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# The Birth of Jane Eyre



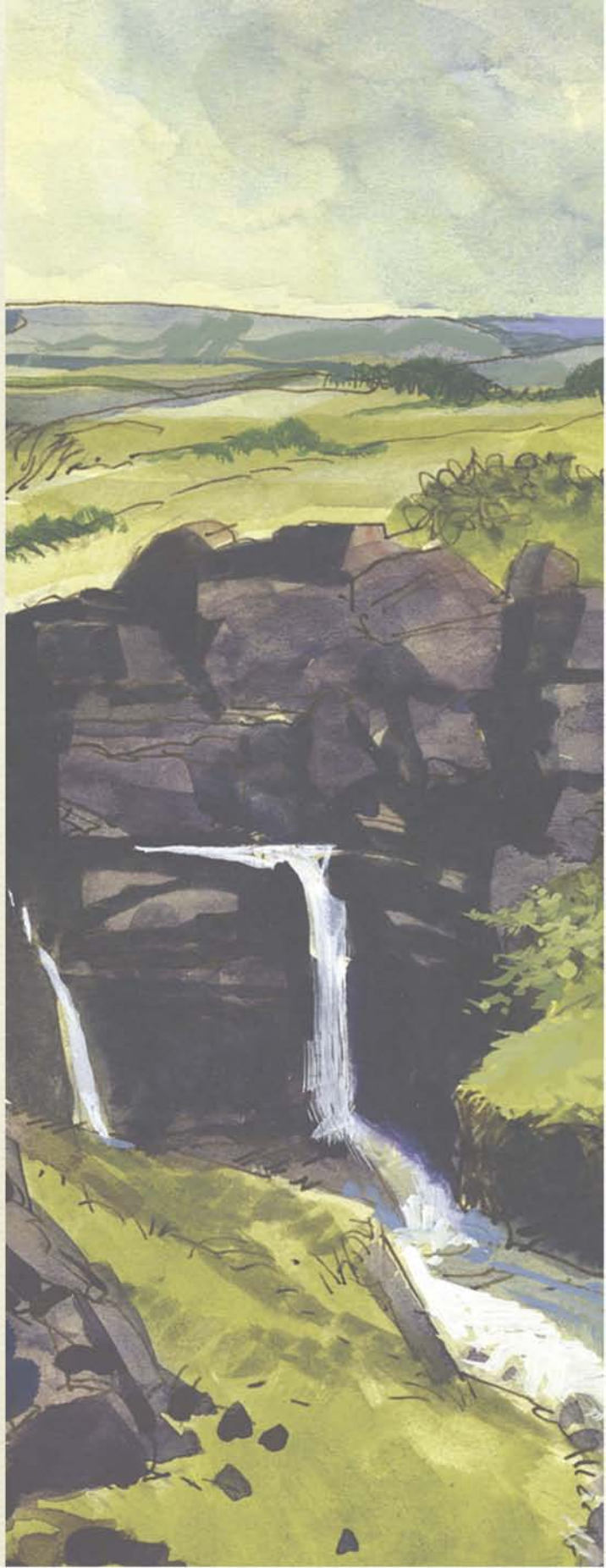
Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* was a huge success when it first appeared in 1847. It was a year of great achievement for the Brontë sisters of Haworth: the publication of Anne Brontë's *Agnes Grey*, and Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* also taking place that same year.

That success, however, was set against a family history full of loss and sadness.

Despite the many advances made in medical science during the nineteenth century, potentially fatal diseases were still extremely common. Charlotte had to cope with her mother's death when she was only five years old; and then, four years later, two of her sisters were lost to tuberculosis.

Young Charlotte was fortunate enough to have a caring father and aunt to look after her – but what about an infant who had lost both parents?

It was usual for orphaned children to be looked after by relatives; and while the kindness of that act cannot be denied, the emotional impact of the loss of parents on the child, coupled with the stresses felt by the family looking after an extra person in the household, could provide the background to an unhappy childhood – especially for a poor, plain little girl, thrust into the home of her spiteful cousins and an uncaring aunt.



~ PROLOGUE ~

NORTHERN ENGLAND IN THE  
EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY.

WITH MY SISTER  
AND HER HUSBAND  
DEAD, WE MUST LOOK  
AFTER THEIR CHILD.



ONE YEAR  
LATER...

DEAR WIFE,  
PLEASE PROMISE YOU  
WILL RAISE JANE EYRE  
AS ONE OF OUR OWN  
CHILDREN.



I WILL, HUSBAND.











