

Anne of Green Gables

Book Author L.M. Montgomery

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Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery is a fiction novel and bildungsroman in which the protagonist, Anne Shirley, is an orphan who gets adopted by a sister and brother, Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert. Anne is an extremely talkative but very lovable eleven year old who is very conscious of her skinniness, red hair, and excessive freckles. Marilla Cuthbert is a serious spinster who has a hidden streak of dry humour and Matthew Cuthbert is a farmer who is shy but friendly and very loving. Initially, the two siblings decide to adopt a young boy who can help Matthew out in the farm, but instead Anne is sent by the agency as a mistake. Matthew then has no choice but to take her home with him. Matthew finds himself to be quite entranced and fascinated by Anne and her charming way of words and thoughts. He then convinces Marilla to keep Anne who in return obliges as she too is enthralled by Anne's personality which is quite contrasting to most of the other girls who live in Avonlea, which is where the story is set. Anne enjoys her new life and family and meets her new best friend, Diana Barry. She goes to school where she makes new friends as well as arch enemies. Her faults are addressed and fixed throughout the book through hilarious and witty incidents that she brings upon herself. As she spends her adolescence and young adult age she is given a home where she is loved and cherished with a lot of care.

I love this book and have read it numerous times without getting bored by it! I find it

extremely charming and timeless in how much I enjoy, marvel, and relish this novel. I hold dearly Anne and her lively character, Marilla and her hidden dry humour nature in which her affection towards Anne is displayed quite visibly, and Matthew and his shy but very sweet personality. I enjoy how Anne faces problems, hilarious and very endearing, and how she faces its repercussions and learns from them with boldness and courage. I find myself wanting to be like her after finishing the book every single time. I want to possess a very creative nature where I can express myself indefinitely with adventurousness and full confidence in my thoughts. I love how Anne does not shy away from expressing her thoughts, however straightforward and unfettered they can be. There are very few things, if not none, that could be slightly disfavored about this novel. Such are how simple the problems and controversies are in this novel. There are no complexities in these incidents, which lead to them being just a little unbelievable for the common reader. If they were a bit more complex and indirect, then the lessons that Anne learns from them would be much more meaningful and relevant to the reader. However, the simple lessons learned in the story touch lightly on subjects such as stubbornness, letting the imagination go out of hand, pride, and clumsiness. This allows for young readers to be introduced to these concepts and know right from wrong when dealing with these such matters. The age group that is most appropriate for this story as a target audience are ages 9-12. This book should definitely be given as a gift because trust me, it is a book to be cherished and remembered even as a young adult because it is written just beautifully through the eyes of an innocent, endearing, and sincere young girl whose imagination is just exquisite and magnificent. One specific thing that must be appreciated about this wondrous and magical book is Anne's

outlook of the life and beauty around her. Anne thoroughly and sincerely enjoys and how she just

treasures the beauty of nature, friendships, and love. *Anne of Green Gables* is truly a spectacular and beautiful novel to read for ages and ages to come along.

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Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Jane Eyre by Jane Austen

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott