ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

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If you’re a girl who likes reading books you’ll of heard of Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery? It has sold millions of copies and has been translated into 17 languages. In Japanese, the title is ‘Akage no Anne,’ and has inspired both a musical and a ballet on stage and screen.

Spelling her name correctly is an important thing to do for Anne. In the book she says, ‘If you call me Anne, please call me Anne spelled with an ‘e’ which is much more distinguished than Ann spelled without the ‘e’.

Anne isn’t like anybody else, she is a special girl with an enormous imagination. This orphan girl, this skinny girl with fiery red hair and a temper to match, dreams of the day when she can call herself Anne of Green Gables.

A lot of people around the world have loved Anne. When I read the book in my childhood, I dreamed, one day, of visiting a lovely village such as Annes.

So, last year, my best friend and I traveled to Prince Edward island in Canada, a magical place of rolling green fields, azure-blue seas and red sandy beaches. Although it was all created from the mind of L.M. Montgomery, it does exist here in a very real way.

I’m going next to Tahiti to find out all about the French artist Gauguin.