

Mary Rose

Originally written by J.M. Barrie

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SUMMARY

Mary Rose is written by playwright J.M. Barrie, who is better known as the creator of *Peter Pan*. In *Mary Rose*, Barrie once again explores the concept of eternal youth. In this cryptic tale, however, youth and innocence become captors of sorts; withholding the title character from the people she loves. As a child, Mary Rose and her parents visit a Celtic island rumored to have mystical powers. While there, Mary Rose inexplicably disappears. Despite an exhaustive search, there is no trace of young Mary Rose. When she suddenly reappears twenty days later, Mary Rose is unaware that more than a few moments have passed. Inevitably, Mary Rose returns to that same island as an adult, this time as a newlywed and mother. When once again she is claimed by the island's powers, her disappearance lasts for a full twenty years. Once returned, Mary Rose is not a day older than when she vanished. Her family, however, has long given up hope of her return and must grapple with her unexpected return to their lives.

CHARACTERS

The Guide – A narrator of sorts

Island Fay – Spirits in cahoots with The Guide

Mrs. Agatha Otery – House Caretaker, an older, severe widow.

Mrs. Maggie Ormond – House caretaker, Mrs. Ottery's slightly younger widowed sister.

Harry Blake – A young soldier later discovered to be Mary Rose and Simon's son.

Fanny Morland – Mary Rose's Mother

James Morland – Mary Rose's Father

George Amy – The town parson and a family friend of the Morlands

Mrs. Amy – The Parson's wife

Charles "Charlie" Amy – The Amy's son

Mary Rose – A daughter and later, wife and mother

Simon Blake – Mary Rose's suitor and later husband

Cameron – Highlander

TIMELINE

1898 – Mary Rose is 18, Simon is 23, Mr. Morland is 50, Mrs. Morland is 49, Mr. Amy is 47, Charles is 10

1900 – Harry is born. Mary Rose disappears. Cameron is 22.

1920 – Mary Rose returns. Mr. Morland is 72, Mrs. Morland is 71. Simon is 45.

Mr. Amy is 69. Charles is 22. Cameron is 42.

1945 – Harry returns to the house. He is now 45.