of all, to cherish the joyful times, both small and momentous, and the wonderful people who make them possible.

Biographical Notes

With over eighty million copies of his books sold, **Nicholas Sparks** is one of the world's most beloved storytellers. His novels include eleven No. 1 *New York Times* bestsellers. All Nicholas Sparks' books have been international bestsellers and have been translated into more than forty languages. Eight of his novels have been adapted into major films: *Safe Haven*, *The Lucky One*, *The Last Song*, *Dear John*, *Nights in Rodanthe*, *Message in a Bottle*, *A Walk to Remember* and *The Notebook*. Nicholas Sparks lives in North Carolina with his wife and family.

