

# LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY



# Lucy Maud Montgomery

## (1874 – 1942)

was a Canadian author best known for a series of novels beginning with *Anne of Green Gables*, published in 1908.

*Anne of Green Gables* was an immediate success. The central character, Anne, an orphaned girl, made Montgomery famous in her lifetime. The first novel was followed by a series of sequels with Anne as the central character. Montgomery went on to publish 20 novels as well as 500 short stories and poems.

Montgomery's work, diaries and letters have been read and studied by scholars and readers worldwide.

# Early years

- Lucy Montgomery, called "Maud" by family and friends, was born in 1884 in [Clifton](#)
- (now [New London](#)).
- Her mother died of tuberculosis when Lucy was 21 months old.
- The girl went to live with her maternal grandparents.



# In childhood

10 years old



# Birthplace



# CHILDHOOD

- She was brought up in a strict manner. Montgomery's early life was very lonely. Despite having relations nearby, much of her childhood was spent alone.
- Montgomery completed her early education in Cavendish with the exception of one year (1890–1891) during which she was with her father and her step-mother. In November 1890 Montgomery had published her first poem in the paper *The Daily Patriot*.



# YOUTH

- In 1893 she attended [Prince of Wales College](#) In 1893 she attended Prince of Wales College for a teacher's license. Completing the two-year program in one year, she obtained her teaching certificate. In 1895 and 1896, she studied literature at [Dalhousie University](#) In 1893 she attended Prince of Wales College for a teacher's license. Completing the two-year program in one year, she obtained her teaching certificate. In 1895 and 1896, she studied

# Work at schools

- Upon leaving the University, Montgomery worked as a teacher in various schools. Montgomery did not enjoy her teaching career; however, she was content because it afforded her time to write.



# First literary works

- Beginning in 1897, she began to have her short stories published in various magazines and newspapers. In 1908, Montgomery published her first book, *Anne of Green Gables*. It was an immediate success.



# ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

By  
*L. M. MONTGOMERY*

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"The good stars met in your horoscope,  
Made you of spirit and fire and dew."  
—*Drowning.*



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# Personal life

- In 1911 Montgomery married Ewen Macdonald, a minister of St. Paul Church.
- The Macdonalds had three sons, the second of whom was stillborn. Montgomery underwent several periods of depression while trying to cope with the duties of motherhood and church life and with her husband's attacks of religious melancholia: "For a woman who had given the world so much joy, life was mostly an unhappy one'.



# Death

- Lucy Maud Montgomery died in 1942. A note was found beside her bed "May God forgive me and I hope everyone else will forgive me even if they cannot understand. My position is too awful to endure and nobody realizes it. I tried always to do my best."
- It was reported that Montgomery died from coronary thrombosis. However, she suffered from depression and may have taken her own life via a drug overdose.

# Cemetery

- She was buried at the [Cavendish Community Cemetery](#).





# Heritage

- In 1993 the [L.M. Montgomery Institute](#) In 1993 the L.M. Montgomery Institute was founded at the [University of Prince Edward Island](#). The Montgomery Institute collection consists of novels, manuscripts, texts, letters, photographs, sound recordings and artifacts of the writer. During her lifetime, Montgomery published 20 novels, over 500 short stories, an autobiography, and a book of poetry.