

Alice in Wonderland Book Summary

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It's been speculated that the name Alice is derivative from Alice Liddel, the name mentioned at the end of "Chasing the Mirror". Lewis Carroll died in Guilford, 1898.

Lewis Carroll received his education at the University of Oxford, where he remained as a Math professor from 1855.-1881, becoming an Anglican priest at that time as well. Only four years later he begins telling the stories to the University dean's daughter. Later, he got those storied published under the name "The Alice's Adventures in Wonderland". The novel was a huge success, followed by the equally successful "Chasing the Mirror".

Lewis Carroll, alias Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was born in Daresbury, 27th of January, 1832. Besides being a well-known author, he was recognized as an excellent photographer, logician and mathematician as well. His story about Alice and her amazing adventures in Wonderland remained a classic for many generations. He wrote a story "Chasing the Mirror", and some other mathematician works as well.

Lewis Carroll Biography



The Hatter



The Mock Turtle and Gryphon



The Caterpillar



The Cheshire Cat



She has her paper King by her side, and an army of paper soldiers as well. Her only role is giving orders on arresting or beheading people, and providing suitable work assignments for newcomers. She changes her hats daily and appears to be fierce and brave.

The notorious Queen of Wonderland who is the main subject of all the conversations and hard to reach, at the end is completely irrelevant. She is a plain paper queen from the playing card who pretends to be someone of the greater value.

The Queen



The main subject of White Rabbit's loyalty and admiration. Alice got the impression of her being an ad person because the Dutchess keep throwing things around and yelled when they first met.

Dutchess seeks a private audience with the Queen, who isn't receiving her until she brings Alice with her. Also, fond of bossing others around by giving them some tasks, known for her bad temper and impatience.

The Dutchess



He remains loyal to the Dutchess, seeking her attention at all time. The White Rabbit was in charge of reading the verdict of Bill the Hatter, and he keeps putting the extra work on others whenever he has a chance. He thinks of himself as the busiest person, and he is responsible for saving the Alice from getting arrested.

A character who appears in Alice's dream, dressed in a tailcoat with had and a watch. Always in a hurry and overwhelmed with a lot of work, he isn't approving the waste of time, at least that is what he is saying. Alice followed him into the rabbit hole.

The White Rabbit



Alice



Characters Analysis



Sister

The character of Alice's sister helps us entering and leaving the world of fantasy together with Alice, and her thoughts are also a valid source for knowing Alice better.

She is fully capable for distinction right from wrong, and her innocent and pure heart communicates in perfect harmony with the world around her, regardless if that is a real world or the Wonderland.

Dream alone isn't helpful enough for understanding Alice, but we find a lot about her from her sister's thoughts at the end of the novel. Alice loves her surrounding, has a sense of making stories and she is curious, lovable and empathic as well.

The main character in this novel, a real girl who had a dream that helped readers enter the magical world of Wonderland. Alice is a kind-hearted girl with a powerful imagination, leading us through her adventurous inner world filled both with laughter and tears.

A lot of movies and theatrical adaptations are made using this book as an inspiration, where Wonderland is a place of dreams becoming reality, and fantasy is present in every day. The author made everything possible after Alice fell down the rabbit hole, taking her readers with her in making the impossible real. This

novel triggers the children's imagination, and the author of the two-dimensional world conjured up the transition from reality to unreality, while leaving readers interested, excited and impatient.

The story begins in the real world at the river shore, where Alice's sister reads a book while Alice is bored and sleepy. Besides the beginning, the ending is realistic as well, because the Alice's sister wakes her from her sleep. Alice is the only real character, alongside with the White Rabbit, while her sister encounters a role of the person who is only assisting in entering and leaving the fantasy world.

This fall can be used as a metaphor for falling into sleep, not just as a representation of a physical fall in another world. We are uncertain of the true meaning of the fall, and that is one of the main fantasy features in this novel. The author is playing with the world of illusions, giving the characters both good and bad features, describing his environment in a manner of caricature.

The plot is unrealistic, but the writer managed to create a convincing world of imagination, suitable for children, giving them an example of imagination.

Fantastic elements are consisted out of unusual characters, as personified playing cards or the rabbit wearing a tail-coat and a wrist watch. Besides the characters, the rabbit hole in which Alice fell is also an unusual element. The fall itself is described as especially strange and astonishing, because Alice is falling down very slowly, unaware of the passing time or distance, and she was even able to sleep for a while.

By genre, this novel is an example of children fantasy novel, filled with fantastic elements and following the rules of the fantasy genre through the whole book.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" (often called only "Alice in Wonderland") is a children fantasy book, written in 1865. The plot has circuit structure, beginning with Alice's dream, and ending by her waking up, so we can observe all of her adventures in Wonderland as a dream.

Information About the Book

Theme: Alice is dreaming about fortunate and unfortunate events in the imagined world of Wonderland.

Place: By the river, rabbit hole, Wonderland

Time: Unspecified summer afternoon

Genre:Fantasy

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