

Anne's House of Dreams

Lucy Maud Montgomery

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In the fifth book of the Anne of Green Gables series, Anne marries the love of her life and together they move away from Green Gables to Four Winds, a seaside community on Prince Edward Island, Canada. As they settle into Anne's "house of dreams" they meet and become friends with three new characters, who are all a part of "the race that knows Joseph". "Kindred spirits", as Anne would say. Captain Jim is a former sailor who is now the keeper of the lighthouse at Four Winds, and Miss Cornelia is an outspoken unmarried woman in her 40s. Anne also meets her new neighbor, Leslie Moore, whose tragic life causes her to put walls around herself and often times feel jealous of Anne.

Altogether, I really loved this book and the overall plot. While I did predict the romantic side plot in this book early on, I still enjoyed it. There was one big and unexpected event in this book that I did not see coming at all. While it did make me cry a lot, it added something incredible to Anne's story. I also really liked all the new characters because each of them had their own distinctive personality.

I think the target audience for this series is mostly girls and young women, but I would recommend this book to any girl over the age of 12. In addition, since the series was written so many years ago, there are quite a few times where the reader can feel like this is an old-fashioned story, and in certain ways it is. It sometimes makes it hard to relate to the characters, but I personally found it to be fascinating to read and learn more about this time period. This book may be more challenging for some since Montgomery's writing style can be especially poetic and descriptive, and she uses many words that are not very common nowadays. There are also many references to religion, God and Christian beliefs throughout the series. I would suggest you read the previous books, so you have a better understanding of Anne's story.

Recommended Titles:

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Emily of New Moon by Lucy Maud Montgomery