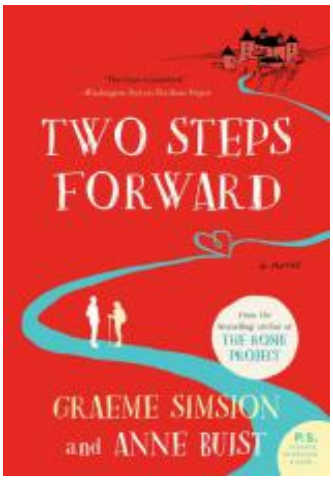
Two Steps Forward

by Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist



About the Book

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of THE ROSIE PROJECT comes a story of taking chances and learning to love again as two people, one mourning her husband and the other recovering from divorce, cross paths on the centuries-old Camino pilgrimage from France to Spain.

?The Chemin will change you. It changes everyone??

The Chemin, also known as the Camino de Santiago, is a centuries-old pilgrim route that ends in Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. Every year, thousands of walkers --- some devout, many not --- follow the route that wends through quaint small villages and along busy highways alike, a journey unlike any other.

Zoe, an artist from California who?s still reeling from her husband?s sudden death, has impulsively decided to walk the Camino, hoping to find solace and direction. Martin, an engineer from England, is road-testing a cart of his own design?and recovering from a messy divorce. They begin in the same French town, each uncertain of what the future holds. Zoe has anticipated the physical difficulties of her trek, but she is less prepared for other challenges, as strangers and circumstances force her to confront not just recent loss, but long-held beliefs. For Martin, the pilgrimage is a test of his skills and endurance but also, as he and Zoe grow closer, of his willingness to trust others --- and himself --- again.

Smart and funny, insightful and romantic, TWO STEPS FORWARD reveals that the most important journeys we make aren?t measured in miles, but in the strength, wisdom and love found along the way. Fans of THE ROSIE PROJECT will recognize Graeme Simsion?s uniquely quirky and charming writing style.

Discussion Guide

While no guide is available at this time, be sure to check out our fiction discussion questions, which may help you in

your group's discussion of the book.

Author Bio

Graeme Simsion is the author of the #1 bestseller THE ROSIE PROJECT, which has been optioned for film by Sony Pictures, was a *Globe and Mail* Best Book of the Year, and won the Australian Book Industry Association Book of the Year. THE ROSIE EFFECT was also a #1 *Globe and Mail* bestseller, an instant *New York Times* bestseller, and a *People* magazine Pick of the Week. Simsion?s most recent novel, THE BEST OF ADAM SHARP, has also been optioned for film. TWO STEPS FORWARD is his first novel co-written with his wife, Anne Buist.

Critical Praise

?The story resonates with authenticity, as the authors themselves have walked the Camino twice before, allowing them to ground the plot with small details and observations that could come only from someone who?s lived it. Affection for the experience pours from every paragraph. The feeling of camaraderie between strangers from around the world brings a warmth to the narrative, making it personal, real, and inviting. With wit and wisdom, Simsion and Buist have crafted a novel that will have readers wanting to walk a Camino of their own.?

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