

APPENDICES

Synopsis of *Agnes Grey*

Agnes Grey is a novel about a young woman, Agnes Grey, who lives in northern England. Her family gets impoverished after her father loses some money in an ill-advised investment. She and her sister decide to work in order to help their parents financially. Agnes' sister starts making some money by selling her drawings. Agnes herself tries to help by becoming a governess, although at first her mother does not let her work.

At first, she gets a position at Wellwood House to work for the Bloomfields. The Bloomfield children are hateful creatures, so spoiled and disobedient. When Agnes works there, she has to make the children become good children. She is somehow also expected to teach them good manner. Finally, she resigns from the Bloomfields after working for them for a year.

Later, Agnes looks for another job. This time, she gets a position as a governess again in the Murray family. She teaches Rosalie and Matilda Murray. Both are teenage girls with selfish personality. They fight a lot and they sometimes are difficult to handle.

At the end of the story, when Agnes's father passes away, she decides to resign from her job as a governess in Murray's family and lives together with her

mother and sister. She later gets married to Mr. Weston, the new curate in Horton, whom Agnes meets when working for the Murrays. They live happily.

Biography of Anne Bronte

Anne Bronte was a British novelist and poet. She was born in the village of Thornton, Bradford, Yorkshire County, England, on 17 January 1820. She was the youngest child of Maria Branwell and Reverend Patrick Bronte. She had five siblings: Maria, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Patrick Branwell, and Emily. For her education, Anne largely studied at home, including music and drawing. Later, she began more formal studies at Roe Head School. In 1839 Anne was looking for a teaching position and she began to work as a governess.

In her life, Anne wrote some poems and novels. First she wrote well-known poems *Verses by Lady Geralda* (1836), *Alexander and Zenobia* (1837) and the others poems with her sister Emily Bronte. She also wrote some novels. Her first novel *Agnes Grey* was published by Thomas Cautley Newby in July 1847. In July 1848 Anne completed her second novel *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*.

In January 1849 Anne was diagnosed with tuberculosis. On 28th May 1849 Anne Bronte died at the age of 29 at Scarborough. She was buried in St Mary's churchyard on Castle Hill overlooking the sea.

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