

In the western end of Prince Edward Island National Park, very much a part of the picturesque community of Cavendish, rests the famous Green Gables House. Each year thousands of people visit "Green Gables", known internationally through the literary works of Lucy Maud Montgomery as the house where her beloved story-book character "Anne" lived.

he desire to preserve the area because of its literary connections and storybook setting led the federal government to include it in 1937 as part of the Prince Edward Island National Park. Since that time, the house has been largely maintained as a typical farmhouse of the late 1800s. Although few of the furnishings are original, many items do come from nearby homes. The old typewriter is an exception and was used by the author to type many of her manuscripts.

ucy Maud Montgomery was born in Prince Edward Island where the beautiful landscape and colorful cultural life provided her with much inspiration and "scope for imagination". Shortly after Maud's birth in 1874 at New London, P.E.I., her mother died, forcing Maud to live with her grandparents in their home in Cavendish. Not far away was "Green Gables", the home of her elderly cousins, David and Margaret MacNeill. Maud spent much of her time visiting their home, where she received understanding and sympathy. It is likely that these gentle people influenced her characterization of Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert, principal characters in the story of Anne of Green Gables. Some of Maud's favorite childhood haunts, such as

Lover's Lane and the Haunted Woods, were located on her cousins' 53 hectare farm. These special woodland havens she loved so much may have been a further inspiration for the setting of her first book, Anne of Green Gables.

fter a series of disheartening refusals by various publishing houses, this book was finally published in 1908. Almost overnight Maud Montgomery became known throughout the world for her vivid creation of the innocent, red-haired, freeklefaced "Anne". This first success was followed by over twenty well-known novels and storybooks, as well as a book of poetry.

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aud Montgomery was intelligent, imaginative, and sensitive to the people and beauty around her and her soul manifested itself in her literary works. Green Gables House is not her greatest memorial. The warm feelings of joy and affection that Maud Montgomery's books continue to inspire, offer convincing evidence that this is only a small part of the world she has created for us

ou are invited to go for a stroll to discover some of the special places in Maud's life and imagination which can be found in the area around Green Gables.

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a maison Green Gables est située à Cavendish, dans la partie ouest du partie national de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard.
Connu mondialement, ce lieu accueille, chaque année, des milliers de visiteurs. Cette maison doit sa popularité à Lucy Maud Montgomery, écrivain, qui a fait de Green Gables la résidence du personnage "Anne" dans son oeuvre "Anne et le bonheur."

n 1937, le gouvernement fédéral a acheté cette propriété, et l'a intégrée au parc national de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, afin de conserver et de mettre en valeur l'ambiance des contes de L.M. Montgomery. Depuis, la maison a été conservée dans le style des maisons de ferme de la fin du 19e siècle. Bien que la plupart des meubles ne soient pas d'origine, plusieurs des objets proviennent des maisons avoisinantes; à l'exception de l'ancienne dactylo dont l'auteure s'est servi pour dactylographier plusieurs de ses manuscrits.

ucy Maud Montgomery est née à New London (Île-du-Prince-Édouard) en 1874. Le paysage merveilleux et la vie culturelle colorée de cette île l'ont inspirée et ont nourri son imagination. Peu après la naissance de Maud, sa mère mourut et elle fut obligée d'aller vivre avec ses grands-parents à Cavendish. Non loin de là, à Green Gables, habitaient ses cousins David et Margaret MacNeill. Maud a passé beaucoup de temps dans cette maison où elle était reçue avec compréhension et compassion. Il est probable que c'est en pensant à ces aimables personnes qu'elle a décrit Marilla et Matthew Cuthbert, les personnages principaux d'Anne et le bonheur.

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