



## Us: A Novel

By David Nicholls

Download now

Read Online →

### Us: A Novel By David Nicholls

David Nicholls brings the wit and intelligence that graced his enormously popular *New York Times* bestseller, *One Day*, to a compellingly human, deftly funny new novel about what holds marriages and families together—and what happens, and what we learn about ourselves, when everything threatens to fall apart.

Douglas Petersen may be mild-mannered, but behind his reserve lies a sense of humor that, against all odds, seduces beautiful Connie into a second date . . . and eventually into marriage. Now, almost three decades after their relationship first blossomed in London, they live more or less happily in the suburbs with their moody seventeen year-old son, Albie. Then Connie tells him she thinks she wants a divorce.

The timing couldn't be worse. Hoping to encourage her son's artistic interests, Connie has planned a month-long tour of European capitals, a chance to experience the world's greatest works of art as a family, and she can't bring herself to cancel. And maybe going ahead with the original plan is for the best anyway? Douglas is privately convinced that this landmark trip will rekindle the romance in the marriage, and might even help him to bond with Albie.

Narrated from Douglas's endearingly honest, slyly witty, and at times achingly optimistic point of view, *Us* is the story of a man trying to rescue his relationship with the woman he loves, and learning how to get closer to a son who's always felt like a stranger. *Us* is a moving meditation on the demands of marriage and parenthood, the regrets of abandoning youth for middle age, and the intricate relationship between the heart and the head. And in David Nicholls's gifted hands, Douglas's odyssey brings Europe—from the streets of Amsterdam to the famed museums of Paris, from the cafés of Venice to the beaches of Barcelona—to vivid life just as he experiences a powerful awakening of his own. Will this summer be his last as a husband, or the moment when he turns his marriage, and maybe even his whole life, around?

↓ [Download Us: A Novel ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Us: A Novel ...pdf](#)

# Us: A Novel

By David Nicholls

## Us: A Novel By David Nicholls

David Nicholls brings the wit and intelligence that graced his enormously popular *New York Times* bestseller, *One Day*, to a compellingly human, deftly funny new novel about what holds marriages and families together—and what happens, and what we learn about ourselves, when everything threatens to fall apart.

Douglas Petersen may be mild-mannered, but behind his reserve lies a sense of humor that, against all odds, seduces beautiful Connie into a second date . . . and eventually into marriage. Now, almost three decades after their relationship first blossomed in London, they live more or less happily in the suburbs with their moody seventeen year-old son, Albie. Then Connie tells him she thinks she wants a divorce.

The timing couldn't be worse. Hoping to encourage her son's artistic interests, Connie has planned a month-long tour of European capitals, a chance to experience the world's greatest works of art as a family, and she can't bring herself to cancel. And maybe going ahead with the original plan is for the best anyway? Douglas is privately convinced that this landmark trip will rekindle the romance in the marriage, and might even help him to bond with Albie.

Narrated from Douglas's endearingly honest, slyly witty, and at times aching optimistic point of view, *Us* is the story of a man trying to rescue his relationship with the woman he loves, and learning how to get closer to a son who's always felt like a stranger. *Us* is a moving meditation on the demands of marriage and parenthood, the regrets of abandoning youth for middle age, and the intricate relationship between the heart and the head. And in David Nicholls's gifted hands, Douglas's odyssey brings Europe—from the streets of Amsterdam to the famed museums of Paris, from the cafés of Venice to the beaches of Barcelona—to vivid life just as he experiences a powerful awakening of his own. Will this summer be his last as a husband, or the moment when he turns his marriage, and maybe even his whole life, around?

