

Lucy Maud Montgomery Anne of Green Gables

One day, in Canada, an eleven-year-old girl, Anne, arrives at Green Gables to live with Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert, who are brother and sister. But Anne doesn't know that Matthew and Marilla want a boy and not a girl.

In this reader you will find:

- Information about Lucy Maud Montgomery
- A section focusing on background and context
- A glossary of difficult words
- Comprehension and grammar activities including A1 Movers style exercises and 21st century skills activities
- Final test

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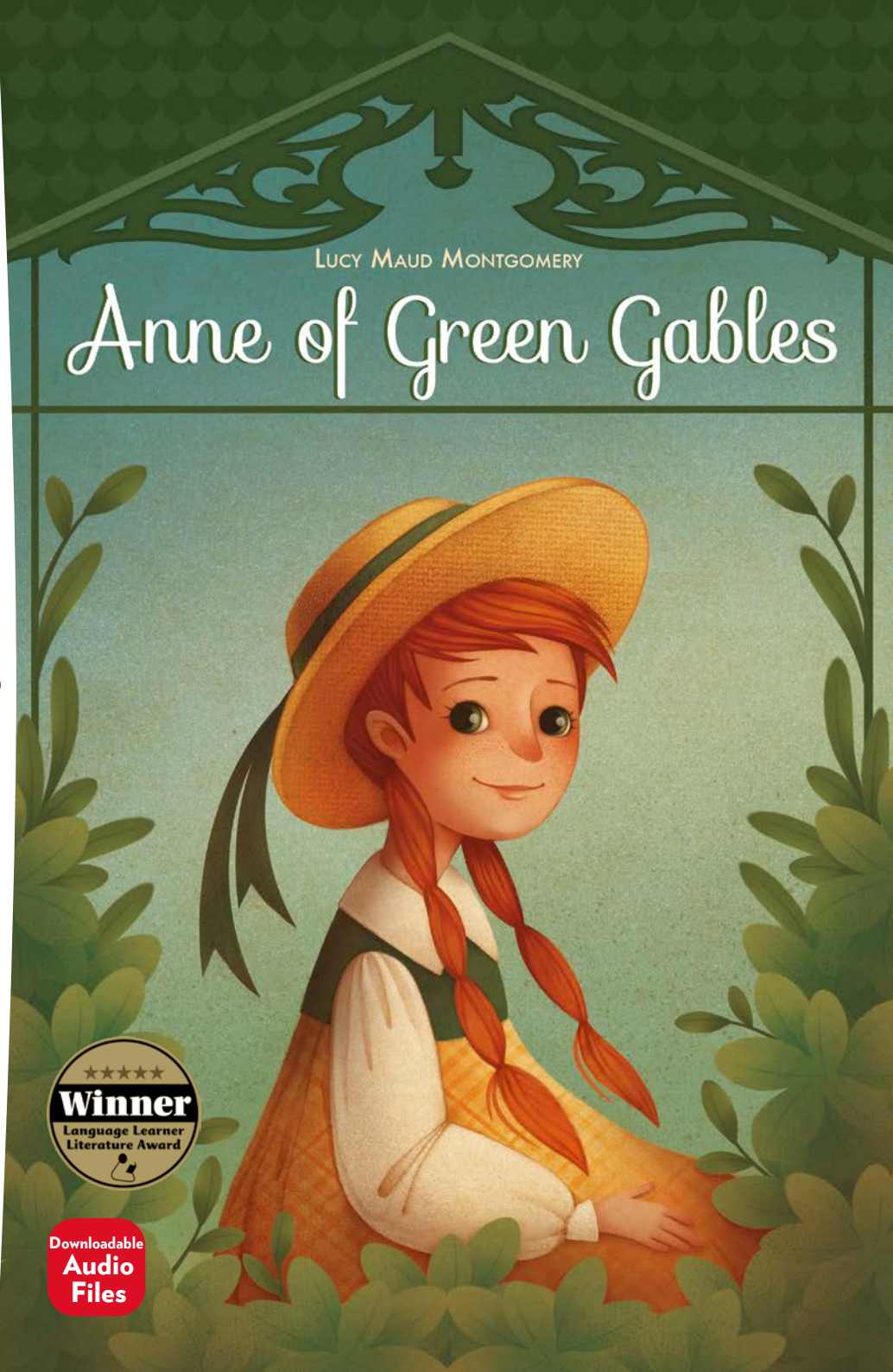


