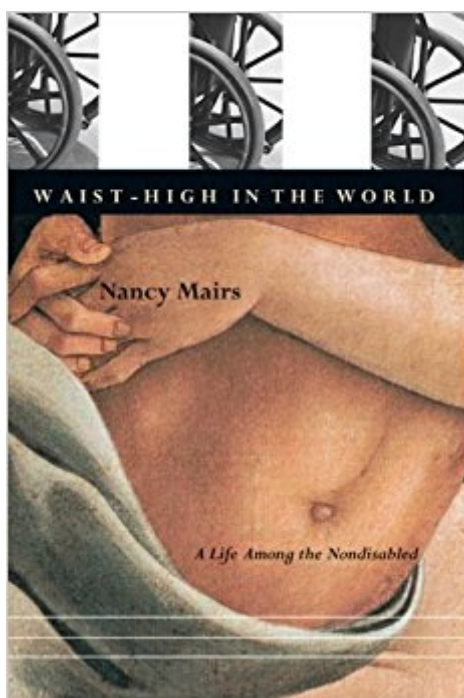


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# Waist-High In The World: A Life Among The Nondisabled



## Synopsis

In a blend of intimate memoir and passionate advocacy, Nancy Mairs takes on the subject woven through all her writing: disability and its effect on life, work, and spirit.

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Nancy Mairs, a gifted essayist who is fierce and funny by turns, landed in a wheelchair years ago due to degenerative multiple sclerosis that has sapped much of her strength. She bends an agile mind and sharp tongue around the daily tasks of seeing eye-to-navel with a world that clearly prefers nondisabled "normals." One candid, pained essay tells of longing to give care, not just accept it. Others describe the shifting line in the sands marking limits she could live with; teeth-grinding frustration at foolish building practices that keep even public bathrooms out of her reach; and a discomfiting adventure as an undercover agent exposing a drug fraud aimed at people with diseases like MS. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Mairs (*Ordinary Time*) is a writer of heightened sensibility not entirely attributable to the years she has spent wheelchair-bound because of advancing multiple sclerosis. From her viewpoint, approximately at the level of other people's navels, she constructs here "a Baedeker for a country to which no one travels willingly," the story of a life shaped by severe physical disability. In this collection of ruminative, exploratory essays, there is also earthy humor as Mairs addresses issues that range from physical intimacy and a spouse's health problems to concerns with public facilities

and her advocacy achievements. The author, a vibrant, well-traveled poet, teacher and mother, takes readers inside a world that at times seem not to want her. Although Mairs disavows the inspirational thrust of her essays, they are perforce filled with insights that will be helpful to a large population, especially women. Author tour. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Nancy Mairs has given me a whole new perspective on living. My partner is disabled, though her limitation do not approach Nancy's in severity. But her perspective, living, loving, thriving in a world that is alternately indifferent and hostile to your plight is eye opening and refreshing. Thank you Nancy.

A fine read " of all the books I've read since being disabled, Nancy Mairs is by far the most intelligent and well spoken. Perhaps that's not fair to put authors in competition with each other, but she is now my favorite. A must read| I have ordered one of her other books already. Thank you for your service this Mairs, and keep on writing!

i like the author's wry attitude and way of writing. I like her observations and I can relate to her experiences. She is a good writer too.

I've always been a fan of Mairs's clear-eyed view of herself and the world. I think I've read parts of this before. I hope she is still writing.

this book makes you think. Challenges you to meet your thoughts on disabled persons. The author is a college professor who is confined to a wheel chair as a result of a chronic progressive neurologic illness. Makes you think.

One of the most widely read books on the experience of disability. The book is full of humor and wisdom.

Perfect

I never had the 29 years of abled bodiness the author speaks about before she contacted MS - I've been severely crippled for five plus decades.....she writes a good book, but again like most highly

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