1. BIOGRAPHY OF SIDNEY SHELDON AND HIS LITERARY WORKS

Sidney Sheldon was widely regarded as a master of modern storyteller, whose works were mostly charted on the list of best-seller novel. He was born during the depression in Chicago on February 11, 1917; with his parents were Otto Sheldon and Natalie Marcus.

His first works was wrote a song and gave it to the orchestra leader at Bismarck Hotel, where he had been working as a checkroom boy. It was then arranged and performed in several nights’ time.

At the age of seventeen, he left Los Angeles because he had made up his mind to enter on career as a screenwriter. Afterwards, he attempted to write and submitted a synopsis of Steinbeck’s, of Mice and Men, to the entire main studio. Within three days, they gave him a reply and Sheldon then started to work for Universal Studios, where he was paid $17 a week. During the occasions, he met Ben Robert who became his collaborator in working on their own original stories in their spare time, eventually writing a number of ‘B’ pictures for Republic Studio.

When World War II broke, he joined the USA Air Force and earned his pilot’s wings. In 1942, upon his discharge, he began to write for Broadway, and by the age of 25 he had three musical hits, which were simultaneously played on Great White Way – the
revised ‘Merry Window’, ‘Jackpot’, and ‘Dream With Music’. Next, he wrote a play ‘Alice in Arms’, starring Kirk Douglas in his first Broadway appearance, and later ‘Redhead” with Gwen Verdon which rewarded him a Tony Award.


After leaving MGM as a writer / director / producer, he got involved in the fledging television industry when ABC asked him to create a show for a new actress called Patty Duke. The show was titled ‘ The Patty Duke Show’ for which he wrote 78 scripts over two years. Then he created, wrote, and produced “I Dream of Jennie’ in 1964, and at one point he was keeping up two script in the day the two shows schedule were overlapped in the course of 1965-1966. In 1967, ‘Jeannie” gave Sheldon an Emmy Nomination for Outstanding Writing Achievement in Comedy. It ran in ABC for five years. He also created the extremely popular series: ‘Hart to Hart’.

Turning to be an author, his first novel ‘ The Naked Face’ was sold to William Morrow after being rejected by five publishers. The novel described by The New York Times as the first best mystery novel of the year. It got a critical success and presented him and Edgar Allan Poe Award. Sheldon had an idea to write a story that was so introspective that you really had to know what the protagonist was thinking. I decided that the only way to write it was in the narrative.
His second novel, “The Other Side of Midnight”, was a huge hit and it firmly established him a best selling author. Each of his next successful novels ‘A Stranger in The Mirror”, “Bloodline”, “Range or Angels”, “Master of the Game”, “If Tomorrow Comes”, “Windmills of the Gods”, “Memories of Midnight”, “The Sand of the Time”, “The Stars Shine Down”, and “Nothing Lasts Forever” were mega seller ones in both hard cover and paper back. They have solidified his position as one of the top best selling authors alive today. With nearly 200 million books in print, his novels had been published in 56 languages in 100 countries worldwide.

Nevertheless, during 15 years of domination, his books once were banned, banned and branded as ‘immoral’ by Reverens Jerry Falwen, Reverend Tom Williams and their followers. Sheldon is also a national spoke man for The Freedom To Read Foundation and has helped launch the student newspapers at Erasmus Hall, a Brooklyn High School, and at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Bronx. He is a major contributor and an active participant in charities related to literacy and in helping the homeless.

Considering his method of writing, Sheldon admitted working in an unusual way. When he began a novel, he didn’t have plot in mind but only the central characters. Dictating his draft to his secretary. He worked six days a week from early morning to late dinnertime. Making each of his books in great detail, he would very often spend a year traveling in foreign countries, observing their customs and actives.

Sidney Sheldon admitted that the books got harder to write all the time. However, each of his books had been done 25% better than the one before it. In 1985, he suffered from the passing of his wife of over three decades, Jorja Cutwright. As prominent interior decorator whose works were featured in design magazine, she enjoyed a career in stage
and acting film.

