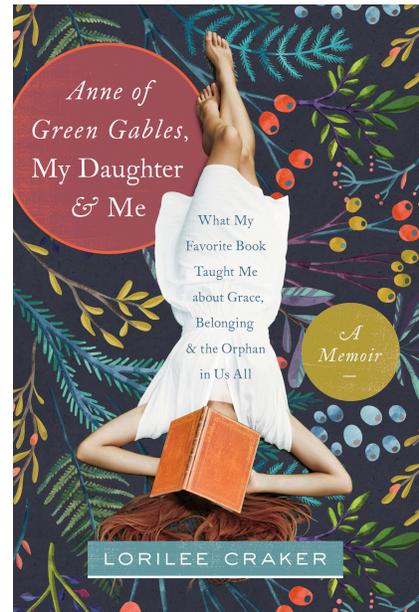


“Anne of Green Gables,” My Daughter and Me

Mother-Daughter Book Club Questions



- ❖ When Anne comes to live at Green Gables with Matthew and Marilla, she is an orphan. What do you think of when you hear the word “orphan”? What other favorite stories feature orphans as characters? (Hint: “Frozen,” “Star Wars,” “Annie”.)
- ❖ Anne is just eleven years old. How do you think she felt when she found out she was “on trial” for a home and a place to belong? How would that make you feel?
- ❖ Anne finds in Diana her “kindred spirit.” Have you ever found a kindred spirit? What would your kindred spirit be like?
- ❖ Gilbert and Anne do not get along at first. She thinks he is annoying and obnoxious. But later they become good friends and even more! Have you ever had a bad first impression of someone, and then later became good friends with them?
- ❖ One person Anne doesn’t get along with ever is Josie Pye, Avonlea School’s “mean girl.” Why do you think Josie was so mean to Anne all the time? How do you think Anne handled Josie’s bullying?
- ❖ Anne makes her share of mistakes, including the time she accidentally got Diana DRUNK on Marilla’s red currant wine! And who can forget the time she mistakenly flavored the layer cake with liniment (which is kind of like Vicks-Vapo-Rub)? The two “victims” of Anne’s mistakes responded very differently. How do you compare the way Mrs. Barry responded to Anne’s mistake to the way Mrs. Allen (the minister’s wife) reacted after Anne almost poisoned her?
- ❖ Anne is very sensitive about her red hair and freckles. Most of us have physical features we don’t love. Maybe we feel skinny or fat, or wish we had blonde hair or green eyes. What can Anne teach us about learning to like our bodies and our features?
- ❖ Anne becomes very close to Matthew almost immediately. Even though he is a sixty-year-old bachelor farmer, he becomes a father to Anne in many ways. How is Matthew Anne’s “real” dad even though they are not related by blood? How is Marilla her real mom?
- ❖ Who is your favorite character in Anne of Green Gables, and why?
- ❖ If you could “book travel” and visit the characters in the book for ten minutes, which of the following would you do:
 - Drink raspberry cordial with Anne and Diana
 - Travel in Matthew’s buggy with him through the “White Way of Delight” and by the “Lake of Shining Waters”
 - Smash the slate over Gilbert Blythe’s head

