

Summary of Wuthering Heights

The author of this book is Emily Bronte. This is a story of revenge. Summary of Wuthering Heights focuses on a person Heathcliff, who is a mysterious gypsy-like person.

Heathcliff rises in the family who had adopted him and then he was reduced to the status of a servant there. Further, he ran away from the young woman whom he loved very much and decided to marry another. Then after he returns as rich and educated, and sets about to get his revenge on the two families that he believed ruined his life.

It sets in England during the early 19th century. Mr. Lockwood is living on rent in the estate called Thrushcross Grange. He visited twice his landlord, Mr. Heathcliff's residence at a nearby manor called Wuthering Heights. During his second visit, Lockwood meets some mysterious residents of Wuthering Heights. Lockwood asks the housekeeper Nelly, to know about Heathcliff and the Wuthering Heights. Then Nelly recalls a complicated story of two families, the Earnshaws and the Lintons.

Mr. Earnshaw was the owner of Wuthering Heights and having two children, Hindley and Catherine, and one adopted child Heathcliff. Hindley is jealous of Heathcliff whereas his father and sister both are very fond of Heathcliff. Mr. Earnshaw sends Hindley to the college, and meanwhile, Catherine and Heathcliff become close to each other. After the death of Mr. Earnshaw, and Hindley returns with his wife, as a new owner. Hindley forces Heathcliff to live like a servant. Hindley's wife dies after giving birth to a boy, Hareton.

Meanwhile, Heathcliff and Catherine grow interested in another family of Lintons, at Thrushcross Grange. The Lintons have two children, Edgar and Isabella. During his stay of five weeks with the Lintons, Catherine becomes close to Edgar. She finds Edgar's wealth and beauty more attractive, although she is still passionate about Heathcliff. Heathcliff leaves Wuthering Heights in one night.

In the absence of Heathcliff, Catherine marries Edgar Linton and moves to Thrushcross Grange. Just after one year, Heathcliff returns, as rich and dignified, but wild and ferocious too. Catherine is excited to see Heathcliff and she continues to see Heathcliff despite her husband's disapproval. Heathcliff moves into Wuthering Heights. Hindley welcomes Heathcliff into his home seeing his money, as he has become a gambler and has lost his wealth.

Soon after, it reveals that Heathcliff and Isabella are having a crush on each other. But, this developing romance leads to a conflict between Edgar and Heathcliff. Edgar is against all of these. Meanwhile, Catherine becomes ill due to her decision to not eating anything. On the other hand, Heathcliff elopes with Isabella on some night.

Edgar takes care of Catherine for two months. Catherine is pregnant. At Wuthering Heights, Heathcliff treats Isabella in a very terrible way just after the wedding. Edgar refuses to have any relationship with Isabella because he believes that Heathcliff wed Isabella only for taking Thrushcross Grange from the Lintons. Heathcliff take concerned about Catherine's health, and he goes to Thrushcross Grange while Edgar is away. Heathcliff and Catherine profess about their continuing and eternal love. That night, Catherine gives birth to a girl, Cathy, and then she dies after a few hours.

Two days later, Isabella escapes from the Wuthering Heights to leave somewhere outside London. There she gives birth to Heathcliff's son, Linton. After six months, Hindley dies. By paying all debts of Hindley, Heathcliff becomes the owner of Wuthering Heights. Heathcliff keeps Hareton in the same kind of servitude into which he was placed by Hindley before.

After twelve years, Cathy is now a beautiful young woman, and Hareton is a rough youth. After the death of Isabella, Edgar brings Linton back to Thrushcross Grange, whereas Heathcliff insists that Linton should come to live with him at Wuthering Heights. Heathcliff then purposely cultivates a friendship between Linton and Cathy. Due to his bad health, Edgar allows Cathy to meet with Linton at Thrushcross Grange.

One day, Heathcliff forces Cathy and Nelly to return with him and Linton to Wuthering Heights. There Cathy is married to Linton. Then to take care of her father Cathy escapes from Wuthering Heights. But after her father's death, she is taken back to Wuthering Heights by Heathcliff. Edgar is buried next to her wife Catherine. Soon Linton dies, and Heathcliff now owns both Wuthering Heights and Thrushcross Grange. Cathy lives forcefully with Heathcliff and Hareton at Wuthering Heights.

Now the story is back to present when Lockwood has rented Thrushcross Grange. Lockwood goes back to London. As a matter of surprise to everyone, Cathy and Hareton have fallen in love. Heathcliff sees a strong similarity in both Hareton and Cathy with his love story and hence no longer he feels the need for revenge. He dies and is buried beside the Catherine on opposite side of Edgar. At last Cathy and Hareton are free of interfering adults and thus plan to marry and move to Thrushcross Grange.

The Genealogy of Wuthering Heights