Their only child, Mary Sheldon, followed her father into the literary world. A published poet 16, her first novel, “Perhaps I’ll Dream of Darkness” was published by Random House. She was an Oxford graduated. She was also completed “Rosemary is for Remembrance” and “The Tennessee Waltz” and has succeeded in winning the Brandles University Library Association Award. In 1989, Sidney Sheldon married Alexandra Kostoff. They lived in Southern California.
SOME OF SIDNEY SHELDON’S NOVELS

1. 1970: The Naked Face
   It gained an Edgard Allan Poe Award from the Mystery Writers of America and was filmed by Cannon, Staring Roger More.

2. 1975: The Other Side of Midnight
   This is what marked Sheldon’s explosive debut on the best-seller list. Frank Yablans film version of it.

   Aaron Spelling is currently producing the best-seller in both hardcover and paperback for ABC.

4. 1977: Bloodline
   Paramount pictures made a film version of it, starring Audrey Hepburn, Ben Gazzara, Michele Philips, and Omar Shariff.

5. 1980: Rage of Angels
   NBC TV ran the mini series of it and was the number one show in the Nielsen Rating the week it was broadcaster. It remained in the first position on the New York Times list more than 40 weeks. Later, CBS TV would broadcast the mini series adoption.

6. 1985: If Tomorrow Comes
   The hardcover list put it into the first place for 18 weeks and CBS made its mini series.

   It is also a bestseller novel. The shooting of the film version took place in England,
French, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, and the USA.

8. 1988: *The Sands of Time*

Even before its official release date, the order had exceeded one million in advance.

9. 1990: *Memories of Midnight*

Published by William Morrow, it is a follow-up to Sheldon’s first black buster hit, the other of Midnight. It debuted on number three in the New York Times best selling lists.

10. 1991: *The Doomsday Conspiracy*

It is an international thriller, published in September 1991. Warner Brothers has chosen this novel to be produced.

11. 1992: *The Stars Shine Down*

It is a magnificent story of passion, intrigue, ambition, and revenge.

12. 1994: *Nothing Lasts Forever*

Paramount pictures ran the mini series of it series of it with one of staring is Brooke Shields.
2. THE SUMMARY OF NOTHING LASTS FOREVER

San Francisco 1990. Surviving in 1989’s earthquake, Embarcadero County Hospital was the oldest hospital in San Francisco and one of the oldest in the country, with thousands of employees.

As the new resident doctors; Paige Taylor from Boston; Kate Hunter from Minneapolis; Honey Taft from Memphis, were the only women doctors. The hospital administrator, Dr. Benjamin Wallace greeted them. Each of them had a different background and reason for being a doctor. They agreed to share a furnished.

Three-bedroom apartment in Marina District, on Filbert Street, but none of them told her background of life to each other.

Paige Taylor’s father was a medical cadre for WHO that traveled to third world countries to fighting erotic and virulent diseases. Paige and her mother accompanied their father Dr. Taylor who headed the team, and Paige adored her father. The only friend of her was Alfred Turner, son of a doctor in the team.

When Paige was fifteen years old, her mother disappeared with the owner of a large cocoa plantation in Brazil. And some years later, when Paige was seventeen, her father was killed when in the jungle was attacked by the tribes. This terrible thing took place when they were in South Africa. And because of this, she was sent to her uncle in Chicago. When she was with her uncle, she decided to take the medical school, and kept in touch with Alfred who promised to marry her.

Kate Hunter’s mother was a cleaning woman, who worked at night at an office building near their tiny apartment in Gary, India. Kat’s stepfather a cruel man and huge,
he raped her. Kat told her mother about it, but her mother didn’t believe her even she scolded her. Kat awarded that she got pregnant. So, finally she escaped from her house, and going to her aunt’s house in Minneapolis. She aborted the baby and decided to be a doctor, and became a famous one.

Honey Taft was the youngest daughter of a prominent family in Memphis. She knew that her wasn’t enough clever and didn’t have ability to make it in medical. Therefore she used sexual affair to smooth her purpose. She seduced the Dean of her medical school, Jim Pearson and got a glowing recommendation from him.

