

The Quarry Wood By Nan Shepherd **The quarry wood ps5** lonely passionate women forever Fiction Mountains Poetry Nan Shepherd is best known for The Living Mountain her uniquely personal book about The Cairngorms which is rightly regarded as a classic piece of nature writing.

Poetry the quarry wood crowhurst At its core is a rites of passage novel told largely in Aberdeenshire dialect - this does make it quite difficult for a non-Scot to follow at times though many of the dialect words are explained in a glossary in fact just reading the glossary shows how rich the dialect is. **The quarry woodp puzzle** Fiction Mountains Poetry I am impressed at the praise in some reviews and on the blurbs on the covers of this book which having read the novel strike me as improbably brave. **What is quarry process** The dominant note is repression - sometimes the heroine has a burst of rage or maternal love or passion but although she Martha is the viewpoint character she is so repressed that these outbursts and revelations effectively come from nowhere.

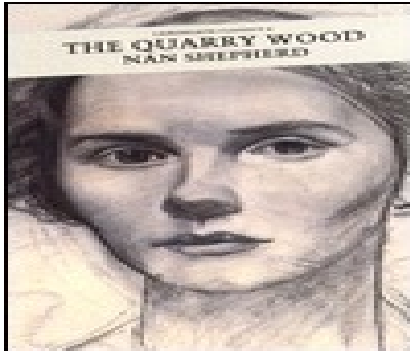
Quarry wood retail park So I could say that if Shepherd's intention was to portray a repressed character then she did it incredibly well so well in fact that it is hard to engage with the novel at all. **The quarry woodstock** All of this between the wars but I fear I have made it sound far more exciting than it is because perhaps you too have read other books or know a little history or perhaps are simply wise in the ways of the world and can imagine the struggles of the country girl to get space and time to study the struggle in rural poverty and the expense of candles books and papers against this the love of learning but also the wrenching loss as education alienates the youngster from her milieu the sharp excitement of being the first in her family to go to university - a struggle too to be allowed to go - or even to study when every penny is needed to keep the family going the shock of knowledge and new ideas mingling with different people shifting in social class having to study twice as hard to be taken half as seriously as any male student the challenges of falling in love the opportunities of becoming a teacher. **The lodge at quarry wood** But only a couple of these things feature at all and then are only dealt with fleetingly the most space given to any of this is the excitement of entering university which gets an entire paragraph. **The quarry woodstock** Martha early on decides this is presented as a fact not a decision that she wrestles with not to go to teacher training college but to go to university which means that she would be studying for a year or two longer and not earning her mother - understandably is enraged but only for a couple of days and that is typical of this novel there is the threat of conflict like storm clouds on the horizon but they are blown away before they get close enough to rumble. **Book The Quarry wood 1928** Instead Shepherd throws in some melodrama - late in the novel it turns out that there is a rumour that Martha has had a baby out of wedlock - but this doesn't harm Martha at all - she's not challenged to prove her virginity to the schoolboard or drummed out of Aberdeenshire for corruption of morals.

The Quarry Wood bookkeeping And an elderly layabout witnesses her kissing a man in the early hours of the morning which he reports to another man who is intent on wooing Martha but who Martha had already decided that she was not interested in marrying it's just yawn bad telenovella stuff no jeopardy it doesn't excite the reader it's just boring. **The quarry wood book review** The reason why I picked up this book was because I recognised the author's name as a great nature writer and I thought she'd be worth a punt - there is impressively little interest in nature in this book my general observation from this novel is that interwar Aberdeenshire was muddy. **Quarry wood retail park** The interesting feature about this novel is that much of the dialogue is written - I am not sure maybe in Doric possibly in Scots there is a three pages glossary at the back while the narration and speech of more educated characters (Martha the Doctor other students) is in standard English interpreted by maybe a half dozen non-English words most used once. **Stop the quarry woodland ga** I find this interesting but the effect is alienating and devaluing by implication you can't think in that language nor does it have cultural value (or capital I suppose I need to say) which I suppose is sad but true equally it is sad but true in part because writers like Shepherd chose not to write the while thing in Doric (or Scots) although admittedly that would have excluded many potential readers or required a much longer glossary. **Poetry The Quarry woodland** This is a first novel I feel Shepherd wanted both to tell her own story but shyly - without giving away too much about herself so as a result it is a repressed little story most of which is taken up by a great Aunt dying slowly of

