

Character Profile – Eily

Eily is one of the main characters in our novel 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' by Marita Conlon-McKenna. Eily is a twelve year old girl on a desperate search to find her grandaunts Nano and Lena in Castletaggart. She is accompanied by her nine year old brother Michael and her six year old sister Peggy.

Strong:

Eily is a strong character because when Mother left to go to find Father, Tom Daly told them they had to go to the workhouse. She didn't cry or show any worry for Peggy and Michael's sake.

Emotional:

Eily is an emotional character because when Eily, Michael and Peggy were on the cliff edge in Ballycarbery, she had to look away because she felt homesick and she missed her Mother and Father.

Supportive:

Eily is a supportive character because when Bridget died she supported Mother and Peggy by telling them to think of nice memories with cute baby Bridget.

Clever:

Eily is a clever character because when some boys slashed open sacks of meal in Ballycarbery Eily told Michael and Peggy to fill their pockets and run. Also at the soup-kitchen Eily pretended that a woman in the crowd was her mother, so that they wouldn't be taken to the workhouse.

Wise:

Eily is a wise character because she knows what to do in a bad situation. Also she knows how much food to eat so there will still be enough left.

Reliable:

Eily is a reliable character because when Mother goes to town and when she goes to find Father Mother trusted Eily to leave her in charge.

Eily is my favourite character in this book. Eily is a great leader in the group. She sets a great example for her younger brother Michael and her younger sister Peggy. Eily makes good decisions to keep them safe on their long journey to Castletaggart. She is keeping to the name mother called her 'The Little Mother!'

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