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Book brief

- 1** 1908 novel by Canadian writer Lucy Maud Montgomery, written for all ages and considered a classic children's novel since the mid-20th century.
- 2** Set in the late 19th century, it tells the story of the adventures of Anne Shirley, an 11-year-old orphan sent by mistake to live with Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert who originally wanted a boy to help on their farm.
- 3** The book follows the formula of orphan stories that were popular at that time.
- 4** Translated into at least 36 languages, it's one of the best-selling books worldwide, with more than 50 million copies sold.
- 5** There are several film versions, musicals, cartoons and TV series based on the book, as well as plays with annual productions in Europe and Japan.

In this reader:



**21st
Century
Skills**

To encourage students to connect the story to the world they live in.



Movers

A1 level activities.

**Story
Notes**

A brief summary of the text.

Glossary

Explanation of difficult words.

**Picture
Caption**

A brief explanation of the picture.

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Main Characters

Matthew

Marilla's brother - he's a kind, quiet man who likes Anne from the moment he sees her.

Marilla

Matthew's sister - at first she doesn't want Anne to stay then she learns to love her.



Anne

11 years old and with no mother or father. She loves talking about her dreams and she doesn't like her red hair.

Rachel

She lives near Matthew and Marilla and always wants to know everything about everybody.



Diana

She's the same age as Anne and lives near Green Gables. She's Anne's best friend.

Gilbert

2 years older than Anne - he's smart and good-looking.

Grammar

- 1 Read this dialogue and complete the questions and answers with *did* or *didn't*.

'When did Lucy Maud Montgomery write *Anne of Green Gables*?' 'In 1908.'

- 1 How _____ people travel at that time?
 - 2 'People _____ travel by car. They often walked.'
 - 3 '_____ people have telephones?'
 - 4 'No they _____.'
 - 5 'Where _____ people buy food?'
 - 6 'They _____ go to supermarkets. They went to small shops.'
 - 7 'What _____ people do in their free time?'
- 'They visited their friends for tea.'

- 2 Complete the sentences with *is*, *are*, *do* or *does*.

is doesn't ~~are~~ is aren't doesn't haven't is

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert are brother and sister. They live in a town called Avonlea, which (1) _____ in Canada. They live and work on their farm. They (2) _____ married and (3) _____ got any children. They want someone to help on their farm.

Rachel Lynde (4) _____ a friend of Matthew and Marilla's. She also lives in Avonlea. She (5) _____ know that Matthew and Marilla are looking for a boy to help on their farm.

Anne (6) _____ eleven years old. She comes to live with Matthew and Marilla. She (7) _____ know that Matthew and Marilla want a boy and not a girl.

Vocabulary

3 Match the adjectives that mean the opposite.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> bad | a last |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> big | b late |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> early | c little |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> first | d good |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> happy | e strange |
| 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> normal | f unhappy |

Reading and Writing **MOVERS**

4 Look at the pictures and choose the correct word for each definition.



farmer



station



freckles



pond



smile



countryside



dinner



mirror

There's lots of green in this place.

countryside

- There's water in this place. _____
- Anne has some of these on her face. _____
- You go here to catch a train. _____
- You can see yourself if you look in this. _____
- This person works outside. _____

Writing

5 Complete this table.

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year	1908	Now (1)
travel	(2)	(3)
telephone	no	(4)
Buy food	(5)	(6)
Free time	(7)	(8)

Chapter 1

Anne Arrives¹ at Green Gables

▶ 2 Matthew Cuthbert lived with his sister, Marilla. The name of their house was Green Gables. It was in a little town called Avonlea. Matthew was a farmer. He worked hard on his farm every day.

One afternoon, Matthew went out in his buggy². He had to do something important. His friend, Rachel Lynde, was very surprised to see him go out.

‘That’s strange,’ she said. ‘Matthew never goes out.’

Rachel went to speak to Marilla about this.

