

Northanger Abbey

An adaptation from Jane Austen's novel

First produced by York Theatre Royal in 2004, Northanger Abbey has had many amateur revivals since, and two professional ones: one at Salisbury Playhouse in 2007 (followed by a tour), and in 2010 at the Theatre By The Lake in Keswick

ROMANTIC COMEDY DRAMA

Number of parts: 8 (or any even number above 8)

Based on a cast of 8:

Men: 4 (ages: 20s, 20s, 20s, 50s)

Women: 4 (ages: 17, 20, 20s, 40s)

Setting: Multi-locational, in and around Bath and Salisbury

Publisher: Nick Hern Books

Catherine Morland, who comes from the comfortable family of a village clergyman, is invited to Bath for the season by her wealthy friends, Mr. and Mrs. Allen. In Bath she meets the Thorpes, Isabella and her persistent brother John. Isabella encourages Catherine's interest in romantic fantasies and "horrid" fictions. A rare gem: a shrewd psychological exploration of morals and motives, and a sensational glimpse of a colourful and dangerous lost world.