

Notting Hill

Book key

- 1 a *Notting Hill* is a love story.
b William is British and Anna is American.
c William owns a bookshop and Anna is a film star.

2–3 Open answers

- 4 a scuba diving suit, goggles b stared, screen
c lodger d sighed, doorbell, press e underpants
f room service g mess h naked
- 5 a 4 b 6 c 1 d 8 e 2 f 7 g 3 h 5
- 6 a Spike is talking about William's T-shirts.
b William is talking to the thief in his shop.
c The thief (Rufus) is saying that he is not stealing.
d Martin is answering William. William doesn't want to tell him about Anna's visit.
e Anna is talking to William. He is trying to clean her shirt.
f Mr Smith is talking to William about books that William doesn't sell.
g Spike is explaining why he is wearing his scuba diving suit.
h William is talking to a man at Anna's hotel. He wants to speak to her.
i The man at the Ritz Hotel has orders not to tell people about their famous visitor.
j Anna is talking to William. He would like to see her.

7–9 Open answers

- 10 a F b T c F d F e T f F g T h T
i T j T
- 11 a He needs a reason to be there. Everyone in the room must be a reporter.
b William clearly hasn't seen the film. He asks very bad questions.
c She loves Anna on screen and she wants her as a sister.
d He has lost a lot of money.
e They are excited at the thought of a famous film star eating with them.
f He thinks that William is a room service waiter.
g He feels sad and lonely. He thinks he will never see Anna again.

12–15 Open answers

- 16 a Tessa enjoys getting drunk.
b Keziah only eats dead fruit.
c Bella was William's girlfriend, years ago.
d Anna wants to get away from the reporters.
e The newspapers are full of pictures of Anna.

- f Spike gets a surprise in the bathroom.
g Anna thinks Spike spoke to the newspapers.
h Tony has opened his first restaurant.
i The reporters fill the street outside William's house.

17 Possible answers:

- a ... doesn't know about Anna and Jeff.
b ... is late for dinner.
c ... isn't hopeful now.
d ... goes to William's house.
e ... helps her learn her lines.
f ... leaves, angrily.
g ... goes out in his underpants.
h ... told them about Anna.

18–20 Open answers

- 21 a empty b doesn't phone c lost
d didn't know e London f nervous
g doesn't enjoy h painting i doesn't want
j loves k agrees
- 22 a Bernie b Spike c William d Anna
e William f William's mother
g Patrick Swayze h Demi Moore i Anna
j Bella

23 Possible answers:

- a William's house has a blue front door.
b William's orange juice runs down Anna's shirt, so she goes to his house with him for the first time.
c Anna uses the name 'Flintstone' on one of her visits to the Ritz Hotel. At first, Spike doesn't remember the name.
d William tells people from Anna's company that he works for *Horse and Hound* magazine. He needs a reason to talk to her.
e Anna was paid \$15,000,000 for her part in the film *Helix*.
f This seat stands in a private garden in Notting Hill, in memory of a happy marriage. At the end of the story, Anna and William are on this seat, or a similar one.
g William has a copy of the painting but Anna has the real one. She gives it to him. He realises that she does have feelings for him.
h William thinks that Anna should be in a film of a Henry James book. A year later, she is in *The Wings of the Dove*. She has listened to William.

24–35 Open answers

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Discussion activities key

- 1** Suggested answers:
 Notting Hill: an area in West London, England. It is a cosmopolitan district.
 Beverly Hills: a city in the western part of Los Angeles county, California, USA. There are wealthy neighbourhoods in the area.
- 2–4** Open answers
- 5** Suggested answer:
 William describes one of the travel books he sells as 'very useful for lighting fires or for making paper hats'
- 6** Open answers
- 7** Suggested answer:
 John Grisham writes modern legal drama, not travel books. William sells travel books, not fiction (e.g. novels, short stories, etc).
- 8** Suggested answer:
 Anna is busy because she meets reporters, etc.
- 9** Open answers
- 10** Suggested answer:
 Anna: Hi. Is William there?
 Spike: Hi, no William isn't in.
 Anna: Can you leave him a message?
 Spike: Sure.
 Anna: Please tell him to phone me at the Ritz Hotel. My name is Flintstone.
- 11** Open answers
- 12** Suggested answers:
 Anna: Which part did you like most? Did you enjoy working with the child actress?
 Male star: Did you like working with Anna Scott? Is she a nice person to work with?
 Child actress: Do you like the life of an actress? etc.
- 13** Open answers
- 14** Suggested answers:
 – She doesn't usually eat meat.
 – She has worried about her weight since she was 19.
 – She can't go home with William because she is famous.
 – She doesn't always follow the rules.
 – She wants to spend her life with someone.
- 15–18** Open answers

- 19** Suggested answer:
 Student A: How much would you pay for a story about Anna Scott?
 Student B: How much interesting information have you got?
 Student A: Very interesting!!! And it's not about Anna with Jeff but Anna with ... How much will you pay?
 Student B: If it's a story about Anna and an Englishman we can pay as much as you want!
 Student A: £1,000?
 Student B: Ok. What do you know about Anna that can be interesting for the public?
 Student A: Last night she didn't sleep at her hotel ...
 Student B: You're right! Where did she stay?
 Student A: In Notting Hill, at an ordinary Englishman's house. Shall I show you where he lives? ...

20–23 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1** a ... sells fruit and vegetables (not meat)
 b ... the middle of London (not New York)
 c ... before he meets his girlfriend (not before he goes to work)
 d ... William's assistant (not brother)
 e ... down his trousers (not under his shirt)
 f The thief asks Anna (not William)
- 2** a 2 b 3 c 2 d 1 e 2
- 3** a On a bus.
 b Because all of his clothes are dirty.
 c William's mum and Anna.
 d No, he didn't.
 e Because she doesn't want strangers to find her at the hotel.
 f At four o'clock at the Ritz Hotel.
- 4** a a reporter (Tarquin from *Time Out*)
 b Karen
 c *Horse and Hound* magazine
 d nobody
 e Anna Scott
 f Karen's boss
 g the male star of *Helix*
 h the child actress
 i William's sister
 j William's friend, Max

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5 a 3 b 2 c 6 d 4 e 8 f 7 g 1 h 5

- 6 a Spike – to William
 b William – to Max and his other friends
 c Tessa – to Bella
 d Keziah – to William
 e Max – to Rosie
 f William – to Bella and Max
 g Bella – to William

7 a F b T c F d T e T f F g T h F
 i T j F

8 a 3 b 1 c 7 d 4 e 6 f 2 g 5

- 9 a simply b meaningless c nervous d carefully
 e suddenly f possible g crowded

10–12 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a William b Anna c Spike d -----
 e Spike f Anna g Martin h Martin i Anna
 j ----
- 2 a 3 b 1 c 3 d 2 e 3

3 a ✓

b ✗ (She wanted everyone to get drunk.)

c ✗ (He didn't like her.)

d ✓

e ✗ (She wanted to get away from the reporters at her hotel.)

f ✗ (In his bedroom.)

g ✓

h ✓

i ✓

j ✗ (He told a couple of friends at the pub.)

4 a telephone number

b didn't know

c Henry James

d a painting

e *Ghost*

f was saying her lines

g that day

h Englishman

i friends and family

j Notting Hill.