

Film Title and Release Date: *Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars* (2017)

Length of Film in Minutes: 89 minutes

Film Genre: Drama/Family

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Anne of Green Gables is a fictional film adapted from Lucy Maud Montgomery's beloved novel. This film takes place at the end of the 1800s in Prince Edward Island, Canada. The story follows a twelve-year-old orphan named Anne Shirley, who is mistakenly adopted by brother and sister Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert early on in the film. The siblings were originally interested in adopting a young boy who could help them around their farm, Green Gables. However, when Matthew goes to the train station to pick up their newly adopted boy, he realizes it is a girl waiting for them instead. After many considerations, the Cuthberts decide to keep Anne and raise her as one of their own. Anne Shirley Cuthbert is incredibly talkative, creative, and excited about the new world around her. She is known for her wild, romantic imagination and bright red hair, which she despises. During her time settling in Prince Edward Island, Anne and her new friends go through many adventures. When Anne begins school, she becomes "bosom friends" with Diana Barry and catches the eye of Gilbert Blythe, much to her female classmates' dismay. Throughout the film, the audience watches Anne face the challenges of growing up head-on. At the end of the film, Anne has successfully made Prince Edward Island her home and the Cuthberts, her family.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by a title search, subject search, casual browsing)?

I found this film on Kanopy while casually browsing through the many films it offers.

Did the plot (for a fictional movie) keep you interested?

The plot for this fictional movie was very interesting and kept me absorbed in what would happen next because Anne Shirley Cuthbert went through many different adventures. The plot kept me engrossed in the character development of Anne and how she builds strong relationships with Matthew, Marilla, Diana, and Gilbert.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of this film was just right and successfully told the story of how Anne came to be adopted and how she settled into her new home with her new family and made friends.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

I believe this film is great for grades six and up because it shows common childhood obstacles and provides great lessons for kids of all ages.

5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!

I believe this film deserves 5 stars because it tells the heartfelt story of an orphan girl who learns to love herself and her new home. This film does a great job of exploring the obstacles many children face during their childhood. One example of this is when Anne apologized to Miss Rachel Lynde despite her incredibly insulting remarks about her appearance. Although Anne retorted insults back to Rachel, she asks for forgiveness, a lesson that proves to be effective. Overall, I would recommend this movie to people of all ages because it is a great story with a strong female character, and brings the classic novel's plot to life.