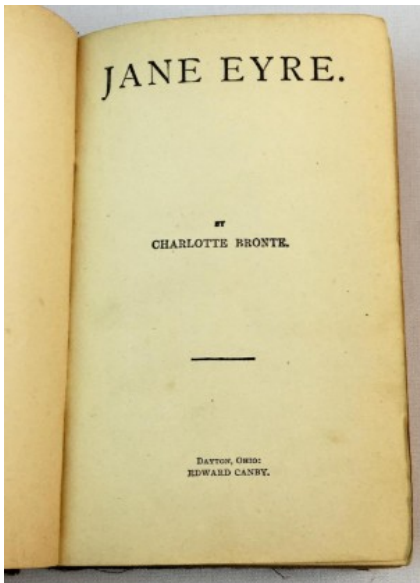


Jane Eyre



Jane Eyre is a novel by the English writer Charlotte Brontë, published in 1847 in London. The book follows the experiences of its protagonist from child to adult and her love for Mr Rochester, the master of Thornfield Hall. The book approaches the topics of class, sexuality, religion and feminism. Jane Eyre is one of the most famous romance novels. It is considered one of the greatest novels in the English language, and in 2003, it was ranked by the BBC as the tenth best book written in Britain. The novel is a first-person narrative from Jane's perspective. It is set somewhere in the north of England, around the year 1830. Much of the early part of the book is based on the author's personal experiences and is, in part, autobiographical. The story is told in five distinct parts:

1. Jane's childhood at Gateshead Hall, where she is emotionally and physically abused by her aunt and cousins;
2. Her education at Lowood School, where she gains friends but suffers from deprivation and oppression;
3. Her time as governess at Thornfield Hall, where she falls in love with her mysterious employer, Edward Fairfax Rochester;
4. Her time in the Moor House, where her earnest but cold clergyman cousin, St John Rivers, proposes to her;
5. Her marriage to Rochester.

The book has been made into a number of films and series, including:

- 1910 – film (USA)
- 1943 – film (USA)
- 1970 – film (UK)
- 1973 – TV series (BBC)
- 1983 – TV mini-series (UK)
- 1996 – film (USA)
- 2000 – stage musical (Broadway)
- 2006 – TV series (BBC)
- 2011 – film (USA)