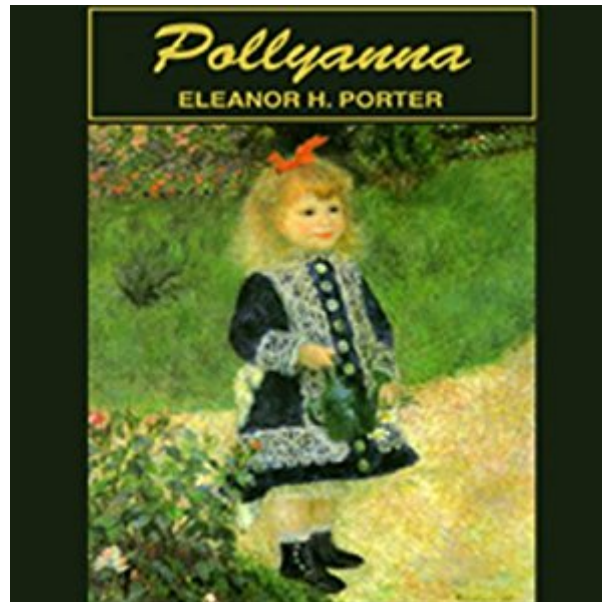




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Pollyanna



Synopsis

Perhaps Porter's most famous work, *Pollyanna* was published in 1913 and received immediate praise and success. The orphaned Pollyanna arrives in Beldingsville to live with her harsh and dutiful maiden aunt. All soon feel her effect as she enlivens everyone with her cheerful and infectious optimism. The sad, the lonely, the sick, and the obnoxious all become enamoured of this girl's enthusiasm and zeal. However, dark times are to come as Pollyanna is hit by an event that she cannot deal with. Her famous 'gladness' seems lost and she must find a way to regain her past happiness. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I loved the movie as a child, and found the book to be beautifully written. Porter's novel is much richer than the movie with its depth of character and its message. The book challenges us to step outside of our preconceived boxes and treat all with respect. I read it on the plane to the east coast and found myself smiling and shedding tears of both joy and sadness. Well worth reading.

After reading this book for myself, I have to bite back correcting people who say "She's such a Pollyanna" when they mean that a person is in deep denial about the negatives of a situation. Porter's *Pollyanna* is well aware of the negative side of things. When she can, she makes an active choice to look for the good. Even she is sometimes confronted with something too horrible to "gladify." With that out of the way, this book is snort-through-your-nose funny, and so very charming. The many characters Pollyanna meets throughout her small town are appealingly drawn - even the

cranky ones - and Pollyanna's effect on everyone is magical. Whenever I give it a read, I find myself playing The Glad Game in my own life. For a cynical woman like me, that's quite the shift! It would make a perfect read-aloud with your kids except for the unfortunately frequent use of "she ejaculated" to mean "she cried" or "she exclaimed." It would be easy enough to pick another word to read in that one's place.

I had never read the Pollyanna stories before. I had seen the Disney adaptation, but not read the books. I didn't even know that there was a second book. I'm no youngster, but I thoroughly enjoyed these books. The original, of course, was the best; but the sequel was very good, too. I'm "glad" that they didn't try to bring Pollyanna's "game" too much into the story. She's 20 years old when this book takes place. I loved the characters and the "mystery" of Jamie's identity. I enjoyed the original Pollyanna. It had some events like the Disney movie, but it went deeper into personalities, etc. This sequel was well written, and even had some romance. I enjoyed this book thoroughly.

I loved the Disney film with Hayley Mills based on this book. I recently saw the Masterpiece Theatre adaptation where Pollyanna's story is moved to England. Finally, I decided to read the book. This edition is a bit odd in that the copyright date is given as 2009. Pollyanna was originally published in 1913. I wish there had been a foreword about the book with information about the author. This edition is just the book with nothing added or taken away. The cover drawing is not credited. If I'd done it, I'd not want anyone to know. It's frankly hideous and makes Pollyanna look like a goblin. All that aside, for a children's book that was written over a century ago, I adored the story of Pollyanna. It held my interest, was well-written, and had excellent character development. Pollyanna and her "glad game" change everyone who is fortunate enough to know her. When tragedy strikes, all the people whose lives she's brightened, come to Miss Polly to let her know how much Pollyanna means to them and how her enthusiasm and gratitude expressed in the "glad game" have changed their lives. There is a happy ending for everyone. It's too bad that the word "Pollyanna" has come to mean a foolish optimist. The world needs more Pollyannas. I highly recommend this book.

I read this book to my 11 yr old daughter. We both enjoyed it. My daughter is a sweet, sunny child who likes making friends and I wanted to read a book to her about a girl, Pollyanna, who has similar characteristics. Pollyanna, an orphan girl, affects positive changes in the inhabitants of her new town by being friendly and teaching them to "play the happy game" that her minister father taught her. It's a good book for Christians to read.. I'm sure others could pick this book apart, but it is a free

book and you can always discuss with your child how things can be done differently if you don't agree with the events of the story.

I don't ever remember reading this story, but I hear remarks of folks referring to other people as "a Pollyanna".. and I still don't quite understand what they mean. Pollyanna was taught to make a game of finding things to be glad about in a bad situation. She inspired a whole town with her game. Will she convince her Aunt Polly, though? I do think it's what our wounded warriors do without knowing Pollyanna. They make the best of what they have left, God Bless them all. Playing the game with Pollyanna: Today the first snow fall came way early: But we can be glad we had a nice summer! When the snow broke off half of the lilac bush, well we still have half of it, and will wait and see what it does next summer, since it didn't bloom this past summer. Maybe I'll get the hang of it yet. "Be thankful in all things" is Biblical too.

I do love the classics! This sequel to the original Pollyanna was actually better the first book, which is really saying something. Most people probably hear the phrase "being a Pollyanna" and have no idea where it comes from. The phrase comes from this beloved book character, a perpetual optimist who has so much reason to be a pessimist. In this book, her uncle has died and left the family in dire financial straits. Pollyanna tries so hard to use her unfailing optimism and bring her aunt back to happiness, but that is a tall order. In the story are old friends, like Jimmy Bean, and new friends. What made the book so wonderful, though, was seeing Pollyanna struggling with her first love. I love these books and am sad there are only these two. True, they are a bit sappy, but in a world that loves to criticize, it's a nice reality break.

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