

The dis/appearance of disability in *The Archers* ... or why Bethany *had* to go to Birmingham

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Introduction

1. Introduce Critical Disability Studies;
2. The role of disability within cultural texts & introduce 'narrative prosthesis' (Mitchell & Snyder, 2000);
3. Consider the dis/appearance of disability in *The Archers* with reference to Darrell Makepeace; Daniel Hebden-Lloyd; and Bethany Tucker.
4. Social and political dimensions of disability

An introduction to (critical) disability studies



The Social Model of Disability

IMPAIRMENT: is the functional limitation within the individual caused by physical, mental or sensory impairment.

DISABILITY: is the loss or limitation of opportunities to take part in the normal life of the community on an equal level with others due to physical and social barriers (Disabled People International, 1982 as cited in Goodley, 2011:6)



Enter Critical Disability Studies

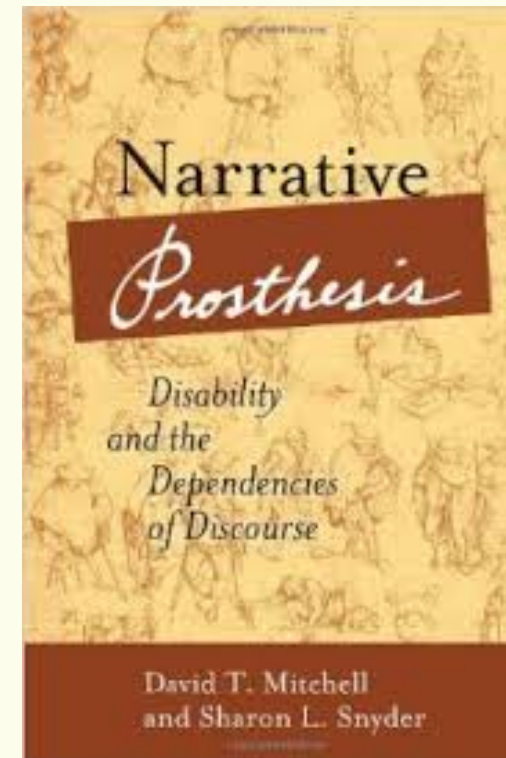


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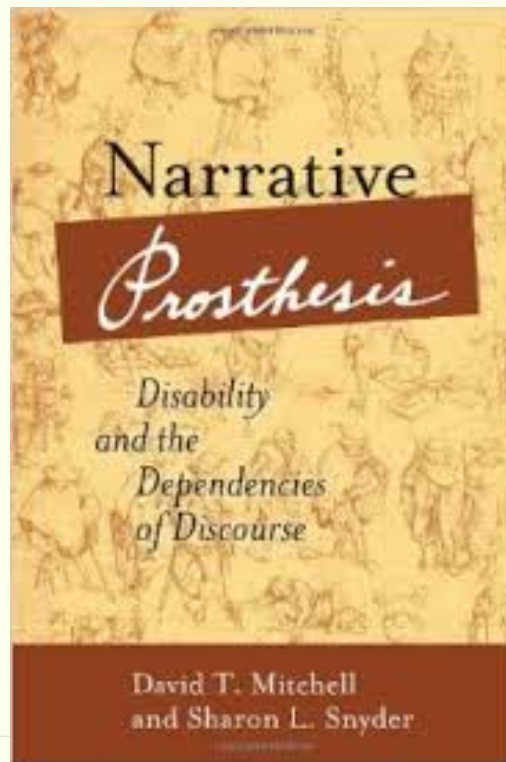
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Cultural Studies & Narrative Prosthesis



Narrative Prosthesis & *The Archers*



Darrell Makepeace

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Carpenter Darrell was led astray by workmates who were stealing from their employer.

Played by: Dan Hagley
Status: **Married to Elona Makepeace**
Occupation: Carpenter
Lives at: No fixed abode

Dan Hebden Lloyd

Dan Hebden Lloyd

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Dan showed an early interest in caring for animals like his adoptive father Alistair. As a teenager he became keener to follow his natural father and grandfather into the legal profession. However, Dan turned his back on this (and shocked his mum Shula) to do something he felt would be more worthwhile - a career in the armed forces.

Played by: Will Howard
Born: 14 Nov 1994
Status: Single
Occupation: Army trainee
Lives at: The Stables/ Sandhurst

And so Bethany had to go to Birmingham

Bethany Tucker

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Little Beth caused a major storm even before she was born

Born: 16 January 2013
Status: Infant
Lives at: Willow Cottage

Conclusion



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Thank you for listening

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