One day in the morning, when the new residents checked in to the hospital Paige, Kat, and Honey were approached by senior resident who would guide them to their new assignments; Honey in internal medicine; Kat in microsurgery and Paige in Cardiac surgery. Paige and Kat were surprised when the resident said that Honey had the highest medical school grades the hospital and ever seen.

Alfred Turner’s telegram arrived in summer. With Kat and Honey’s help Paige prepared an elaborate dinner to welcome him. Unexpectedly, Alfred showed up with his wife. This made Paige very upset and disappointed but she thought that Alfred was making mistakes and that he would soon come back to her.

Honey’s rounds with Dr. Charles Isle didn’t go on very well. Because of her outstanding record at medical school. Dr.Charles kept asking Honey to diagnose every patient who they visited. But Honey’s answer didn’t sound like an outstanding medical
doctor’s. Later, she told Dr. Charles that she couldn’t concentrate well because of the excitement she felt. Knowing she would be working with him, Dr. Charles worried about her. And then he went to see Dr. Wallace and asked him to call the Dean of the medical school, Dr. Jim Pearson. Dr. Charles wants to know that Honey was really the brightest student in medical school.

Meanwhile across the town, in another part of the city, Lou Dinneto was once again freed from a murder charge. On his way home, a small accident happened and one of his two loyal bodyguards was hurt. So they took him to the nearest hospital, Embarcadero Hospital. Kat was on duty in the emergency room when they arrived. Lou Dinneto was attracted to her because of her boldness, and planned to use her to be their doctor.

Kat got many troubles because only she was a black woman doctor. Margaret Spencer, as the chief nurse had worked at Embarcadero Hospital for twenty years. She was the one who decided which of nurses would be assigned to the various surgeries. She had an antipathy and against to the black women doctors. Kat was one of them, but she had good skill, and impressed well to patients. This made Margaret Spencer interested in her.

Paige had troubles with Dr. Arthur Kane who called himself a lady-killer. Actually he was a disgusting man. He asked Paige to go out with him, but Paige refused. Paige was in dread of the occasions. She watched him perform unnecessary surgery and take out healthy organs. In a kidney-surgery case, Dr. Arthur Kane took out the healthy kidney and left in the diseased one. Paige couldn’t stand it anymore and then went to see Dr. Wallace. Considering the hospital’s reputation a priority, Dr. Wallace refused to take immediate action against Dr. Arthur Kane, saying that the kidney operation was an
Lou Dinneto helped Kat’s brother, Mike. So he threatened Kat that if she refused to treat his wounded-criminal friend, her brother would be in trouble. After four years of assisting in hundred of operations, Paige was finally assigned to do a surgery by herself. She was nervous at first, but she convinced herself that she had enough practice by assisting doctors in many kinds of operations before. The operation went on very well, and they scrub nurse praised her in the end.

Dr. Ben Wallace once again received a report from Dr. Nathan Ritter about Honey Taft’s incompetence. Dr. Ben Wallace promised to Dr. Nathan that he would get rid of Honey Taft, but Honey with her special way was able to make him change his mind. Being fourth-year residents, Paige and Kat were assigned to carry out new performance operations on regular basis. While Kat refused to date any doctors in the hospital. Paige went out with some of them, but she still hurt by what Alfred had done to her. She refused to get romantically involved with any of them. She was starting her operation especially in cardiovascular surgery that year and was surprised to be assigned to work with the famous cardiovascular surgeons in the world, Dr. Lawrence Barker and his team.

New residents arrived at the hospital. There was a transfer from an exclusive private hospital in Washington D.C named Dr. Kane Mallory, a handsome and tall man with athletic body and blonde hair. Soon he became popular among nurses who were fighting for his attention. The other residents got jealous of his popularity and charms. Then they challenged him to take Kat – known as a thought lady to be dated to bed. The limit day was a month and a five thousand dollars bet was offered.
Paige, Kat, Honey heard about the amount of bet from a fellow resident and Paige suggested giving Dr. Mallory a lesson. Never realizing the danger, Kat agreed on it. Kat fooled him for three times, and Kat admitted to Paige that she enjoyed the time with him. Until last day, Dr. Mallory decided to trick Kat by confessing about the bet. He said that the money meant nothing to him. Kat fell to his trick and slept with him.