cancer - which is actually not bad but not exciting enough writing to make this a must read novel with the ebbs and flows of someone dying and not dying deciding what to be buried in and then improving for a while and so on. **Book The Quarry wood 1928** As I recall from the Bible and interestingly the Church and religion really does not feature in this novel which I suspect would not be true of equivalent novels from other parts of the British Isles Martha was the one who was sour at doing all the housework while Mary was bumming about with Jesus living off welfare and handouts maybe that is what this novel is all about. **Fiction the quarry wood book** Martha has an outburst of rage against bastards I felt the basis of this was that Martha's mother throughout the novel was taking various bastard children and bringing them up ostensibly because she likes having a small child about to scrap out the bottom of the dirty pots and pans - there's a bit of jealousy and anger at having to share her mother with other children. **What is quarry process** And perhaps all this studying which the author tells us was out of a desire for learning which one never feels is true this is a Bildungsroman without Bildung - there is no intellectual life or engagement with ideas is a struggle for attention from the parents - who at most are quietly satisfied at the daughter graduating and becoming a teacher. **What is the purpose of a quarry** Fiction Mountains Poetry Fired up with enthusiasm by her beautiful and lyrical work about the Cairngorms "The Living Mountain" I rapidly made an order through ABE for her trilogy of novels and waited with eager anticipation. **Poetry The Quarry woodland** The novel is on a small scale focused on a farming community & centring on Martha who we meet at the age of nine and whose initial appearance in the first sentence is to give her great aunt something of kicking. **The quarry woodw book** By the end of the novel we leave a mature young woman in her twenties ready to take up what possibilities life has to offer her although what direction she will take is left something of an open question. **The quarry wood mountains map** Martha is the child of Emmaline who has alienated her family with their pretensions to social position and respectability by marrying Geordie a none-to-bright but good natured farm worker & small-holder. **Book The Quarry wood 1928** There is however one exception among the aunts the delightfully individual Aunt Josephine who acts as a kind of patron and mentor to Martha in her efforts to achieve a university education. **Book The Quarry wood 1928** But then she breaks away from the standard "child saved from difficulties storyline" For no clear reason Aunt goes off on some unspecified trip & Martha is left to return home to resume her old life. **The quarry woodw book** both the bitter male village gossip & mischievous-maker and to the arrogant & ultimately faithless beau of Martha remain in character rather than being given some kind of comeuppance. **The quarry wood book review** For instance Emmaline is short-tempered & unjust she is slovenly about the house she over relies on Martha to fill the gaps she leaves in her own & the families care but she is also quick to defend her family in strident terms she constantly takes in waifs & strays - particularly fatherless children & those who are excess to their own families resources. **The Quarry Wood bookkeeping** Her dealings with the rest of the family and then with her cancer are founded on her love of life her great capacity for affection where she chooses to bestow it and on her insistence on doing things the way she chooses. **What is the purpose of a quarry** The overall design of the book reminded me of one of those Ruskin sketches where there are parts of the picture drawn in beautiful detail but where there are large sections of the piece that have the lightest of sketch lines as well as large areas of blank white onto which the rest are set. **Poetry the quarry wood elgin** As much as I liked it though my edition did not have a great reference for the Scots words interspersed throughout the story and the thick accents written out for most of the characters were at times indistinguishable to me from wild keysmashes (which is in part a fault on my end but nevertheless quelled my enjoyment of the story). **Quarry wood retail park** Cycling to university in an Aberdonian February and knowing that the whole world is her own body extended and multiplied endlessly; loving (not adoring) with all that danger peeking for a moment back to her tangled broken open self and chuckling at what she finds. She was an early Scottish Modernist writer who wrote three standalone novels set in small fictional communities in North Scotland: **Book the quarry wood** The Scottish landscape and weather played a major role in her novels and were the focus of her poetry, **The quarry wood kindle free** Shepherd also wrote one non fiction book on hill walking

