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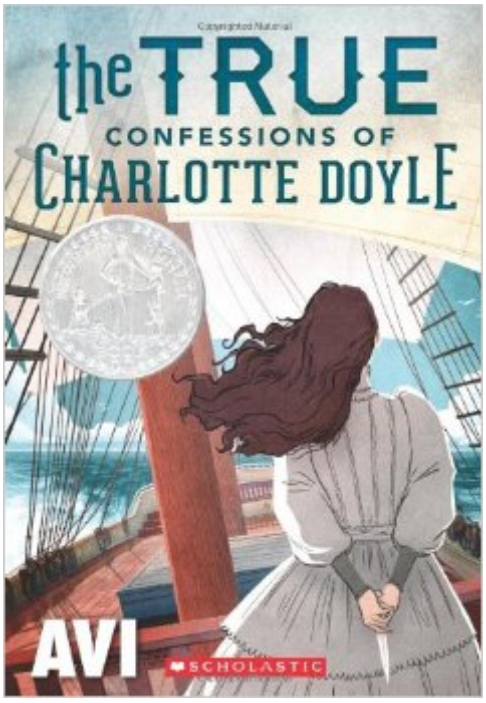
# The True Confessions Of Charlotte Doyle

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## Synopsis

Avi’s treasured Newbery Honor Book now in expanded After Words edition!Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832.But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. Worse yet, soon after stepping aboard the ship, she becomes enmeshed in a conflict between them! What begins as an eagerly anticipated ocean crossing turns into a harrowing journey, where Charlotte gains a villainous enemy . . . and is put on trial for murder!After Words material includes author Q & A, journal writing tips, and other activities that bring Charlotte’s world to life!

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If you are a fan of this novel, it is well known that you have a huge capacity of inner feeling(similar to that of Charlotte). I am twelve and I am a person of such nature. If you hated this book, it is likely that you are a modern, go-along with the crowd type of person that cherishes technology more than anything else. People such as I and fans of this extravagent novel understand Charlotte Doyle and quite honor books like this. In fifth grade, my teacher read this story aloud to the classroom. I believed almost every soul present was hooked on it, but it turns out that I was wrong. For,once when the story ended the magic was gone. I was the only one who ever spoke of it. I was craving for a sequal(most sequels never are as brilliant and popular as the origanionals and classics), and at the same time craving the origanal to be my own. So I rented it from the library and read it twice

again. The same magic entered my mindand absorbed my heart each time. I couldn't get enough of The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. Then the next time I had a chance to buy a book, without a second thought I hurridly hunted Charlotte down, grabbed her gently(while staring into Charlotte's beautiful eyes!), and stode toward the cash register. I read it all again that evening, same magic appeared once more. And just a couple of weeks ago when I started 7th grade, I read Charlotte Doyle once more. I have read it a total of 5 times in 2.5 years(that two and a half!). Some of you say that it is boring. That may be true, but I believe you are referring to the beginning of the novel. Patience is a virtue. The information is vital later on in the novel. If you read the whole novel through and found naught a single interesting point, no climax or anything at all, THEN I can't explain.

I am 15 now and I still cannot get this novel out of my head, which I read many years ago as a pre-teen. So browsing around I decide to share my views on it The book beginnings with Charlotte Doyle, a 13 year old girl, rich upbringing, obviously what people must have saw in 1832 as a"fragile", "breakable", "untouchable" image. Alone, boarding a ship bound for America to return to her parents, slowly Charlotte begans to become involved--more than she wants to--with the crew and captain of the ship. This proves to be a dangerous situation for the crew begans to reveal their undeniable loathing for the captain and vice versa. Charlotte, over the coarse of the novel finding in herself a rebel and a much stronger individual than she knew, holds a close bond to the cook of the ship, an old, black man which I found somewhat of a bibilcal take on a character, Zachariah. As time passes she seems torn in deciding who on the ship to side with--the captain, a respectable man to her father, or the crew in which she is left alone with aboard the ship. This book is very much complex I found for a chidren's story: twists taking place and at last in a uproar of confusing and guilt from these twists, Charlotte ends up leaving behind her prior status and joins the crew, working as one of them. The twists and ventures Charlotte experiences do not stop there. Murders, secrets revealed, adventure on the high sea, everything. This book as some say, may start of slow, but by the end it's very engrossing, leaving you statified, but yet not wanting it to stop!Truly this is a tale of strength and what better way to show through, like I mentioned, a young girl in that age. I didn't not find this novel disturbing because it is unbelieveable, as I heard.

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