When Rachel arrived at Green Gables, she asked Marilla, ‘Where’s Matthew going?’

‘He’s going to Bright River Station,’ said Marilla. He’s meeting a little boy. The boy doesn’t have a mother or a father. He’s an orphan³. We want the orphan boy to live with us. Our friend, Mrs. Spencer, helped us to find him. Matthew is 60 years old now and he needs some help on the farm.’

Rachel wasn’t happy to hear this. *Why didn’t they tell me about this before,* she thought. *It’s a bad*

¹ **to arrive** to come to

² **buggy** a type of transport. You need a horse. See the picture on page 13

³ **orphan** a child with no mother or father

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idea to invite a stranger to their house.

Matthew enjoyed his journey¹ to Bright River Station. It was a beautiful road with lots of apple trees. When he arrived, he didn't see a boy at the station. There was just a girl. There was a man there. The man said, 'That little girl is waiting for you. She's from the orphanage²'

'But that's not possible!' said Matthew. 'I have to meet a little boy, not a girl.'

Matthew didn't like speaking to people, but he had to speak to the little girl. He didn't speak first because the little girl spoke first. Her name was Anne Shirley. She had lots of red hair and lots of freckles³ on her face. She was very happy to see Matthew. She talked a lot. 'Are you Matthew of Green Gables?' she asked. 'I'm so happy to meet you. My name's Anne Shirley. But you can call me Anne.'

At first, Matthew didn't know what to do. Then he decided⁴ to take Anne home. *Marilla can decide what to do*, thought Matthew.

On the way home, Anne chatted⁵ all the time.

Matthew goes to the station to get a boy from the orphanage, but when he gets there, Anne is waiting for him. He and his sister wanted a boy to help them on their farm. Matthew doesn't know what to do so he takes Anne home to Green Gables.

¹ **journey** you go on a journey when you travel from one place to another place

² **orphanage** a place for children who have no mother or father

³ **freckles** Anne has some of these on her face. They are brown spots on your face and body

⁴ **to decide** when you think about doing something and then you do it

⁵ **to chat** to talk

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‘I don’t like my red hair and freckles. I want to have black hair, but it’s red and I can’t change the colour.’

Anne enjoyed the journey. She thought the countryside was very beautiful. She saw a road called *The Avenue*. Anne had a lot of imagination¹. She called it, ‘The White Way of Delight²’. Then she saw a pond³. It was just a normal⁴ pond, but Anne used her imagination again. She called it ‘The Lake of Shining Waters⁵’.

Matthew was silent. He enjoyed listening to Anne. He didn’t have to say anything because Anne talked all the time.

When they were very near Green Gables, Anne saw a house and said, ‘That’s it! That’s Green Gables.’ She was right.

They arrived at Green Gables and Marilla opened the door. When she saw Anne, she said, ‘Where’s the boy? There must be a boy! We asked for a boy!’

Anne listened in silence. Then she cried, ‘You don’t want me because I’m not a boy. Nobody wants me!’

¹ **imagination** things you think of that are different from what you really see

