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Anne Shirley, an eleven-year-old orphan is sent to an old farm, Green Gables, mistaking when the owner, Marilla Cuthbert and his brother Matthew want to adopt a boy. However, Anne's wonderful imagination and an earnest heart of wanting a real home make her wish come true, including winning the love from the Cuthberts, and making them proud of her, an unwanted orphan.

Anne Shirley is the character I like most. She was the girl with many great imaginations, just like the other girls,

she always cares about her look, thinking to be a beautiful girl when she grows up all the time. She was an unwanted orphan in the past. However, she wasn't ashamed of herself. She treasured everything that she had, including a real home. Happiness was the thing that she had the most since she had lived in Green Gables. She was such talkative and remarkable that could attract everyone's attention. Besides, she was easily satisfied, even a picnic could make very delighted. I like her most because of her attitude towards her family and her friends. Maybe she had faced the loss of family members; she loved them more than anybody else did. I agree that friends and family members are the mirrors of mine, how I treat them, they will treat me the way. That's why Anne could win the love from Cuthberts, and made an intimate friend, Diana. Anne was the girl that gave you joy all the time when you read this book.

A story of an unwanted orphan, I expected that there will be another story of "Chinese Cinderella". However, this story is totally different. It can let me feel warm and joyful all the time. I love the storyline very much. I can exactly see a girl, an unwanted orphan to show her real personality to the people around. I like the author to write so much about she imagined in the story. That was a bit annoying, but it made me smile. Although she was not a real girl, her age is similar to mine. I always think of the reason for causing her to have such imagination. Therefore, I admire the author for writing such a good storyline. All of the scenes make me smile a lot. In the end, I felt a bit sad about the death of Matthew, but for him, maybe he didn't have so much regret, especially when Anne had won a big prize. On the other hand, this may be a good ending because it can show how much Anne loved Marilla, and it was grateful to see Gilbert and Anne become friends in the end.

'Do you treasure the love from your family?' This is the question that I asked myself after reading this book. Sometimes I blame my family members for my own mistakes. Maybe if I have faced the loss of friends and my family, I can really have the same feeling with Anne. Anne was just a great model. She had also proved that ugly girl can also be remarkable. An unwanted orphan can also make her family proud of her, only if she had worked very hard. Anne made everybody not to look down on her. It was the spirit that she had brought out from the story. Moreover, I admire her personality, being happy and sharing the happiness all the time. Unlike Adeline, the unwanted daughter in 'Chinese Cinderella', she was always

delighted. Not only because she had a real home, but also she had a great no. of

imaginations that could satisfy herself. You can decide the way that you live, so it will be wonderful to keep an innocent heart and smile all the time. After reading this book, I think that the world becomes more wonderful if I have used my heart to observe everything, just like Anne Shirley, the loving girl who would love her family members and friends forever.