



The Blue Castle: a novel

by L. M. Montgomery · Best for B1–B2 (Intermediate–Upper intermediate)

Read-along audiobook · B1–B2

Valancy Stirling is a twenty-nine-year-old woman who has never disobeyed her family, until a doctor's letter changes everything. Montgomery's prose is warm and precise, and the Canadian woodland setting gives the story a fresh, sensory quality. The sentences are clear enough for an intermediate learner but rich enough to reward close reading, and Valancy herself is one of the most vivid voices in early twentieth-century popular fiction.

What you'll practise

- Free indirect thought: following Valancy's inner reactions without speech marks
- Descriptive vocabulary for nature: birch, lake, mist, wildflowers in bloom
- Contrast between formal family dialogue and Valancy's increasingly frank speech
- Read along as each sentence is highlighted to catch Montgomery's precise word choices

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