

## WUTHERING HEIGHTS

Wuthering Heights is a book written by Emily Brontë. It is set in Yorkshire in XVIII century. It's the dramatic love story of Catherine and Heathcliff.

The story is about two children who grow up together. Catherine is Mr Earnshaw's daughter and Heathcliff is an orphan who Mr Earnshaw found in Liverpool. When Catherine and Heathcliff grow up they fall in love, but they can't get married because the boy is poor. Heathcliff escapes and Catherine marries the rich Edgar Linton. Three years later Heathcliff returns: he's still in love with Catherine, but he marries Isabella, Edgar's sister, because he wants her wealth.

This story is intriguing, but it is also difficult because there are a lot of characters with similar names. Also at the beginning it is boring, but becomes interesting after a plot twist.

We suggest this book to those who love the great classics.

## HEATHCLIFF

Heathcliff is an orphan who Mr Earnshaw found when he was at Liverpool and became the stepbrother of Hindley and Catherine. Hindley hates him, but the boy and Catherine become friends and then they fall in love. They can't get married so he escapes. When he returns, Catherine is married with Edgard so he decides to marry Isabella, Edgard's sister. Catherine and Edgar have a daughter called Cathy and Heathcliff and Isabella have a son called Linton. Heathcliff wants Cathy and Linton to get married so they do it and Heathcliff inherits Cathy's wealth.

### 1. Can you tell us about your relationship with Catherine when you were young? And how and why did it change later?

When I arrived at Wuthering Heights both me and Catherine were kids and, as you know, kids become friends easily. So when we were young we were really good friends, almost as real brothers and we used to spend a lot of time together playing and hanging around the moors. We used to have a lot of fun together until the day we decided to run away from home and we met the Lintons. Catherine was hurt by their dogs, so the Lintons told her to stay to Thrushcross Grange while they treated me as if I was a gipsy. A few weeks later she came back to the Heights and she was a totally different person, she wasn't the girl I used to know anymore. She changed in everything from her look to her personality. She now looked as a lady. I started feeling uncomfortable with her and we were not as close. Until the day I heard her talking to Nelly, the housekeeper, and saying that she couldn't marry me because I was too poor for her. Because of that I got angry and I ran away from Wuthering Heights.

### 2. Where did you go after you left Wuthering Heights and what did you do during that period?

After I left Wuthering Heights I had no idea of where I would have gone. First of all I went to a village near the Heights, I spent the night there and I decided to go to Liverpool, as it was the only city I knew a little. Once I was in Liverpool, I spent days trying to find a job and in the end I found it at the harbour. I started working at the port. When I had enough money, I decided to start a course of studies in a school. I wanted to have a good education that maybe one day would have helped me to become an important businessman. So for two long years I worked and studied at the same time. It had been hard, but I was proud of my achievements. Then one day, a man that I had met earlier, came up offering me a new job with which I would have earned a lot. I had to steal merchandises and then sell them at high prices.

I wasn't proud of that, but it made me earn more so when I had enough money I quitted and decided to go back to Wuthering Heights.

I was proud of what I achieved and I was sure that Catherine would have been proud of me, too.

### 3. Why did you decide to come back?

During the three years I was away from home, I thought a lot about my past.

Since I arrived at Wuthering Height, Hindley had been jealous of me and he was scared that I could take his place in the family. For these reasons he hated me. He treated me very badly but, luckily, Mr Earnshaw sent him to a college. When he was away, I was very happy with Catherine, but when he came back, he started treating me worse.

Remembering these facts, I decided to return home and take revenge for what he had done to me.

But this wasn't the only reason. For years I hadn't heard of Catherine and I was still in love with her. I hoped that she hadn't married Edgar, because I had become rich and I would have married her. She was the love of my life and I

couldn't imagine a life without her. I was sorry to run away without fighting for her love and I returned to talk with her and fight to stay with her. But when I came back, I had a bad surprise that increased my desire of revenge.

#### 4. Can you tell us something more about your desire of revenge? What caused it?

Well, there are several facts that caused it.

It all started in my childhood. I was an orphan and I didn't have anything and anyone until Mr Earnshaw found me and decided to take me home with him. He treated me as a son, almost as if I was his favourite. But after his death everything changed. Hindley, who had always been jealous of me, took Mr Earnshaw's place and started treating me like a servant. So when I became a man and went back to the Heights, I wanted to assume control of his house and his son. I wanted him to understand how it feels to be treated like that.

Furthermore I was extremely jealous of Edgar because he had married Catherine, and she was everything to me so I wanted to take everything that was Edgar's, from his wife to his wealth.

At that time, for me revenge was a more powerful emotion than love.

#### 5. How was your relationship with Isabella ?

To be honest, I was terrible towards her. When I understood that Catherine didn't want to leave Edgar, even though she loved me, I got very angry. So I told myself that, if I couldn't have her, at least I had to make Isabella fall in love with me. I started spending more time with her, telling her nice things, acting almost as if I was in love with her. Obviously it was all a big lie. She said she wanted to marry me, but neither Edgar nor Catherine would have let her do that. Then I persuaded her to run away with me and so we did.

You might wonder why did I do that. Well...first of all, I wanted to make Catherine jealous. Then, that was also part of my revenge. As I said earlier, I wanted to take everything that was Edgar's. Marrying Isabella meant taking away from him an important person in his life. Plus if I married her and if we had a son, after Edgar's death all of his wealth would have become of our son.

#### 6. We know that you treated your son very badly. What is the reason of that? And why did you want him and Catherine's daughter to get married?

Yes, I wasn't very polite with him. I was arrogant and I didn't care about his feelings. Now when I think about it, I am sorry for what I did, but back then I didn't feel anything but hate for him.

First of all I hated him because he looked completely like his uncle Edgar. He had the same hair, the same eyes, the same pale skin and I just couldn't stand that. Then he was the son of a woman that I didn't love and this constantly reminded me of my failure with Catherine.

Why did I want him and Catherine's daughter to get married?

Well, when I planned my revenge and married Isabella, I didn't think about the possibility of Catherine and Edgar having a kid. As they had a daughter, it was sure that the man who would have married her, would have become the new owner of all her wealth after Edgar's death. So..when my son Linton came to Wuthering Heights, little Cathy started visiting him and she also met Hareton, Hindley's son. That's when I understood that she could have also married Hareton and in that case all of my efforts would have been wasted. Obviously I didn't want that to happen, so I forced Linton to marry Cathy.

#### 7. Now that you are both dead, did you meet again? Did you finally manage to be happy together?

Yes, now we are finally together. In fact I had never stopped seeing her. After the day she died, I saw her every day. At the beginning I used to see her walking in the moors where we had fun when we were young or in the house garden, but a few weeks before I died, she was every day with me and I spoke with her, but she couldn't answer me. When I died I was very happy because now we can be together and we can talk again. We can't go to paradise and we are convicted to stay on the earth forever like ghosts. We spend our days walking around the moors and only those who know real love can see us.