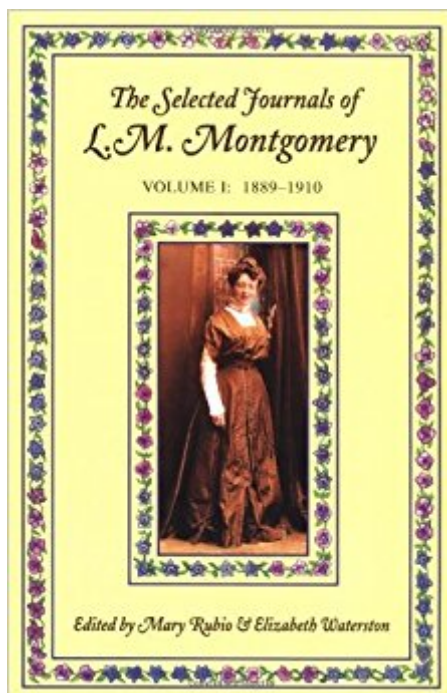


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# The Selected Journals Of L.M. Montgomery, Vol. 1: 1889-1910



## Synopsis

A bestseller in Canada, this book will fascinate the legions of devoted readers of Anne of Green Gables and Montgomery's other Anne books. Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874-1942) kept extensive journals for most of her life, beginning them in 1889 when she was fourteen and continuing them until shortly before her death. Spontaneous and frank, they are unusual for their narrative interest: Montgomery's gifts as a storyteller are as much in evidence here as in her novels. This first volume takes her to 1910, the year before her marriage, and culminates with the publication of Anne of Green Gables. The autobiographical content will intrigue every dedicated fan of the Anne books. But the Montgomery journals are especially interesting because they provide a unique social history and the privilege of viewing closely the life of a remarkable woman. About the Author: Mary Rubio is Literary Adviser to the Estate of L.M. Montgomery and is preparing the authorized biography. Elizabeth Waterston is Professor of English at the University of Guelph. Together they edit CCL: Canadian Children's Literature: A Journal of Criticism and Review

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"The Selected Journals of L.M. Montgomery have given me enormous pleasure....These diaries possess the crisp, honest, unsparing voice of a real woman who fought all her life to bring her two selves together: the celebrated writer and the unloved child."--Carol Shields, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Stone Diaries, writing in The Boston Sunday Globe

Mary Henley Rubio and Elizabeth Hillman Waterston are the editors of all five volumes of Montgomery's journals, co-founders and editors of the journal CCL: Canadian Children's Literature, and co-authors of *Writing a Life: L.M. Montgomery*. They have collaborated on writing and editing projects since 1975 at the University of Guelph, where Mary Rubio is Professor of English and Elizabeth Waterston is Professor Emeritus.

I have long since outgrown all my childhood books. Nancy Drew is long gone, and I can't even "remember" most of the books that I read growing up. But I kept every one of L.M. Montgomery's books, and I still re-read them periodically. Even though they are written for children, I find myself entertained even now, and even after I have already read all of them more than a few times. She's just that good! L.M. Montgomery was a fascinating person, and she wrote some fascinating, compelling, books. So, even though I don't EVER read journals, I decided to splurge on this abridged version of L.M. Montgomery's journals. For an abridged version, this is quite a heavy book! Lots and lots of pages. But this turns out to be a good thing, as Lucy Maud is just as interesting in her journals as in her novels, if not more so. This first volume covers her life up until her engagement, and then a few years past that as she stays to nurse her ailing grandmother. They both know that the wedding will have to be postponed until her grandmother dies. Reading this from the vantage point of 2014, it was not clear to me why this should be so, but it was obviously the way things were done back then, and neither of them seem to have too many objections to pushing off their wedding for this amount of time. This first novel is very interesting, and it is also, I think, the most optimistic journal out of the five published volumes of her journals. Her signature turn of phrase is very much in evidence here, and her observations of life in general, and her life in particular, make this journal a very interesting read.

If you have ever read *Anne of Green Gables*, and loved it as I have, you really should buy the *Selected Journals of L. M. Montgomery*. I have the completed volumes of the journals and now understand the author as never before. It was sensitive, heartwarming, heartbreaking and will make you love the author all the more. I recommend that everyone who loves *Anne of Green Gables* to read Lucy Maude Montgomery's journals.

Best journal I've ever read!! Loved *Anne of Green Gables* and love the author and writer - her best writing was in her journals!! Cannot wait to buy all the others.

I love L.M. Montgomery's writing, and this first journal gives clear insight into her life, ideas, thought process, and plot lines for many of her books. It was a refreshing read, and frankly, I couldn't put it down.

This is even better than her novels!

I purchased this as a gift for my granddaughter. She is a fan of L.M. Montgomery, and she told me this is a great book.

Always enjoy journals and this is one of my favorites with many insightful views of life and great quotes to remember.

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