

Rainbow Valley

Lucy Maud Montgomery

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The seventh book in the Anne of Green Gables series picks up right where it left off in the previous book. Anne's four older children meet and become close friends with the children from the manse, whose father is the new minister. While he is an amazing preacher, he is often so lost in his thoughts that he forgets to look after his children. This causes a series of troubles and scandals not only to the congregation, but the whole town.

There is a sweet romantic plot in this book that I was able to predict easily, but it is my favorite in the whole series, after Anne and her husband. Since this book mainly focuses on Anne's children and their neighbor's, fans of the series may be disappointed to know that she and her husband are not very present in this book. Do not be discouraged however because while I thought I would not like it as much as the previous books, it ended up being one of my top favorites. It is a captivating story not only about kids growing up and learning about the world around them, but also about family relationships.

I think the target audience for this series is mostly girls and young women, but I would recommend this book to any person over the age of 10. 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 first six books in this series prior to this one.

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