



## Orthopedic Impairment: Notting Hill (Movie)

Est. Time: 2 Hours Viewing/45 Minutes Class

### Synopsis

William Thacker, owner of a small travel bookstore in England, becomes romantically involved with a famous actress. His close friends play an important role in his life and support him as he struggles with the challenges of this relationship. One of his friends, Bella, is a person with an orthopedic impairment who uses a wheelchair.

### Activity

View the following movie and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class:

Title: Notting Hill (1999)

Studio: Universal Pictures

### Questions/Discussion Topics

1. How is Bella treated by her group of friends?
2. How does her disability affect her relationship with her husband?
3. Do you think the movie accurately portrays this disability?
4. Is the portrayal of this character with a disability unusual? Explain.
5. How do you feel about this depiction of a person with a disability?
6. Do you think the relationships depicted would be different if Bella did not have a disability?