

Notting Hill

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

- 1 Something in each of these sentences is wrong. Can you put it right? Don't look at the book!
 - a On weekdays, Notting Hill market sells fruit and meat from all over the world.
 - b Notting Hill is like a small village in the middle of New York.
 - c Spike tries on three T-shirts before he goes to work.
 - d People often think that William's brother, Martin, is a little strange.
 - e The thief tries to take a book from William's shop by putting the book under his shirt.
 - f William asks Anna to write her name on a piece of paper.
- 2 Choose the right answer.
 - a Martin comes back into the shop with William's
 - 1) breakfast.
 - 2) coffee.
 - 3) lunch.
 - b William tried to clean Anna's shirt with
 - 1) his newspaper.
 - 2) some water.
 - 3) a paper towel.
 - c At William's house, Anna forgets her
 - 1) clean clothes.
 - 2) books.
 - 3) telephone.
 - d Anna kisses William in
 - 1) his house.
 - 2) the street.
 - 3) his shop.
 - e Later that day, William watches a video
 - 1) by himself.
 - 2) with Spike.
 - 3) with Anna.
- 3 Answer these questions.
 - a Where does William see a picture of Anna?
.....
 - b Why does Spike wear William's scuba diving suit?
.....
 - c Who left messages for William?
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- d Did Spike write down all of William's messages?
.....
- e Why does Anna use 'Flintstone' as her name at the hotel?
.....
- f Where and when will Anna and William meet?
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Chapters 4–6

4 Who ...

- a gets into the lift with William at the Ritz Hotel?
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- b gives William a press package about Anna's new film?
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- c does William say he works for?
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- d has a sick grandmother in hospital?
.....
- e tries to stay private?
.....
- f is Jeremy?
.....
- g does William talk to after he has seen Anna?
.....
- h has acted in twenty-two films?
.....
- i is having a birthday party that evening?
.....
- j is the worst cook in the world?
.....

5 Put these sentences in the right order from 1–8.

- a Anna and William listen to a conversation in a restaurant. ☐
- b Anna and William watch a film. ☐
- c Anna and William arrive at the Ritz Hotel together. ☐
- d William speaks to the men in the Japanese restaurant. ☐
- e William collects some dirty plates and leaves Anna and Jeff in their room. ☐
- f William sees Anna's boyfriend, Jeff, in Anna's hotel room. ☐

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- g William can't find his glasses. ☐
- h Anna speaks to the men in the Japanese restaurant. ☐

Chapters 7–8

6 Who says these words, and who are they talking to?

- a 'Aha! A girl. I thought so. Speak friend.'
.....
- b 'My life is destroyed because I don't read *Hello* magazine.'
.....
- c 'Oh, you're in a wheelchair.'
.....
- d 'I believe that fruit and vegetables have feelings.'
.....
- e 'I'm sorry about the meat.'
.....
- f 'It's difficult to find someone you love.'
.....
- g 'I loved you – you were terribly funny.'
.....

7 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Anna is only in London for two weeks. ☐
- b There are pictures of Anna in Spike's newspaper. ☐
- c William enjoyed clearing away Jeff's plates. ☐
- d Anna comes to William's house because she wants to get away from the British press. ☐
- e William helps Anna to learn her lines. ☐
- f Anna likes Chagall but William doesn't. ☐
- g William wants to be with Anna, but he doesn't go to her room. ☐
- h William brings Anna breakfast in bed. ☐
- i The photographers take photos of William, Anna and Spike. ☐
- j Spike told the newspapers about Anna staying in William's house. ☐

Chapters 9–10

8 Match the first half of the sentences (a–g) with the second half (1–7).

- a William continued with his life
- b We can't always understand the reasons

- c Honey has decided
- d In Hampstead, the guard
- e Anna looked beautiful
- f William put on some headphones
- g When William heard Anna talking,
1) ... why things happen.
2) ... and sat down to watch the action.
3) ... but he couldn't escape a feeling of emptiness.
4) ... won't let William into the filming area.
5) ... he decided to go.
6) ... with her hair piled up on her head.
7) ... to get married to Spike.

9 Put these words in the right places in these sentences.

carefully crowded meaningless nervous
possible simply suddenly

- a Anna is dressed very when she delivers a package to William's shop.
- b Anna thinks her film star life is
- c When Martin speaks to Anna he feels a little
- d William thinks very before he says 'no' to her offer.
- e When William tells his friends about his talk with Anna, he realizes he's made a mistake.
- f Max drives as fast as through the London traffic.
- g The press conference room is with reporters and photographers.

After reading

- 10 William's friends are very important to him, and to the story. Which of his friends is the kindest? Which is the funniest? Which friend do you like best, and why?
- 11 How will William's life change after he marries Anna? Write 'Before' and 'After' at the top of a piece of paper and write eight sentences under each word about William's life before he marries Anna, and after.
- 12 You are a magazine reporter. Write an article about Anna and William's wedding. What did Anna wear? Were there any famous guests? Where was it? Use your own ideas to make the story.

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1 Match the people in the story and the information about them. There are two extra pieces of information.

William Anna Spike Martin

- a was not married now
- b was American
- c went out with Janine
- d didn't like orange juice
- e was Welsh
- f found William amusing
- g liked to please people
- h worked in The Travel Book Company
- i wanted to buy a guidebook
- j didn't buy any books at William's shop

2 Choose the correct answer.

- a William met a man in the lift.
 - 1) He was going to invite Anna out.
 - 2) He was going to have tea with Anna.
 - 3) He was going to ask Anna questions.
- b Anna wanted to see William again because
 - 1) she was sorry about the kissing last time they met.
 - 2) she was sorry she didn't meet him again.
 - 3) she was sorry the book he sold her was not good.
- c William met the other actors but
 - 1) he didn't know they didn't speak English.
 - 2) he didn't know why they were there.
 - 3) he didn't know what to ask them.
- d Anna said she had the saddest life because
 - 1) she never had a nice boyfriend.
 - 2) one of her boyfriends hit her.
 - 3) she didn't have a boyfriend.
- e William's heart ached because
 - 1) he thought Anna liked him.
 - 2) he thought he would be with Anna for the rest of his life.
 - 3) he liked Anna but there was Jeff.

3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Everyone but William knew Jeff was Anna's boyfriend. ☐
- b Tessa wanted William to get drunk. ☐
- c William didn't meet Keziah again because she only ate fruit. ☐
- d The only girl William liked was Rose. ☐
- e Anna visited William because she wanted to see him again. ☐
- f Spike was surprised to find Anna, the Hollywood star, in his bathroom. ☐
- g Anna practised her lines for the new film and William helped her. ☐
- h Spike thought that William had to go up and be with Anna that night. ☐
- i William didn't know there were reporters at his door. ☐
- j Spike told reporters that Anna was staying at William's house. ☐

4 Circle the right words.

- a Honey brought William Anna's *telephone number / address*. She thought this could make him happy.
- b William *knew / didn't know* Anna was back in London.
- c Anna was in London making a *Henry James / Jane Austen* film.
- d Anna wanted to give William a present: *a travel book / a painting*.
- e Martin thought Anna had filmed *Ghost / Love Actually*.
- f William told his friends Anna *was telling him the truth / was saying her lines*.
- g Anna was planning to fly back to America *that day / the following day*.
- h Reporters remembered that there were photos of Anna with a young *Welshman / Englishman*.
- i Anna's and William's wedding was full of *reporters / friends and family*.
- j Anna and William live happily in *Notting Hill / Beverly Hills*.