

The Miseducation of Evie Epworth by Matson Taylor

It is 1962 and 16 year old Yorkshire lass, Evie Epworth, has just finished her O Levels. Now she must decide what she wants to be and where she wants to go with her life.

Evie plans to do her A Levels, but the women around her think it's pointless getting an education. She dreams of being a glamorous and independent woman, but her soon to be stepmother, Christine, gets her a job at the local hairdressing salon.

Evie dreams of an independent life lived under the bright lights of London or Leeds. But, before she can decide on a career, she must first deal with Christine.

Fortunately, Evie is not alone. With the wise counsel of elderly neighbour, Mrs Scott-Pym and her magic recipe book, and Evie's two trusty posters of Adam Faith on her bedroom wall ('brooding Adam' and 'sophisticated Adam'), the determined teen comes up with a plan to rescue Arthur from Christine's clutches, and save their beloved farmhouse.

And when Mrs Scott-Pym's excitingly glamorous and sophisticated daughter Caroline sweeps in from London like a breath of fresh air, Evie finally gets the chance to work out exactly who it is she is meant to be.

The Miseducation of Evie Epworth paints a glorious picture of 1960s Yorkshire and the characters who lived there. Evie herself is a wonderful character, who is just a little ahead of her time for a 1960s farm girl. Our members found it both funny and easy to read.