² **delight** something that makes you very happy

³ **pond** a small lake

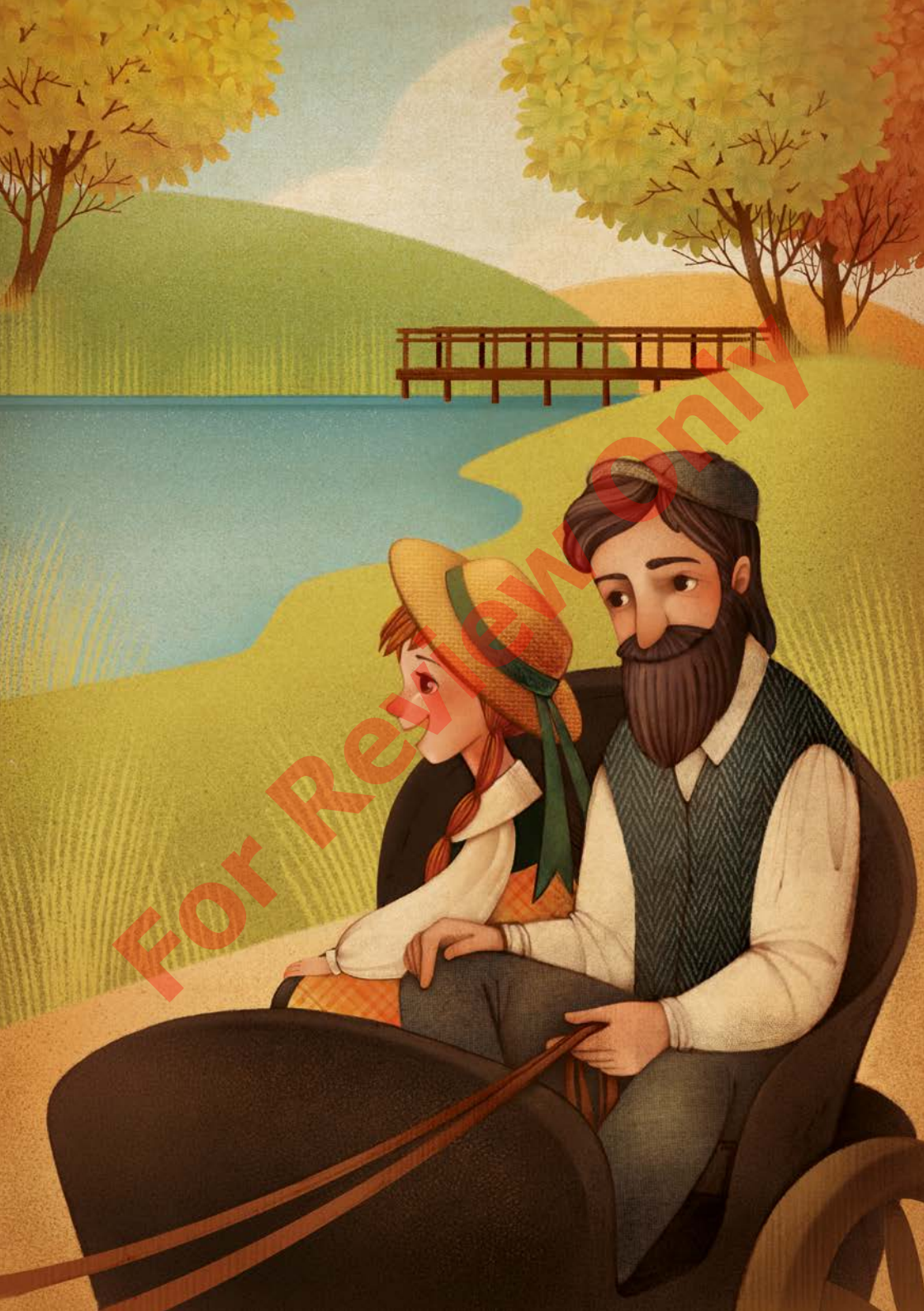
⁴ **normal** something is normal when you usually hear or see it

⁵ **shining waters** water that has many different colours

Marilla is very surprised when she sees Anne. She wanted a boy not a girl.



Anne is going with Matthew to Green Gables and she sees the pond that she calls “The Lake of Shining Waters”.



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Marilla and Matthew didn't know what to do. They decided to wait until the morning. It was late. They couldn't do anything today.

They had dinner, but Anne couldn't eat. She was very sad. Anne went to bed. Anne's bedroom was very empty¹. There was only a bed, a small table and a little mirror. Near the table, there was a window.

Matthew wants Anne to stay but his sister

Marilla wants to send her back to the orphanage.

Later, Marilla spoke to Matthew about Anne. 'We have to send her back to the orphanage. I want to take her to Mrs. Spencer's house tomorrow.'

Matthew didn't agree².

'Why?' asked Marilla. 'How can she be good for us?'

'We can be good for her,' replied³ Matthew.

Early in the morning, Anne woke up. At first, she didn't remember anything. *Where am I?* she thought. Then she remembered. This was Green Gables and they didn't want her here. She wasn't a boy! Anne opened the bedroom window. It was a beautiful morning. There was a lovely garden and lots of trees, but Anne had to leave. Just then, Marilla came in, 'We have to go soon,' she said.

