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Emily Brontë

Wuthering Heights

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2	The inhabitants of Wuthering Heights	7:25
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18	Hindley dies, Heathcliff inherits	3:34

19	Catherine's childhood	3:54
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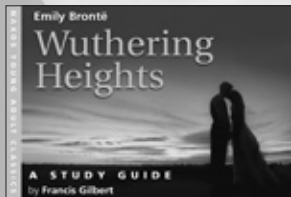
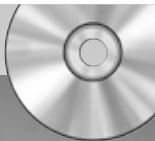
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By Francis Gilbert

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Why Study Literature?

The famous Greek philosophers Plato (427–347 BC) and Aristotle (384–322 BC) first clashed when answering this age-old question. Plato felt that literature should be banned. He believed that it was a poor copy of the real world and inflamed people to do stupid and wild things in the manner of its heroes. But Plato's pupil Aristotle argued that far from corrupting our minds literature actually improves us, enabling us to become more moral by making us feel both pity and fear for its central characters.

The argument today remains more or less the same. Literature's detractors believe it can lead us astray by making us feel sympathy for evil characters, while literature's defenders take Aristotle's view that by feeling for fictional characters we become better people, better at empathising and imagining ourselves in different situations.

As a teacher and lover of literature, I take Aristotle's view: literature takes us to places that we would never otherwise experience. And reading about murderers doesn't mean we will imitate them; we may actually learn from their grave errors. Literature affords us the chance to live through other people's tragedies and triumphs, as a result of which we ourselves may emerge wiser, more thoughtful and happier than before.

Francis Gilbert



Emily Brontë's Life

- 1818** Born 30 July at Thornton, near Bradford, Yorkshire.
- 1820** The family moved to Haworth in April.
- 1821** Mrs Brontë died of cancer in September.
- 1824** Emily and her sister Charlotte joined their older sisters, Elizabeth and Maria, at the infamous clergy daughters' school at Cowan Bridge, Lancashire, which is depicted in Charlotte's *Jane Eyre*.
- 1825** She and Charlotte left Cowan Bridge after the deaths of their older sisters. They, with their siblings Branwell and Anne, invented the imaginary Kingdom of Angria, about which they wrote many books.
- 1831** She and Anne invented a rival Kingdom of Gondal after Charlotte went to Miss Wooler's School at Roe Head.
- 1834** Wrote her earliest dated manuscript – which mentioned the Gondals discovering a place called Gaaldine.
- 1835** Studied at Roe Head where Charlotte was teaching, but returned home after being taken ill.
- 1836** Wrote her earliest dated poem in July.
- 1837** Worked as a teacher for about six months, leaving due to homesickness.
- 1838–42** Wrote over half of her surviving poems.
- 1842** Studied music, French and German at the M. Heger's school in Brussels. Returned home in October for her aunt's funeral and remained to keep house.

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- 1843** Alone at Haworth with her father, this was a time of creativity and freedom for Emily.
- 1844** Began to arrange her poems into two notebooks, separating the non-Gondalan from the Gondalan material.
- 1845** The Brontës gave up their hopes of having their own school. Branwell, working on a novel, introduced his sisters to the possibilities of making money through writing. Having discovered her poems, Charlotte convinced Emily to collaborate on a volume of poetry. Emily began *Wuthering Heights* in December.
- 1846** *Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell* published by Charlotte, Emily and Anne. In adopting male pen names, each beginning with the first letter of their real names, the sisters were avoiding contemporary prejudice against female writers.
- 1847** *Wuthering Heights*, her only novel, published with Anne's *Agnes Grey*. Although it received mixed reviews at the time, the tale of the passionate yet thwarted love between Heathcliff and Catherine is now considered an English literary classic.
- 1848** After excessive alcohol and drug abuse, Branwell died. Emily left home to attend his funeral, catching a severe cold which developed into inflammation of the lungs. Refusing medical help, she died 19 December and was buried beside her family at Haworth parsonage.
- 1850** *Wuthering Heights* was reissued under Emily's real name, along with a biographical notice by Charlotte.
- 1893** The Brontë Society established.
- 1941** Hatfield's edition of *The Complete Poems of Emily Jane Brontë* published.



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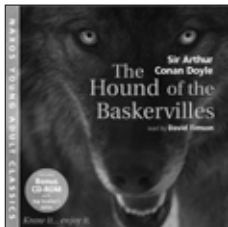
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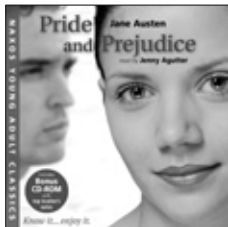


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