

## Why you should read Jane Eyre...

1. Jane is a spunky, brooding, complex heroine – although popular when published, she was ahead of her time and resonates from generation to generation.
2. A surprising and engaging read from the opening image of the dreaded Red Room to the disturbing resolution!
3. Bronte is such a master of characterization that numerous spin-off novels have been written -- on the **minor** characters!
4. Scholars have grappled with and interpreted this novel for years – unlocking its secrets and investing it with great symbolic meaning.

## Why you may struggle with Jane Eyre...

1. Her syntax and formal diction may take some getting used to – consider reading an annotated edition to help with any unfamiliar vocabulary.
2. Bronte embraces many qualities of gothic literature and, therefore, can be gloomy in places and, in the words of Queen Victoria, “very peculiar” at times.

### Still interested?

Download the novel for free at one of the following sites:

<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/1260>

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<http://www.literature.org/authors/bronte-charlotte/jane-eyre/>

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