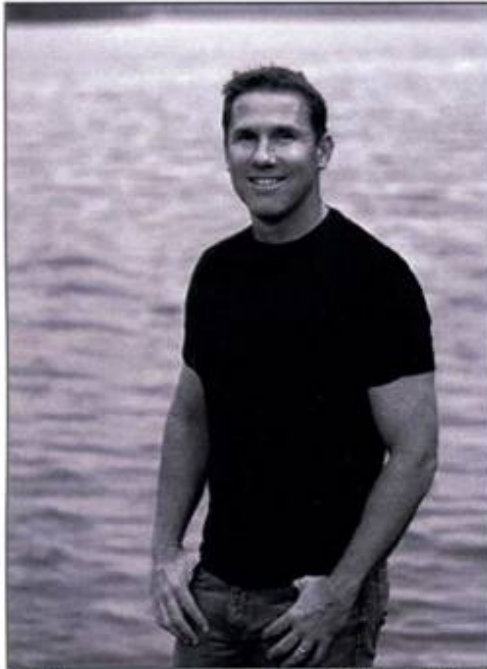


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Book Buzz: Sparks is back on the grind

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The lucky one:

Nicholas Sparks says he's back to writing — up to 2,000 words a day — after two promotional tours: one for his latest novel, *The Lucky One*, which hits No. 1 on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list this week, and another for the movie of 2002's *Nights in Rodanthe* (No. 13). The challenge "is not to veer too far from what my readers like but not to repeat myself." *The Lucky One*, Sparks' sixth novel to hit No. 1 on the list since 2002, is a love story about a Marine whose life changes when he finds a woman's photo in Iraq. Sparks, 42, isn't saying much about his next project other than it's the first time he's simultaneously writing a novel and screenplay, thanks to a deal with Disney and teen star Miley Cyrus. "The plan is that Miley will star in the movie (version of the book), but in Hollywood you never know till you start shooting."

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