

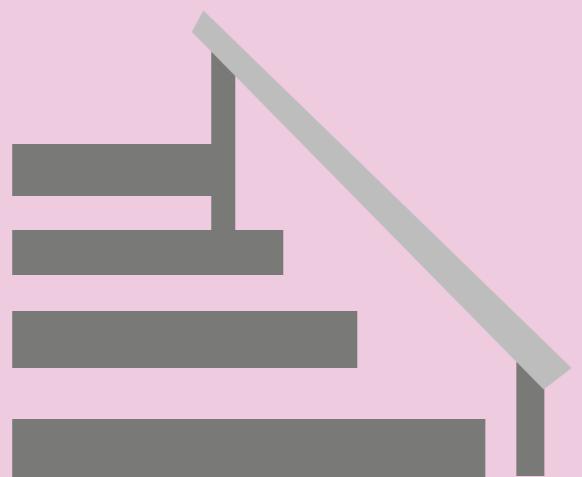


Sidone-Gabrielle Colette was a French novelist, actress, and journalist born in January 1873. At age 20, she was married to the well-known author Willy. At his convincing, she began writing. Colette wrote four novels featuring the character of Claudine, but they were all published under her husband's name. The novels were an immense success, and after Colette and Willy's divorce she went on to write many other now famous novels such as *The Vagabond*, *Chéri*, and *Gigi*. In 1944 she was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. Colette passed in 1954 in Paris at the age of 81.



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"I have known for a long time that I have an unreasonable heart, but, to know it, it does not stop me at all."



Colette

Claudine at School



Colette

Claudine

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Claudine is starting another school year, and with it means another year of pranks and mischief. However, her plans are interrupted by the strict, new headmistress Mademoiselle Sergent and her pretty assistant Mademoiselle Aimee. Mlle Sergent and Claudine butt heads, while Mlle Aimee becomes the only person Claudine lets her guard down to. With the help of her friends the lanky Anais, the cheerful Mare, and the prim Joubert twins, Claudine wreaks havoc on her small school. Whether it is classes, exams or balls, Claudine finds a way to stir up trouble, all while fighting the headmistress for the attention of Mademoiselle Aimee.

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