

Synopsis

Anne of Green Gables is a story about a girl called Anne Shirley. She is an orphan girl who used to live in orphan asylum before adopted by Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert. The Cuthberts are unmarried siblings who live on their ancestral farm, Green Gables, in the quiet town of Avonlea in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Matthew is sixty, and since he is getting too old to handle the farm work on his own, the Cuthberts decide to adopt an orphan boy to help him. But the orphanage sent a girl instead of boy because of miscommunication.

Anne is a talkative and happy girl despite living a pitiful life as an orphan. She has a rich fantasy life and an optimistic and generous spirit. She also nicknamed as imaginative girl because of her grand imagination. Anne Shirley is a free spirited girl because she acts according to her instincts and not according to a code of manners. She attends church for the first time wearing a wreath of wildflowers, for example, and screams at Mrs. Rachel for making fun of her red hair. Anne tries hard to obey Marilla and follow her rules of social conduct, but she makes many mistakes, using liniment instead of vanilla in a cake, letting a mouse drown in the plum-pudding sauce, and delivering a heartfelt but ridiculous prayer on her first attempt to pray before bed.

Anne never has real friends before living at Green Gables, so she starts to invent imaginary playmates. In Avonlea, she meets Diana Barry, a neighbor who quickly becomes her dearest friend. One afternoon Anne invites Diana to tea and

accidentally gives her red currant wine instead of nonalcoholic raspberry juice. Diana returns home drunk, and Diana's mother, thinking Anne has intoxicated Diana on purpose, forbid Diana to be friend with Anne again. But it is end until Anne saves Diana's sister, who is sick with the croup, which causes Mrs. Barry to forgive her.

At school, Anne has a fight with a handsome and smart boy named Gilbert Blythe. Because when they first meet, Gilbert teases Anne by calling her Carrots and pulling her red braid. Anne is extremely sensitive about her red hair, and Gilbert's teasing makes her angry. She screams at him and smashes a slate over his head. This incident marks the beginning of a rivalry between Anne and Gilbert, the two smartest pupils in the school, which lasts until the end of the novel.

As Anne grows up, she becomes more mature and turns her free spirited life into academics. A beloved teacher, Miss Stacy, recognizes Anne's intelligence, encourages her to join a special group of students preparing for the entrance exam to Queen's Academy. Her competition with Gilbert Blythe changes to an affectionate and familiar rivalry when they both go to Queen's Academy. Because she wants to make Matthew and Marilla proud, Anne devotes herself to her studies wholeheartedly and earns the prestigious Avery Scholarship, which grants her enough money to attend a four-year college the following fall.

Anne very happy because of the scholarship, and then she goes home to Green Gables. At Green Gables, Matthew – who has been having heart trouble –

dies of a heart attack. Of course this makes Anne very sad, since Matthew is one of her dearly friend. After that she learns that Marilla is likely to go blind, she decides to stay at Green Gables and teach nearby so that she can take care of Marilla and gives up her aspirations for a four-year degree college along with her scholarship. This is shows her maturity level in her life, since she start making decision for her future. Gilbert hears of her decision and gives up his post as the teacher at Avonlea School so that Anne can teach there and be closer to Marilla. After five years of rivalry, Gilbert and Anne create a close friendship. Though her future path has a bend, Anne remains optimistic and thinks cheerfully about her future.