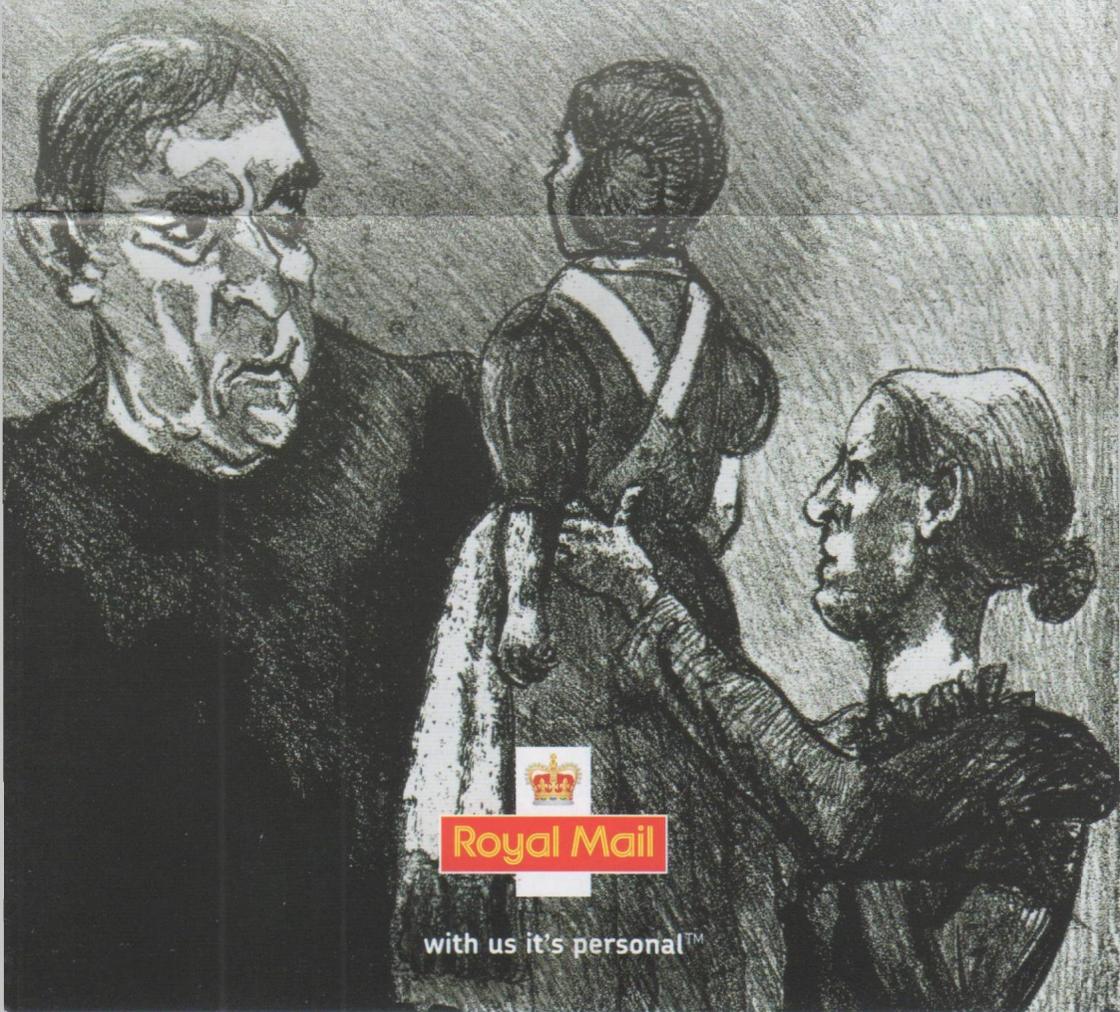


# preview

## Studies in passion

Paula Rego visualises the gothic mood of Jane Eyre in six magnificent new stamps; available 24 February

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# heart to art

Celebrated artist Paula Rego interprets Charlotte Brontë's romantic literary classic *Jane Eyre* in six terrific new stamps.

**Issued on Thursday 24 February**



When Charlotte Brontë published *Jane Eyre* in 1847, its depiction of female passion was so intense that she had to use a male pseudonym. Critics felt that no woman could write with such frankness. Since then the novel has gone on to enchant generations of readers and the cult of Charlotte Brontë has grown.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Charlotte Brontë's

death, Royal Mail has used Paula Rego's distinctive illustrations of the novel as the basis for six stamps. The images depict Jane Eyre as both a poor child and governess and also show her employer and eventual husband Mr Rochester.

Rego established her reputation with paintings and etchings that vividly express female anxiety and pain. Her *Jane Eyre* work responds

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**Issue**

Jane Eyre by  
Charlotte Brontë

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**Format**

Portrait

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**Size**

27 x 37mm

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**Print process**

Lithography

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**Stamps per sheet**

25 / 50

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**Printer**

Walsall Security Print

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**Gum**

PVA

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**Perforations**

14 x 14.5

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**Phosphor**

As appropriate

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**Designed by**

Peter B Willberg

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**Artist**

Paula Rego

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**Standard postmark**

Tallents House



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**Alternative postmark**

Haworth, Keighley



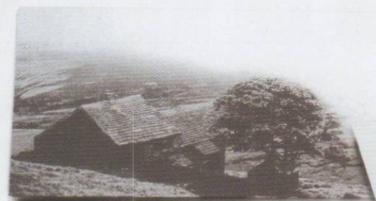


### Miniature Sheet

Stamp designer Peter Willberg also designed this miniature sheet. The stamps are printed against a background featuring the manuscript of *Jane Eyre* written in the author's own hand. A First Day Cover featuring the Miniature Sheet is also available.

### Available as

- Mint Stamps
- First Day Cover
- Presentation Pack
- Stamp Cards
- Miniature Sheet
- Prestige Stamp Book
- Coin Cover



### Presentation Pack

This delightfully illustrated pack was designed by fine art specialists John and Orna Designs. It features a detailed exploration of *Jane Eyre* by Brontë scholar Lucasta Miller as well as an atmospheric study of the Yorkshire Moors by Bill Brandt.

to the nightmarish side of the novel as well as its romantic affirmations. Peter Willberg has worked closely with Rego in the past and so was the natural choice as the stamp designer.

The *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë stamps are issued just before World Book Day takes place on 3 March and will make an unusual and thoughtful gift for all literature lovers and Paula Rego fans.



### First Day Cover

Available postmarked Haworth, Keighley, the Yorkshire town where Charlotte Brontë and her sisters grew up.

## History in the making

This issue is such a distinctive one that we've brought it to life in lots of ways. The Prestige Stamp Book is a real collector's item. It focuses on the story of the Brontë sisters and features a wealth of shining detail.

## Prestige Stamp Book

This is no ordinary book of stamps but an exceptional publication that combines stories, photos and illustrations with four printed panes of stamps. Written by Brontë scholar Lucasta Miller, it explores the reality behind the myth of the three Brontë sisters and sets the stamps in a rich historical context.

*The Brontë Sisters* includes archive photos of the Brontë family as well as illustrations by Charlotte, Emily and Anne themselves. It has been specially bound and its cover design is based on a nineteenth century edition of Jane Eyre.

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