

## Personalised Classics - The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

### Book summary:

Dorothy and Toto are transported to the land of Oz in a cyclone. There they follow the yellow brick road to find the Wizard of Oz, the only one capable of sending her and Toto back home. On their way, they are joined by the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion, each with their own reason for making the journey. Meanwhile, the Wicked Witch of the West does all she can to try and stop them.

### Replace the following characters:

**Dorothy** - The main character in the book, Dorothy is an orphan, raised by her aunt and uncle on a farm in Kansas. She is fearless and forthright, taking charge of a situation whenever she can. She is transported to the land of Oz in a cyclone. She is the heroine of the novel and she appears throughout.

**Toto** - Toto is Dorothy's pet dog. He is small with long black hair and black eyes. Toto accompanies Dorothy on her adventure in Oz and whilst some animals are able to speak in the land of Oz, Toto never does. Nevertheless, he appears regularly and Dorothy would not be without him.

**The Scarecrow** - Dorothy meets the Scarecrow in a field on her way to the Emerald City. He joins Dorothy in the hope that the Wizard will give him a brain. As the story develops, it becomes apparent that he has always had one! Once introduced early on, the Scarecrow features regularly.

**The Tin Woodman** - The Tin Woodman joins Dorothy, Toto and the Scarecrow in the hope that the Wizard will give him a heart. His body was replaced with tin after the Wicked Witch of the East cast a spell on him. With or without a heart, the Tin Woodman is tender and emotional. He is Dorothy's second companion and features consistently throughout once they meet.

**The Cowardly Lion** - Dorothy's final companion on her journey is the Cowardly Lion who believes that his fear makes him an inadequate lion. He travels to the Emerald City in the hope that the Wizard will offer him courage. He appears early on, once Dorothy has teamed up with the Scarecrow and the Tin Woodman, and he appears consistently from then on.

**The Wicked Witch of the West** - The Wicked Witch of the West is the greatest threat to Dorothy. She seeks the magical shoes left behind by the Wicked Witch of the East which Dorothy finds and wears. She does not appear often throughout but as the main villain she is an important character, feared by all. Dorothy eventually succeeds in overcoming the Wicked Witch of the West by melting her with a bucket of water!