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## **Senator Film to Adapt Nicholas Sparks Bestseller *THE RESCUE* for Germany**

**Berlin, May 15th, 2012** – **Senator Film** has secured the rights to Nicholas Sparks's #1 bestselling novel, **THE RESCUE**, to be adapted as a feature film set in Germany and shot on location.

**Nicholas Sparks Productions** and **Senator Film Production** will jointly realize the project. Helge Sasse and Ulf Israel will produce for Senator Film Production. Sparks, together with his longtime publishing agent and creative collaborator Theresa Park, will be producers on the German language production under their Nicholas Sparks Productions banner.

Published in 2000, **THE RESCUE** (published in Germany under the title "Das Schweigen des Glücks") is a tale about the greatest commitment of all: loving someone forever. When a near-fatal car crash and the ensuing search for a four year-old boy bring firefighter Taylor McAden together with Denise Holton, a struggling single mother, he is forced to ask himself whether his past will forever condemn him to a life on the edge – a place where physical danger and risk abound, but the heart remains untouched.

Though originally set in North Carolina, the novel lends itself nicely to a German-language adaptation and location shift, says Sparks. "I'm excited to produce something special for my German-speaking fans, who have supported my books and films for so many years. I feel that this novel, set in a small town and addressing universal themes of love, risk and commitment, will make for an emotionally resonant film under Senator's experienced hand."

Sparks is an international publishing sensation, published in 45 languages, with over 80 million copies of his books sold worldwide. In German speaking countries, Sparks has sold more than 15 million copies to date, all through his longtime German publisher, Heyne Verlag, a division of Verlagsgruppe Random House. The film adaptation of Sparks's **THE LUCKY ONE** is currently playing in theaters worldwide.

Says Senator Entertainment AG CEO Helge Sasse: "Nicholas Sparks is a master of human drama, and he knows how to evoke authentic emotions in audiences around the world. We're very happy he has decided to entrust us with his first German-produced and –shot film adaptation ever."

**Senator Film Verleih** will release in Germany.

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