

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Brontë

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Jane Eyre is a book about the life of main character Jane Eyre from her own first person point of view. She starts off living with her cruel aunt, who does not like her due to her not liking her parents' marriage. She is then sent off to a Catholic boarding school for other young girls, where she ends up becoming a young, religious woman despite strict teachers and disease that kills some of the girls, including a friend she makes in her first year there. Jane grows up to be a kind person, but knows she is not the most beautiful woman and is okay with this. Jane becomes a governess to young Adele, the girl who lives with the book's love interest, Mr. Rochester, who is an older man and not as handsome as well. The book then follows Jane and Mr. Rochester's not perfect relationship, Mr. Rochester and Jane's conflicting ideas, Jane's religious beliefs, and the major conflict that comes between the pair just as they are about to get married.

I enjoyed reading *Jane Eyre*, and I believe that it is a good book for teenagers and older to experience. The time period, as the book was written in 1847, has some language that could be harder to understand, but it is ultimately a feminist novel and a classic piece of literature. It has plenty of foreshadowing and imagery, and the first person perspective makes the story interesting, as Jane is an unreliable narrator due to this.

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Villette by Charlotte Brontë

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen