### **Anne of Green Gables**

L M Montgomery

American English Classic

"You don't want me!" cried Anne. "You don't want me because I'm not a boy! Oh, what shall I do?"

Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert want a boy from the orphanage to help them on their farm. But a thin little girl is waiting for Matthew at Bright River Station. Anne, a funny and sometimes difficult child, changes everybody's life and wins everybody's love.

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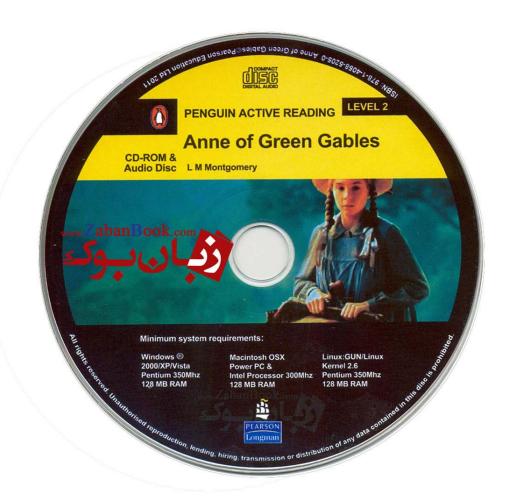
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#### 1.1 What's the book about?

Talk about the picture on the front of this book.

- 1 How old is the girl?
- 2 Where is she?
- 3 What is she waiting for?
- 4 Why is nobody with her?
- 5 What is she thinking?
- 6 What is she feeling?

### 1.2 What happens first?

Look at the name of Chapter 1 and the sentences in *italics* on page 1. Then look at the pictures in Chapter 1 and the words at the bottom of the pages. Circle the best answers.

1 Avonlea is in ....

the United States (Ca

Canada

Mexico

2 The time is ....

the 1700s

the 1800s

the 1900s

3 The girl and the man go to the house ....

by train

by car

by horse and buggy

4 The girl is about ....

eleven

fourteen

nineteen

5 The man is ....

the girl's father

the girl's uncle

a stranger

6 On the way to the house, the girl is ....

happy

surprised

sad

**7** The man is ....

happy

surprised

sad

8 At the end of the chapter, the man and the woman are ....

happy

excited

sad

## Anne Arrives in Avonlea

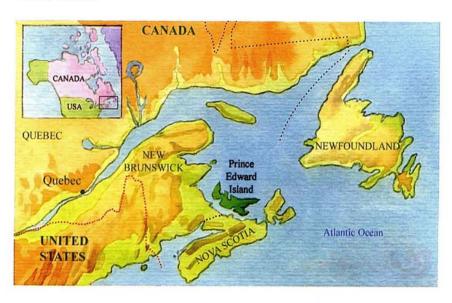
"You don't want me!" cried the child suddenly.
"You don't want me because I'm not a boy!"

One fine spring afternoon in Avonlea, Mrs. Rachel Lynde sat by her kitchen window. She often sat there because she could see the Avonlea road very well from there.

A man with a horse and **buggy** came up the road. It was Mrs. Lynde's neighbor, Matthew Cuthbert.

"Where's Matthew going?" thought Mrs. Lynde in **surprise**. "It's half past three in the afternoon and he has a lot of work on his farm. Where's he going and why is he going there?"

Matthew Cuthbert lived with his sister, Marilla, in Green Gables, a large old house near Mrs. Lynde's home. Later, Mrs. Lynde walked to Green Gables.



buggy /'bʌgi/ (n) In past times, people sat in a buggy and a horse pulled it. surprise /sə'praɪz, sə'praɪz/ (n) When a friend plans a surprise for you, you don't know about it. When you learn about it, you are very surprised.



Marilla Cuthbert was busy in the kitchen. She was a tall, thin woman with gray hair. Marilla wasn't young or pretty, and she didn't smile very much. But she had a kind heart. She wasn't surprised by Mrs. Lynde's visit.

"Hello, Marilla," said Mrs. Lynde. "I saw Matthew on the road. Where's he going?"

"To Bright River Station," answered Marilla. "We're getting a little boy from an orphanage in Nova Scotia. He's coming on the train this afternoon."

Mrs. Lynde couldn't speak. Then she said, "An orphan boy! Why do you want an orphan boy?"

"Matthew is sixty years old," answered Marilla. "His heart isn't very strong. He wants a boy to help him on the farm.

"We heard about Mrs. Spencer at White Sands. She's getting a little girl from the orphanage. Matthew and I want a little boy. Mrs. Spencer went to the orphanage today. She's bringing a boy back on the train and she's going to leave him at the station. Matthew will meet him there."

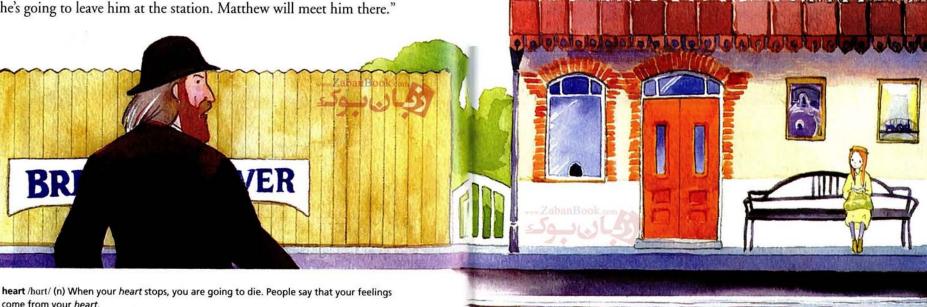
"I think you're doing a very stupid thing, Marilla," said Mrs. Lynde. "You're bringing a strange boy into your house. You don't know anything about him.

"I read a story in the newspaper about an orphan. This child lived with a Canadian family. The child lit a fire one night and the family died in the fire. But it was a girl, not a boy."

"But we're not getting a girl," said Marilla. "We don't want a girl. We're getting a boy."

Bright River Station was about twelve kilometers from Avonlea. Matthew drove there slowly in the buggy. When he arrived at Bright River, it was late. He couldn't see a train.

There was only one person at the station, a little girl about eleven years old. She was very thin with large gray eyes and long red hair. She wore a short, ugly dress and carried an old bag.



come from your heart.

orphan /'orfan/ (n) An orphan has no parents because they are dead. An orphanage is a home for a lot of orphans.