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Evans, Henrietta Matilda Jane

(1827 - 1886)

Born	18270807, Peckham Park Surrey United Kingdom
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Occupation	Novelist, Teacher, Writer

Summary

Matilda Evans arrived in Adelaide with her family in 1851. Her first novel, *Marian, or the Light of Someone's Home* was completed in 1861 while Evans was working as a governess near Mt Barker. After the death of her husband, Ephraim Evans, she opened a school at Angaston and resumed writing novels. Her works, which always had religious and temperance themes, included *Vermont Vale: or Home Pictures in Australia* (1866), *Emily's Choice: An Australian Tale* (1867), *Minnie's Mission: an Australian Temperance Tale* (1869) and *Golden Gifts* (1869). Evans opened Angaston House in North Adelaide in 1868. A collected edition of her fourteen novels was republished several times.

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