Alfred Turner visited Paige, saying he had already divorced his wife and then asked Paige to come with him to New York where he wanted to practice as a private doctor. Never thought Alfred would be thinking about money instead of helping people, Paige turned him down. Paige called Jason and answered his proposal.

Paige was resting in her room when she was called to operate one of Dr. Barker’s patients. Because of the emergency, Paige had no time to arrange for the operation team. She was worried about anesthesiologist assigned in the team. Her feeling was right, the patient died on the operating table because the anesthesiologist gave over anesthetized to him. Dr. Barker who arrived later said that Paige killed him.

Honey met an artist named Sean Reilly, a man with black hair and black eyes, good looking Irish man in his early forties. He was scheduled for a gallbladder operation. Because of the blood-bank staff’s fault, HIV was infected on Sean from the operation. Honey comforted him; saying that not all HIV infected people would have AIDS. Then, Honey reminded him of their date and his promise to take Honey to Ireland.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ken Mallory was in trouble. Kat had taken his proposal very seriously and she was even pregnant. But Dr. Ken Mallory was more attracted to the daughter of the San Francisco, Fidelity Bank Owner. He wanted to save her life for money. To show his gratefulness, Alex Harrison held a party where Dr. Ken Mallory was the guest of
honor and Alex Harrison offered to finance his private practice. So Dr. Ken Mallory decided to kill Kat because Kat refused to abort the baby in her womb.

Paige remembered one night, getting home from an exhausting day at the hospital. At that time the hospital called Paige that John Cronin asked her to come. Thinking that he was one of kind the emergency, Paige came to hospital and John Cronin asked to end his life that night. Paige refused and she had report to Dr. Wallace first. John Cronin begged her to make decision for his life. Paige agreed and she went home after injecting insulin in John Cronin’s body.

Paige was surprised when she was told that John Cronin left her million dollars. Dr. Arthur Kane tried to blackmail her into breaking her engagement to Jason, because Dr. Arthur knew that John Cronin died not because of heart failure but of the overdose of insulin, when Paige refused to do what he wanted. Dr. Arthur Kane went to see Dr. Wallace and Paige got arrested.

The last day of the trial when both defense and prosecuting attorney to made their summation to the jury. But in the middle of Gus Venable’s summation, Dr. Lawrence Barker came to testify so everyone surprised. Judge young determined to let him testify. It turned out that Dr. Lawrence Barker didn’t only made everyone surprise by his appearance, but he also testified to Paige’s favor. He criticized the trial, saying Gus Venable had used the testimony of a lot of biased, jealous people to attack Paige. Paige never done before, he praised Paige in front of people.

After a quick break following Dr. Lawrence Barker’s testimony, Judge told thank to the jury for their time and patience, and dismissed the trial. It means that Paige was free from all charges. Paige and Jason were married the following day. Dr. Lawrence
Barker was their best man. Paige went to private practice affiliated to the prestigious North Shore Hospital. She set up a medical foundation in her father’s name in Africa with John Cronin’s money.

Dr. Lawrence Barker shared an office with Paige as a surgical consultant. Dr. Arthur Kane had stopped from Medical Board of California. Honey Taft moved to Ireland with Sean Reilly, who was successful artist and until now there was not show symptoms of AIDS. Honey worked as nurse in Dublin. Mike Hunter was sentenced in the prison. Dr. Benjamin Wallace was fired from his position as administrator of Embarcadero Hospital.

Lou Dinneto was sentenced for fifteen years in the penitentiary for tax evasion. Dr. Ken Mallory was sentenced to life imprisonment because of he had killed Kat. One week after Lou Dinneto arrived at the penitentiary, Dr. Ken Mallory was found stabbed to dead in his cell.