## Us: A Novel By David Nicholls Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #368332 in Books
- Published on: 2015-06-30
- Released on: 2015-06-30
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.00" h x .67" w x 5.31" l, .0 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 416 pages

 [Download Us: A Novel ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Us: A Novel ...pdf](#)

## Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

**An Amazon Best Book of the Month, November 2014:** At an ungodly hour one summer morning, a time when most of us cannot digest a simple greeting let alone any grand revelation, Douglas Petersen's wife, Connie, informs him that she doesn't want to be married anymore. Or rather, she's not sure. Mind you, this is no fickle woman and this is not an admission she makes lightly. Connie and Douglas have been together, and happily so, for almost two decades. They have a son, Albie, more a chip off his artistic mum than biochemist dad, and that has strained the father-son dynamic. Will an ill-timed family vacation provide the opportunity Douglas needs to repair both relationships? With humor and with heart, David Nicholls of *One Day* fame takes us through every bumbling but well-meaning attempt in service to this goal. Lest you think the premise wreaks of a rom-com starring Hugh Grant, it is not a story tied up with a neat little bow. Nor is the precarious marriage portrayed as a consequence of cinematically-friendly scenes like slamming doors, flying frying pans, or people leaving the toilet seat up on purpose. Instead, *Us* delicately and intelligently untangles one of the more complex, heart-wrenching and relatable of relationship struggles—one in which there isn't a villain to blame. You'll be rooting for this family, and for another fine achievement from David Nicholls.

—Erin Kodicek

Review

"The Petersen family travels through Europe with more emotional baggage than luggage in Nicholls's winning follow-up to his 2009 bestseller *One Day*....Few authors do messed-up relationships better than Nicholls." (*People*, Book of the Week)

"Nicholls is a deft craftsman, a skilled storyteller and a keen observer of contemporary mores." (Jay McInerney, *New York Times Book Review*)

"In his latest...Mr. Nicholls again deals with love lost and possibly found, offering an unpredictable (and less grim) ending.... Mr. Nicholls mines the setup for laughs, as he should, but he also provides a poignant story of regret in middle age." (*New York Times*)

"A great novel...Nicholls is a master of nuanced relationships. He's also a pro at delivering a tight, clever structural narrative, as he proved in his terrific previous novel *One Day*." (*Entertainment Weekly*)

"I loved this book. Funny, sad, tender: for anyone who wants to know what happens after the Happy Ever After." (Jojo Moyes, author of *Me Before You* and *One Plus One*)

"Wonderful. A novel that manages to be both truly hilarious and deeply affecting. I loved it." (S.J. Watson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Before I Go to Sleep*)

"Nicholls is a delightfully funny writer...and this over-planned vacation makes ripe material for comedy...*Us* evolves into a poignant consideration of how a marriage ages, how parents mess up and what survives despite all those challenges." (*Washington Post*)

"A smartly optimistic romantic comedy that uses angst and humor to illuminate the resilience of the human heart... Part requiem, part reboot, Douglas's...efforts to preserve his disintegrating family take him on

another kind of journey, too, from despair to unexpected joy.” (*O Magazine*, November 2014)

“A thoughtful, funny, authentic story...Pitch-perfect dialogue and seamless action propel the story forward in a way that feels cinematic....This is the kind of book that reminds us what it means to be alive. How often does a reader get to feel that?” (*Good Housekeeping*)

“But for all of their burdens and battles, Douglas and Connie have moments of real joy in their marriage and while it doesn’t always seem like a pleasure, reading about it sure is.” (*Time magazine*)

“*Us* is a quick read but a charming one; a portrait of two journeys—one measured in kilometers, the other in the heart.” (*Seattle Times*)

“What happens when domestic bliss becomes rote? Is the past strong enough to bind us together when it happens? Nicholls’ answer is complicated, poignant, wise—and disarmingly human.” (*Miami Herald*)

“It’s a great combination of laughs and heart...Just what you need on these too-short days, no?” (Sophie Kinsella, *Redbook*)

“David Nicholls’s latest... is a smartly optimistic romantic comedy that uses angst and humor to illuminate the resilience of the human heart.... Part requiem, part reboot, Douglas’s endearingly inept efforts to preserve his disintegrating family take him on another kind of journey, too, from despair to unexpected joy.” (Oprah.com)

“From the author of *One Day*—which was infinitely better than the movie—comes a pathos-laden love story about marriage on the brink of collapse.” (*Entertainment Weekly*, “A Dozen Books We’re Dying to Read This Fall.”)

