

# MEMOIRS OF AN INVISIBLE MAN

**IN THIS COMEDY, DARYL HANNAH  
SEES RIGHT THROUGH CHEVY CHASE**

**T**he story of the Invisible Man first thrilled movie audiences in 1933. Even though he was actually only seen onscreen for a few seconds, the film made actor Claude Rains a star. In this first production of H.G. Wells's *The Invisible Man*, Rains played a scientist who discovers a way to make himself invisible, but uses his newfound power for destructive purposes.

There have been several sequels and remakes over the years: *The Invisible Man Returns* (1940), *The Invisible Woman* (1941), *The Invisible Man's Revenge* (1944), and who could forget *Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man* (1951)?

The latest take on transparency is **Memoirs of an Invisible Man**, a touching comedy that features Chevy Chase and Daryl Hannah in the lead roles. Chase is Nick Halliday, a Wall Street broker who becomes invisible in a freak accident at a New Jersey factory. Since he is a tough, money-grubbing type, Nick takes advantage of his invisibility to break into corporate board meetings, get hot tips and then try to make a fortune on the stock market.

All the while he is dodging

government agents who want to put him into a lab for experimentation. Nick escapes to New York and hides out in men's clubs and vacant apartment buildings, but things get complicated when he falls in love with a beautiful woman (Daryl Hannah) who thinks he's a ghost.

**Memoirs of an Invisible Man** is a combination of comedy and drama — in other words, the perfect kind of film for Daryl Hannah. She has gone back and forth

between drama and comedy throughout most of her career. Just look at the list of her varied films: *Blade Runner*, *Splash*, *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, *Roxanne*, *Clan of the Cave Bear*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Crazy People*, and she's currently starring in *At Play in the Fields of the Lord*.

Hannah says she doesn't worry too much about whether she is perceived as a dramatic or a comedic actress. "I don't sit around and fret about my career," she explains.

"I'm a pretty normal person. There are so many things in the world to be interested in and worried about that are more important."

The actress keeps a fairly low profile about her altruistic activities, but has been politically active since she was a teenager. "I don't make a big deal about it," Hannah says, "but I started looking at where injustices were occurring all over the world when I was about 15. Since then I've been to Nicaragua several times, to Colombia, and I just try and keep myself educated about what's going on outside the U.S."

Hannah is also a longtime member of Greenpeace and got involved in some controversy in the late '80s when she became active in the Sanctuary Movement, which gave refuge to illegal aliens from El Salvador.

In her comedic films, Hannah has had the good fortune to be paired with some of Hollywood's funniest actors — from Tom Hanks in *Splash* to Steve Martin in *Roxanne* to Dudley Moore in *Crazy People*. And in **Memoirs of an Invisible Man**, Hannah shares the screen with king of the pratfalls Chevy Chase, who may be out of sight in this film, but never out of mind.

— Jane Hawtin



When an industrial accident leaves a Wall Street broker (Chevy Chase) invisible, he finds it easier to gather top-secret stock tips but much trickier to woo the woman of his dreams (Daryl Hannah).