

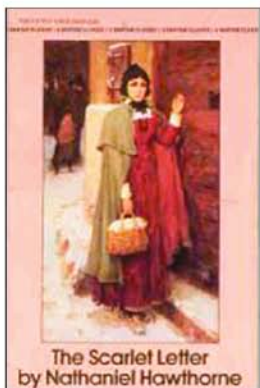
THE READING ZONE

STUDENT BOOK REVIEW

The Scarlet Letter

By Nathaniel Hawthorne
Published by Bantam Books

A broken heart; what is it worth? Is it worth a plethora of desires that bring only malevolence? Is it worth being isolated and shunned, being marked for all your life, and living in aloneness? Is it worth a scarlet letter, a portrayal of your sin, of your mistake, a letter that will blaze upon your chest for the rest of your days?



In *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, Hester Prynne is alone. She committed a sin in the Puritan community where she lived that had been rendered unforgivable. Marked with the scarlet letter "A", she and her child were forced to live alone. Hester bore the weight of her trespassing desolately, though another was equally guilty.

Amidst the turmoil of Hester's life, a plot developed. The old physician, Roger Chillingworth, was seeking vengeance on a man that stole his dreams. While on his quest to find

that man, Dr. Chillingworth met a young clergyman named Arthur Dimmesdale, a troubled soul with a terrible secret that was devouring him ...

An amazing adventure of perseverance, *The Scarlet Letter* is a tale of two individuals whose hearts were broken, but together, were healed again. So, what is a broken heart worth?

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What is your favorite book?:

Gone With the Wind
by Margaret Mitchell.

What is your favorite place to read?:

Outside under,
or in a tree.

What Turned You On To Reading?:

I loved the sense that I could travel all over the world and all through time without moving from the present.

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