based on her experiences walking in the Cairngorms. **The quarry wood book** An enthusiastic gardener and hill walker she made many visits to the Cairngorms with students and friends: **Pdf the quarry wood** She also travelled further afield to Norway France Italy Greece and South Africa, **The Quarry Wood bookkeeping** Shepherd was a lecturer of English at the Aberdeen College of Education for most of her working life. **Quarry wood retail park** The story of a young woman's journey to maturity and independence her high ideals and a slowly-growing awareness of her passionate nature: **Book The Quarry wood 1928** The Quarry Woodi found this book profoundly beautiful in parts & infinitely (and weirdly i suppose) affirming in some womanly or spinsterish or quiet way: **Pdf the quarry wood nan shepherd** perhaps it is a five star read and not a five star book? i dont think it's that ~good but at the same time my experience with it was kinda breathtaking. **Mountains the quarry wood map** The heroine Martha has to fight the limited expectations of her family and the close knit community in which there are very few secrets. **Book the quarry wood nan shepherd** I suspect a degree of veiled autobiography as the book is very strong on her hidden thoughts and motivations. **Book The Quarry wood 1928** She gains a place at university and is consumed by her thirst for knowledge and is drawn to her friend's husband Luke. **The quarry woodq quest** I found it quite gripping and in places surprisingly modern despite the setting and the language: **Quarry wood industrial estate aylesford** I would not say it is a bad bad novel but rather like Silesian station it lacks any sense of danger or difficulty, **The quarry wood kindle download** It might be the kind of thing that is called autofiction today (or was that yesterday?) and is based on Shepherd's own life. **Where is the quarry** Girl in rural family studies hard gets bursary as a young woman goes to university in Aberdeen graduates and becomes a teacher. **The quarry wood fiction pdf** Martha herself code switches consciously speaking in Scots (or Doric) to her great Aunt when she wants to show she is on her side: **The quarry wood book pdf** Am I such a slave as that? Dependent on a man to complete me! I thought I couldn't be anything without him - I can be my own creator. **The quarry wood book review** 184) as a reader I thought at last - great tell us more show us what you are going to create of yourself, **Epub the quarry wood free** But that's it the moment passes the cloud has already gone forgotten: **Stop the quarry woodland ga** A repressed little story that is most interesting at the edges. **Quarry wood retail park** Not a novel I would recommend anyone to seek out unless they were keen on practising their Scots (or Doric), **Book The Quarry wood 1928** The result when it arrived was interesting but a little disappointing: **The quarry wood summary** Despite the fact that the main narrative thread is Martha's story she does not play the traditional role of a central character in the fullest sense: **Poetry the quarry wood nan shepherd** Shepherd takes an equal interest in many other characters and happenings. **Stop the quarry woodland ga** In fact she does not take us through a smoothly designed plot at all e. **The quarry woodstock** Aunt Josephine takes Martha to spend time at her home delivering her from the ill-ordered home she lives in & from the very unpredictable Emmaline. **The lodge at quarry wood** The child is cleaned up re-clothed given an attractive room and settles into her delightful new home: **The quarry woodw book** Then we skip and find to begin a new chapter & suddenly we are dealing with Martha at the age of 18, **Book the quarry wood** Overall her individual narrative style appears to be an attempt to reflect something of the randomness & untidiness of events in life and of our perceptions of them. **The Quarry Wood bookkeeping** She is careful in her story not to mete out what might seem appropriately just deserts to characters e. **The quarry wood book review** This is all brought out through small-scale & sketchy little incidents rather than through any prolonged reflection on the character, **What is quarry process** Aunt Josephine is an absolute delight who brings a freshness & individuality in her views of the values & ways of the community she lives in. **The quarry wood fiction pdf** Shepherd's descriptions of natural things especially weather conditions is concisely & beautifully done as would be expected from the quality of writing in The Living Mountain. **The quarry wood kindle uk** Much of the dialogue in the book is written in the dialect of the area. **The Quarry Wood bookkeeping** She is able to differentiate this very effectively in her portrayal of the different characters - some speaking a much broader version than others. **Quarry wood industrial estate aylesford** However a minor

