

ENGLISH PRACTICE 67

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PART C: READING

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Montgomery wrote the *Anne* books while living in Cavendish and helping her grandmother at the post office. The first of the books, *Anne of Green Gables*, was published in 1908, and in the next three years she wrote two sequels. Like Montgomery, the heroine of the book is taken in by an **elderly** couple who lives in the fictional town of Avonlea, and Montgomery incorporated many events from her life in Cavendish into the *Anne* books.

In 1911, Montgomery married Evan Macdonald and the couple soon moved to Ontario, where she wrote many other books. However, it was her first efforts that secured her **prominence**, and the *Anne* books are still read all around the world. Her novels have helped create a warm picture of Prince Edward Island's special **character**. Several movies, a television series, and a musical play have been based on her tales, and today visitors scour the Island for locations described in the book.

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