

Sleepless in Seattle (1993)



Directed by Nora Ephron

Writing credits Jeff Arch (story) and Nora Ephron (screenplay)

Genre: Comedy / Romance / Drama

What if someone you never met, someone you never saw, someone you never knew was the only someone for you?

Runtime: 105 min **Country:** USA

User Rating: 6/7 stars out of 10

Plot Outline Sam is a recent widower who is seeking someone new. Sam's son Jonah, is also looking for a new mother, so when Jonah puts his father on national radio, hundreds of women write to him. One of the women is Annie. She's engaged to Walter, but he's a bit strange. Annie goes to great lengths to meet Sam.

Nora Ephron's "Sleepless in Seattle," is an unapologetically romantic movie about two people who fall in love from opposite sides of the continent, through the medium of a radio program. In Baltimore, Meg Ryan plays a woman who is already safely engaged - too safely - to a man whose only fault is that he appears to be allergic to almost everything. Then one night, driving in her car, she tunes in to the radio as a young boy is appealing to the host for help with his father.

Driving through the night, Ryan listens to the story. The man (Tom Hanks) is called to the phone and we learn that after his wife died he went into a deep depression before finally packing up his son and moving from Chicago to Seattle. He thought a change of scenery might help, but apparently it hasn't.

Something in the man's voice appeals to Ryan. She can't get this guy out of her mind. Meanwhile, in Seattle, we get to know the Hanks character and his son who hopes his dad will meet the right woman.

His dad has indeed met a woman, but the son knows she is unsuitable.

It is a simple story about two people who are destined for one another.

Discussion:

Did you find the story believable?

Is "love at first sight" possible?

In modern times, can it happen via the radio, telephone or computer, when you cannot see the other person at all?