

# The Enchanting Island That Inspired Montgomery: A Literary Pilgrimage to the Birthplace of Anne of Green Gables

Nestled in the heart of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward Island (PEI) is an enchanting island that has captured the hearts of countless visitors, including the beloved children's author Lucy Maud Montgomery. The island's rolling hills, red dirt roads, and picturesque seascapes provided the inspiration for Montgomery's most famous creation, Anne Shirley, the irrepressible orphan girl of the Anne of Green Gables series.



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## Green Gables: The Heart of Anne's World

No literary pilgrimage to PEI would be complete without a visit to Green Gables, the iconic farmhouse that served as the inspiration for Anne's

beloved home. Located in the community of Cavendish, Green Gables is a beautifully preserved historical site that offers visitors a glimpse into the world that inspired Montgomery's imagination.

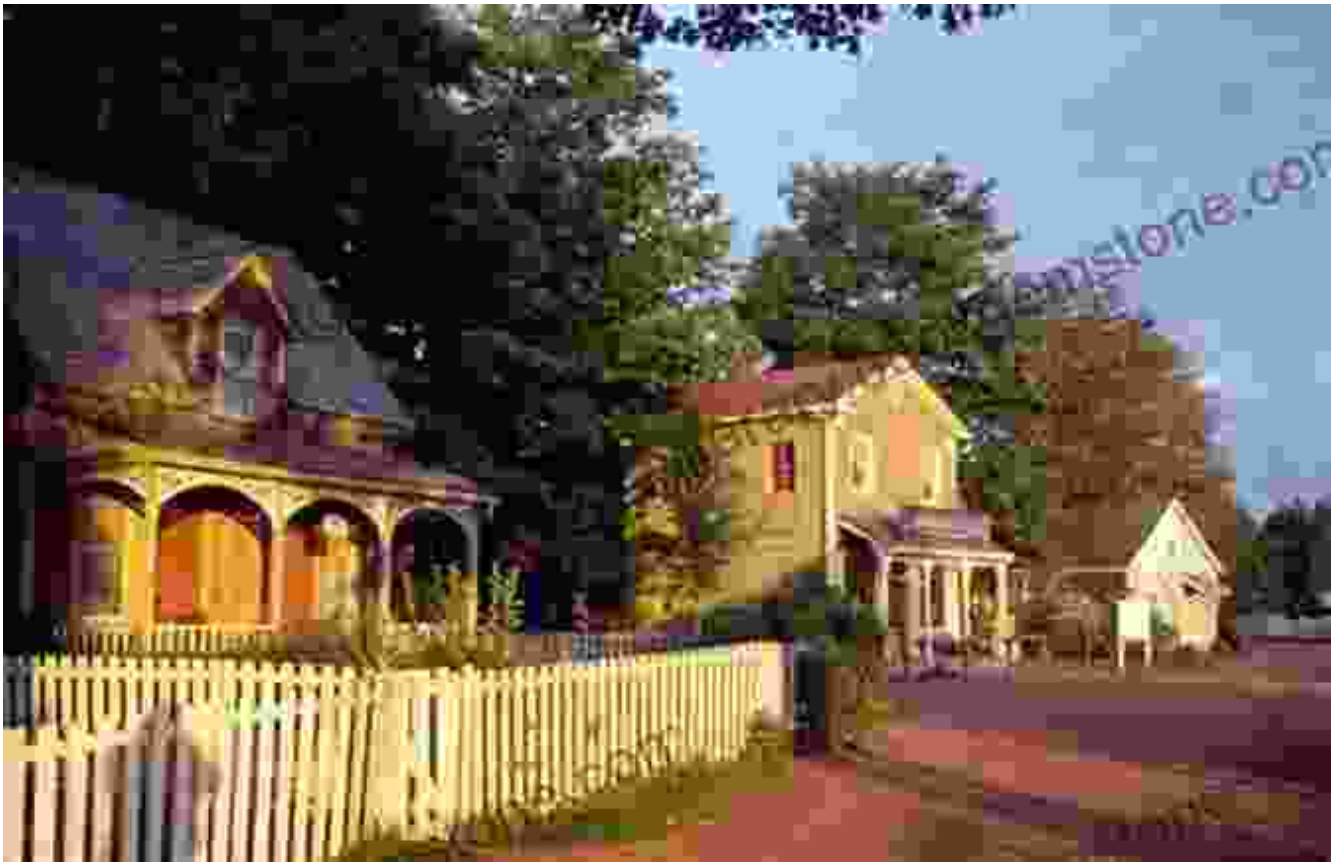


As you wander through the charming rooms of Green Gables, you can easily picture Anne and her friends Diana Barry and Gilbert Blythe roaming the halls, sharing secrets, and embarking on their childhood adventures. The house is filled with period furnishings and artifacts that evoke the era in which Montgomery lived and wrote.

### **Avonlea: The Village That Time Forgot**

A short drive from Green Gables lies the village of Avonlea, the fictional setting for Anne of Green Gables. While Avonlea is not a real place, it is based on the village of New London, where Montgomery spent much of her

childhood. Today, New London has been renamed Avonlea in honor of Montgomery's famous creation.



Strolling through the streets of Avonlea, you can almost hear the laughter of Anne and her friends as they skip along the sidewalks and visit the local shops. The village is filled with charming Victorian architecture, quaint gardens, and friendly locals who are eager to share stories about Montgomery and her beloved characters.

### **Lucy Maud Montgomery's Birthplace**

For a deeper understanding of Montgomery's life and work, a visit to her birthplace in the village of Clifton is essential. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Birthplace National Historic Site is a beautifully restored Victorian home where Montgomery was born and spent her early years.



As you explore the birthplace, you will learn about Montgomery's childhood, her family, and the influences that shaped her writing. The site features a museum with exhibits on Montgomery's life and work, as well as a research library where scholars can delve into her archives.

### **The Landscapes That Inspired Montgomery**

Beyond the specific locations that inspired Anne of Green Gables, the entire island of PEI played a significant role in Montgomery's writing. The island's rolling hills, red dirt roads, and picturesque seascapes are woven into the fabric of her stories, creating a vivid and unforgettable setting.



Take some time to explore the island's beaches, forests, and countryside. Hike along the rugged coastline, cycle through the rolling hills, or simply relax by the shore. As you immerse yourself in the beauty of PEI, you will understand why it held such a special place in Montgomery's heart.

A literary pilgrimage to Prince Edward Island is a journey into the world of Anne of Green Gables and the imagination of L.M. Montgomery. From the iconic Green Gables to the charming village of Avonlea, from Montgomery's birthplace to the breathtaking landscapes that inspired her writing, the island offers a unique opportunity to connect with the characters and stories that have captured the hearts of readers for generations.

So, whether you are a lifelong fan of Anne of Green Gables or simply seeking a glimpse into the life and work of one of Canada's most beloved authors, a visit to Prince Edward Island is a literary adventure that will stay with you long after you return home.



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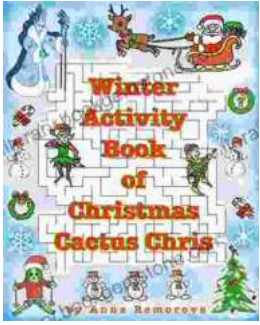
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