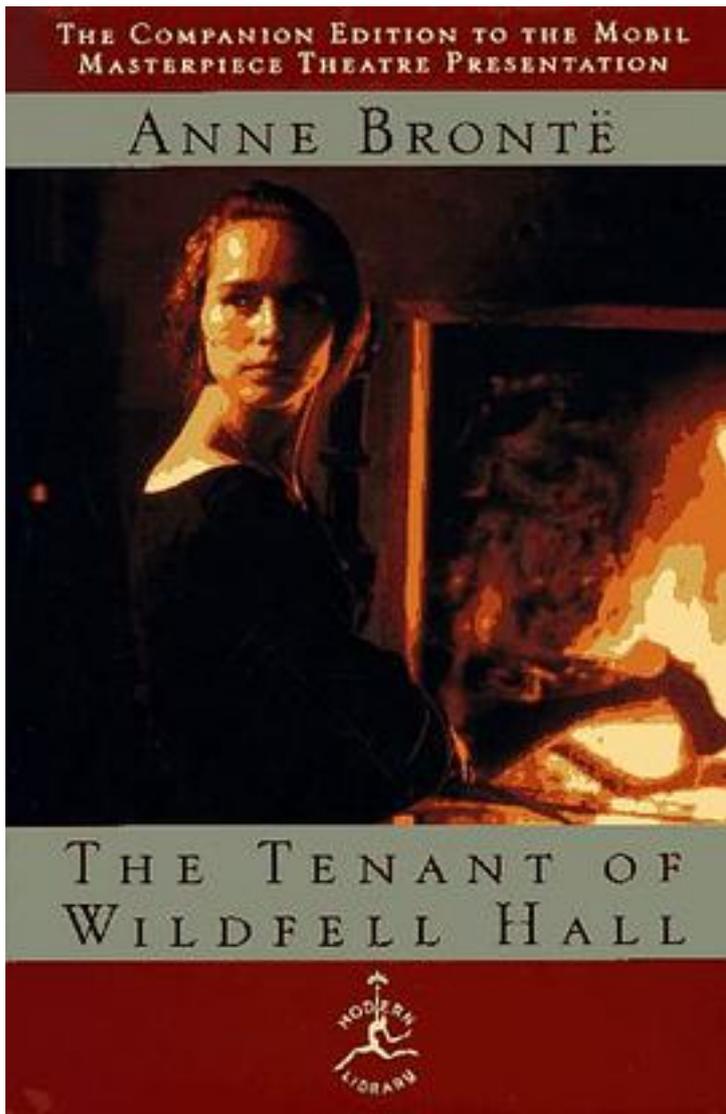


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Over a short period in the 1840s, the three Brontë sisters working in a remote English parsonage produced some of the best-loved and most-enduring of all novels: Charlotte's *Jane Eyre*, Emily's *Wuthering Heights*, and Anne's *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, a book that created a scandal when it was published in 1848 under the pseudonym Acton Bell.

Compelling in its imaginative power and bold naturalism, the novel opens in the autumn of 1827, when a mysterious woman who calls herself Helen Graham seeks refuge at the desolate moorland mansion of Wildfell Hall. Brontë's enigmatic heroine becomes the object of gossip and jealousy as neighbors learn she is escaping from an abusive marriage and living under an assumed name. A daring story that exposed the dark brutality of Victorian chauvinism, *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* was nevertheless attacked by some critics as a celebration of the same excesses it criticized.

"Every reader who has felt the power of *Jane Eyre* and *Wuthering Heights* comes, sooner or later, to *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*," observed Brontë scholar Margaret Lane. "Anne Brontë, with all the Brontë taste for violence and drama, and with her experience of the same rude scenes and savage Yorkshire tales that had fed the imaginations of her sisters, did not shrink. She used the material at hand, and shaped it with singular honesty and seri-

ousness....Anne is a true Brontë."

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"*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* was conceived in the same atmosphere as *Jane Eyre* and

Wuthering Heights. Wildfell Hall has power and imagination, and is so close to one of the tragedies in the sisters' own lives, that no perceptive reader can be indifferent to it."

--Margaret Lane

"I wished to tell the truth, for truth always conveys its own moral to those who are able to receive it."

--Anne Bronte

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Like the style, but I could hardly endure the story, again, of unfortunate marriage - I've had enough of marriage of late.

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