After breakfast, Anne and Marilla went to

¹ **empty** with nothing in it

² **to agree** when you think what another person says is right

³ **to reply** you do this when you answer a question

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Mrs. Spencer's house. They went in the buggy. Anne was very unhappy, but she wanted to enjoy the journey. Anne chatted a lot and Marilla said, 'You enjoy talking. So, ... talk to me about your life.'

So Anne told Marilla her story.

'I was eleven years old in March. I was born in Bolingbroke in Nova Scotia. My mother and father died when I was only three months old. Then I lived with different families. One day, I had to go to the orphanage. I was at the orphanage for four months, and now I'm here with you.'

Marilla listened to Anne's sad story. For the first time, she thought, *Maybe I'm wrong. Can she stay with us?*

Soon they arrived at Mrs. Spencer's big yellow house. Mrs. Spencer apologised¹ to Marilla, 'I'm sorry, I didn't know you wanted a boy, and not a girl.'

'Can Anne go back to the orphanage?' asked Marilla.

'Yes,' said Mrs. Spencer, 'but Mrs. Blewett is looking for a little girl. Anne can live with her.'

Marilla didn't like this idea. She knew that Mrs. Blewett was unkind² to children. Then, Mrs. Blewett arrived. 'Mrs. Blewett, do you want

¹ **to apologise** to say that you're sorry

² **unkind** not nice

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to take this little girl home with you?’ said Mrs. Spencer. Mrs. Blewett looked at Anne. Anne was frightened of her.

‘How old are you and what’s your name?’ asked Mrs. Blewett.

‘My name...My name’s Anne and I’m...I’m eleven years old,’ said Anne.

‘Well, I can take her home now,’ said Mrs. Blewett.

‘I don’t know,’ said Marilla, ‘I want to take her home again. I need to talk to Matthew about this.’

Then there was a big smile on Anne’s face.

‘Oh Miss Cuthbert, can I stay?’ said Anne.

‘We have to decide,’ said Marilla.

Anne and Marilla returned¹ to Green Gables. Marilla didn’t say anything to Matthew at first. When they were alone², Marilla told Matthew, ‘Anne can stay. We can tell her tomorrow.’

Matthew was very happy. That evening Marilla told Anne to say a prayer³. In her bedroom Anne said the prayer. Marilla listened to her. Anne thanked God for the ‘White Way of Delight’, and the ‘Lake of Shining Waters’. And then she said, ‘Please can I stay at Green Gables?’

¹ **to return** to go back

² **alone** (here) only the two of them

³ **prayer** when you talk to God, you say a prayer

When Marilla hears Anne’s sad story and also that Mrs. Blewett, an unkind woman, wants Anne, she decides to take Anne back to Green Gables to live with her and Matthew.

Think

Marilla and Matthew are much older than Anne. Do you think the girl can be happy with them?



Anne is saying a prayer in her bedroom and Marilla is listening to her. Anne wants to stay at Green Gables.



Grammar

3 Complete the questions and then complete the answers.

What Where ~~Who~~ Why

- _____ Who _____ does Rachel see in his buggy?
She sees Matthew.
- 1 _____ does Matthew go?
_____ to the station.
- 2 _____ does Matthew meet at the station?
_____ Anne.
- 3 _____ does Anne call the Pond?
_____ The Lake of Shining Waters.
- 4 _____ does Anne cry?
_____ because Matthew and Marilla want a boy and not a girl.
- 5 _____ do Anne and Marilla go in the morning?
_____ to Mrs. Spencer's house.
- 6 _____ does Anne want when she says her prayer?
_____ to stay at Green Gables.

Before-reading Activity

Listening

▶ 3 4 Look at these statements. Tick (✓) the ones that you think are true in Chapter 2. Listen and check.

- Anne can stay at Green Gables. (✓) Anne can't stay at Green Gables. ()
- 1 Anne can call Marilla 'aunt'. () Anne can't call Marilla 'aunt'. ()
- 2 Anne meets a little girl. () Anne doesn't meet a little girl. ()
- 3 Marilla likes listening to Anne. () Marilla doesn't like listening to Anne. ()
- 4 Anne is angry with Rachel. () Anne isn't angry with Rachel. ()