“The bestselling author of *One Day*...is back with another crowd-pleaser, this time about a man trying to save his collapsing marriage and connect with his teenage son during a family tour of Europe.” (*People*, Best Books of the Fall (2014))

“Complex family drama...perfect read for the holidays!” (*Huffington Post*, Top 10 Books to Read This Winter)

“A smartly optimistic romantic comedy that uses angst and humor to illuminate the resilience of the human heart.” (Oprah.com, “Paperbacks that Dazzle”)

“Nicholls is a master of the braided narrative, weaving the past and present to create an intricate whole.... A funny and moving novel.” (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

“Nicholls brings his trademark wit and wisdom to this by turns hilarious and heartbreaking examination of a long-term marriage.... This tender novel will further cement Nicholls’ reputation as a master of romantic comedy.” (*Booklist* (starred review))

“For those who loved *One Day*, the author’s latest is another heart-grabber about discovering what makes us happy and learning to let go.” (*Library Journal* (starred review))

“Liked *One Day*? Then you’ll find this absolutely fabulous.... Very funny and very moving, often at the same time.” (*Daily Mail* (London))

From the Back Cover

Douglas Petersen may be mild mannered, but behind his reserve lies a sense of humor that, against all odds, seduces beautiful Connie into a second date . . . and eventually into marriage. Now, almost three decades after their relationship first blossomed in London, they live more or less happily in the suburbs with their moody seventeen-year-old son, Albie.

Then Connie tells Douglas that she thinks she wants a divorce.

The timing couldn't be worse. Hoping to encourage her son's artistic interests, Connie has planned a monthlong tour of European capitals, a chance to experience the world's greatest works of art as a family, and she can't bring herself to cancel. Douglas is privately convinced that this landmark trip will rekindle the romance in the marriage, and may even help him to bond with Albie.

From the streets of Amsterdam to the famed museums of Paris, from the cafés of Venice to the beaches of Barcelona, Douglas's odyssey brings Europe to vivid life just as he experiences a powerful awakening of his own. Will this summer be his last as a husband, or the moment when he turns his marriage, and maybe even his whole life, around?

## **Users Review**

**From reader reviews:**

**Darius Cramer:**

As people who live in often the modest era should be update about what going on or info even knowledge to make these individuals keep up with the era which is always change and make progress. Some of you maybe may update themselves by examining books. It is a good choice for you personally but the problems coming to anyone is you don't know which you should start with. This Us: A Novel is our recommendation so you keep up with the world. Why, since this book serves what you want and need in this era.

**Lorenzo Brown:**

Reading a book can be one of a lot of exercise that everyone in the world adores. Do you like reading book consequently. There are a lot of reasons why people love it. First reading a publication will give you a lot of new facts. When you read a publication you will get new information mainly because book is one of several ways to share the information or perhaps their idea. Second, examining a book will make a person more imaginative. When you studying a book especially fictional works book the author will bring you to definitely imagine the story how the personas do it anything. Third, you can share your knowledge to other people. When you read this Us: A Novel, you can tells your family, friends as well as soon about yours publication. Your knowledge can inspire average, make them reading a reserve.

**Irving Wile:**

The guide untitled Us: A Novel is the guide that recommended to you to study. You can see the quality of the reserve content that will be shown to you actually. The language that publisher use to explained their way of doing something is easily to understand. The writer was did a lot of research when write the book, and so

the information that they share for your requirements is absolutely accurate. You also could possibly get the e-book of Us: A Novel from the publisher to make you more enjoy free time.

**Judy Sigmund:**

Don't be worry if you are afraid that this book will certainly filled the space in your house, you can have it in e-book method, more simple and reachable. That Us: A Novel can give you a lot of good friends because by you looking at this one book you have point that they don't and make you more like an interesting person. This specific book can be one of one step for you to get success. This reserve offer you information that possibly your friend doesn't realize, by knowing more than other make you to be great folks. So , why hesitate? We need to have Us: A Novel.

**Download and Read Online Us: A Novel By David Nicholls  
#AJ3MYCURLKO**



## **Read Us: A Novel By David Nicholls for online ebook**

Us: A Novel By David Nicholls Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Us: A Novel By David Nicholls books to read online.

### **Online Us: A Novel By David Nicholls ebook PDF download**

**Us: A Novel By David Nicholls Doc**

**Us: A Novel By David Nicholls Mobipocket**

**Us: A Novel By David Nicholls EPub**

**AJ3MYCURLKO: Us: A Novel By David Nicholls**