

Charlotte Brontë

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Early Life

- Born April 21st, 1816
- 3rd out of 6 children
- 1 brother, 4 sisters
- Mother passed on September 15th, 1821

Schooling

- Clergy Daughters' School
 - Poor conditions caused death of the two elder sisters
 - Basis for Lowood
- Charlotte continued education at Roe Head and returned as a teacher
- Went to boarding school in Brussels but left



Governess Experience

- Sidgewick Family, 1839
- White Family, 1841

Books

- Poetry book with sisters
- First manuscript "*The Professor*" did not get published
- Finished Jane Eyre in August 1847
- Became very popular
- Wrote "Shirley"

London & Publishers

- 1848, Charlotte and Ann visited their publishers in London
 - Revealed true identities
- Death of Emily, Ann and Branwell
- 1849, Charlotte began to move in literary circles

Marriage

- Proposed to in 1852 by Rev. B. Nicholls
 - Father objected strongly
 - Charlotte also objected
- Rev. Bronte weakened and agreed in 1854
- It was clear that Charlotte did not love him

Death

- Caught pneumonia
- Died in 1854
- Most likely dehydration

Impact on society

- Modern woman
- Realized and pointed out oppression
- Independent spirit

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