

The Theory of Everything

Director: James Marsh
2014 (120')



In the 1960s, physicist Stephen Hawking falls in love with fellow university student Jane Wilde. At 21, Hawking learns that he has motor neurone disease. Despite this, and with Jane at his side, he begins an ambitious study of time, of which he has very little left, according to his doctor. He and Jane defy terrible odds and break new ground in the fields of medicine and science, achieving more than either could hope to imagine.

"It's a film to leave you reeling but cheered, too. It's about battling love, as well as illness. A universal story, extracted from a unique one." The Guardian

Vocabulary and expressions:

To boot someone out of a school, team or organization,...: to expel and make someone leave.

Viva: An interview or interrogation to justify a Ph.d thesis.

A First refers to a First Class Bachelor's Degree, the highest level for a normal degree.

Motor neurone disease (MND) describes a group of diseases that affect the nerves (motor neurones) in the brain and spinal cord that tell your muscles what to do. Also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

To sod off: (impolite) to go away and stop bothering

A berk: someone being a fool.

To bear something in mind: to consider it.

Lines from the film:

Hawking: It is clear that we are just an advanced breed of primates on a minor planet orbiting around a very average star, in the outer suburb of one among a hundred billion galaxies.

But, ever since the dawn of civilisation people have craved for an understanding of the underlying order of the world.

There should be no boundaries to human endeavor. We are all different. However bad life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed.

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