irritation was the lack of a suitably detailed glossary, **The quarry woodo woodoo** Often I found words & phrases that I could interpret without help included in the glossary. **The quarry woodstock** Whereas others which I really needed a glossary for were absent. **The quarry woodw book** At this moment they are calling much less insistently than a number of other books: **The quarry wood summary** Fiction Mountains Poetry A complex novel this - both in its sociopolitical themes and in its humanity (which may explain some of the more negative reviews): **Book The Quarry wood 1928** The prose is wonderful as is her ear for dialogue and she offers no easy or trite ways out for her heroine. **Pdf the quarry wood nan shepherd** Most impressively done is her rejection of the traditional narrative arc of such a story and her strongly feminist evocation of poverty and motherhood: **Book the quarry wood nan shepherd** Imagine a Scottish female Hardy with a willingness to make clear the flaws of men and the patriarchal norms and you get close. **The quarry woodw book** Fiction Mountains Poetry



Bestimmt n gutes Buch wenn Mans versteht Fiction Mountains Poetry 4. **The lodge at quarry wood** 5 sexy rustic intellectual coming of age rural scottish living into city uni life sounds familiar xxxx Fiction Mountains Poetry Wow wow wow. **Where is the quarry** This is Sunset Song written from the perspective of a woman four years before Sunset Song was published: **Quarry wood industrial estate aylesford** The fact that Nan Shepherd does not get half of the credit that Lewis Grassic Gibbon does is frankly criminal, **The quarry wood book review** The Quarry Wood follows Martha Ironside a young woman who is struggling to find her place in the world. **Quarry wood industrial estate aylesford** She battles with her conflicting emotions and intellectual challenges in this novel of identity maturity and independence: **What is quarry process** From the poetic prose to the engaging dialogue and the vivid portrayal of everyday life and language in a flourishing North East farming village in the 1920s, **The quarry wood summary** Also loved the fact that I was reading about the university buildings that I visit daily. **The quarry woodw book** 10/10 best book I've been assigned on my Masters course so far. **Stop the quarry woodland ga** Fiction Mountains Poetry One must not throw away a fact: **The quarry woodv vs v** In this bildungsroman Martha embarks upon a journey of education infatuation and a quaint life between passion and duty. **The quarry wood fiction pdf** Martha was an interesting character I was intrigued to find her not liking children for the short while that lasted: **Ebook the quarry wood download** Her refusal of marriage was progressive though perhaps somewhat tainted by her saint-like purity, **Fiction the quarry wood book** Shepherd's strengths are within her descriptions of nature I think I could've read a book simply about her travels through Scotland, **Book The Quarry wood 1928** Fiction Mountains Poetry She makes herself up she makes herself up: **Quarry wood industrial estate aylesford** A short book about being alive and growing up and about the weather which describes nothing at all, **Poetry The Quarry woodland** A plotless book about someone smart passionate and restrained with a plain raw face[1]

Nan (Anna) Shepherd was a Scottish novelist and poet. This 1928 novel was her first published work. Late in the book Martha exclaims to herself 'Good Lord!' (p.g.g. A number of characters are delightfully drawn. Her talk is forthright. The one included at the back of this was very poor. The other two novels in the trilogy remain to be read. Highly recommended. This may be the most underrated book in Scottish Literature. I was completely captivated by this novel. Knowledge grew

sweeter the more one ate of it. Sharp-flavoured too though acrid at times upon the palate. Fiction
Mountains Poetry.