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Jake and the Kid W. O. Mitchell 2008 When Ma, the Kid, her twelve year old son, and Jake, the hired man, first appeared on the pages of Maclean's and shortly after on CBC Radio, the lively boy and his cranky hero found their way into the hearts of thousands of readers. Now, in this new edition of *Jake and the Kid*, Crocus, a prairie town in the forties and fifties, comes alive once again. In these lovingly rendered stories, we encounter the glorious minutia of small town life on the Canadian prairie. Jake and the Kid are surrounded by an entire community of richly eccentric characters: old Sam Gatenby, a rival to Jake and just as cantankerous; Miss Henchbaw, the stern and proper Rabbit Hill schoolteacher; and Mayor MacTaggart, the owner of the town's General Store. In all, W.O. Mitchell created about eighty characters to populate the town, including Daddy Johnson, the oldest man in Canada; Repeat Golightly, the philosophizing barber; and Professor Noble Winesinger, a conman with a heart. Touching and laugh-out-loud funny in equal measure, this classic Canadian story collection epitomizes the magic of W.O. Mitchell's storytelling. Pitting tall tale against reality, Mitchell delivers a realm resplendent with a vibrant setting, a compelling cast of characters, and everyday events that speak directly to what it means to be human.

Racing Home Adele Dueck 2011-08-01 Erik never wanted to leave his grandfather's farm, and the memory of his dead father, in Norway. But in Canada he and his family can have their own farm, so Erik, his mother, and his sister Elsa journey by steamship and train to the Canadian west with Rolf, their mother's new husband. Erik thinks he is old enough to look after the family - his mother didn't need a new husband for that. To make matters worse, Rolf is a hard man to talk to, and even harder to get to know. And he's keeping a secret from his new family. The farm isn't what they expected - it's just wide open prairie. Erik does a man's work, helping Rolf break land and build a sod house. Rolf's brother lives in the nearby town, with his wife and their son, Olaf. Olaf looks a whole lot like Rolf, but for some reason won't talk to him, and seems to resent Erik as well. What's going on here? The boys finally start to get along, mostly through their shared efforts to

save Tapper, an injured horse they keep from being shot by its owner. Tapper gets well enough to be entered in a local horserace and turns out to be a real winner. "Tapper" is the Norwegian word for "brave", and Erik really must be "tapper" to face all the challenges of his new life and be a winner himself.

Walls Marcello Di Cintio 2013-07-18 DIV The world's walls are supposed to be coming down. We speak of globalization, international markets and global villages; barriers to trade keep falling, and it is now possible to communicate instantly from nearly anywhere in the world. But just as these virtual walls come down, real walls rise. In this evocative blend of travel writing, history and politics, Marcello Di Cintio visits the world's most disputed edges to meet those who live alongside the razor wire, concrete and steel. Along the way he shares tea with refugees on the wrong side of Morocco's desert wall; he encounters illegal immigrants circumventing high-tech fencing around the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla; he walks Arizona's migrant trails, visits fenced-in villages in India, and stands with those who protest against Israel's security barrier to understand what these structures say about those who build them, and how they influence the cultures that they pen in.

Venturing beyond politics, he encounters the infiltrators who circumvent the walls, the artists who transform them, and the fenced-in ignored and forgotten people who live in their shadow. The walls discussed are: 1. 'The Wall of Shame' in the Western Sahara, built by the Morrocans in 1987 following their defeat by the Spanish. 2. A high-tech 'fence' around the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Meilla. 3. The Indo Bangladesh 'fence', erected in 1947. 4. The West Bank Wall. 5. The 'green line' that separates the Greek from the Turkish-Cypriot quarters in Nicosia, the capital of Cypress, and Lefkosa, the capital of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. 6. The US-Mexico border. 7. The various barriers throughout Belfast. 8. The l'Acadie fence in Montreal, erected as a wall built of chains in 1960. /div
Roses Are Difficult Here W. O. Mitchell 1991-10

The Glory Wind Valerie Sherrard 2010 Gracie and Luke immediately become friends when Gracie moves to a small town in Canada, but secrets about her mother's past threaten their friendship.

The Company We Keep Frances Itani 2020-08-18 On Tuesday nights in the backroom of Cassie's café, six strangers seek solace and find themselves part of a "Company of Good Cheer" Hazzley is at loose ends, even three years after the death of her husband. When her longtime friend Cassandra, café owner and occasional dance-class partner, suggests that she start up a conversation group, Hazzley posts a notice on the community board at the local grocery store. Four people turn up for the first meeting: Gwen, a recently widowed retiree in her early sixties, who finds herself pet-sitting a cantankerous parrot; Chiyo, a forty-year-old fitness instructor who cared for her unyielding but gossip-loving mother through the final days of her life; Addie, a woman pre-emptively grieving a close friend who is seriously ill; and Tom, an antiques dealer and amateur poet who, deprived of home baking since becoming a widower, comes to the first meeting hoping cake will be served. Before long, they are joined by Allam, a Syrian refugee with his own story

to tell. These six strangers are learning that beginnings can be possible at any stage of life. But as they tell their stories, they must navigate what is shared and what is withheld. Which version of the truth will be revealed? Who is prepared to step up when help is needed? This moving, funny and deeply empathic new novel from acclaimed author Frances Itani reminds us that life, with all its twists and turns, never loses its capacity to surprise.

Raisin Wine James K. Bartleman 2009-02-24 A warm, at times hilarious, yet dark childhood memoir from a bestselling author. This memoir recalls the boyhood years of Ontario's future lieutenant-governor, living in a dilapidated old house complete with outdoor toilet and coal oil-lamp lighting. Behind the outrageous stories, larger-than-life-characters, and descriptions of the mores of a small village in the heart of Ontario's cottage country are flashes of insight from the perspective of a child that recall the great classic *Who has Seen the Wind* by W.O. Mitchell. But why "a different Muskoka?" Because the boy was a half-breed kid. Visits to his mother's reserve showed him that he was caught between two worlds. His mother's fight with depression flowed from that dilemma. His father — the book's main character — was a lovable, white, working class, happy-go-lucky guy who never had any money but who made the best home brew in the village — and his specialty was raisin wine. Like that raisin wine, this unusual book goes down easily and has a kick to it.

Of This Earth Rudy Wiebe 2009-06-12 A beautiful, moving memoir of a boy's coming of age, infused with a deep love of the land, from one of Canada's most cherished and acclaimed writers. In *Of This Earth*, Rudy Wiebe gives vivid life again to the vanished world of Speedwell, Saskatchewan, an isolated, poplar-forested, mostly Mennonite community — and Rudy's first home. Too young to do heavy work, Rudy witnessed a way of life that was soon to disappear. And we experience with him the hard labour of clearing the stony, silty bushland; the digging out of precious wells one bucket of dirt at a time; sorrow at the death of a beloved sister; the disorienting searches for grazing cattle in the vast wilderness sloughs and the sweet discovery of the power of reading. Rare personal photographs (reproduced throughout the book) and the fragile memories of those who are left give shape to the story of Mennonite immigrants building a life in Canada, the growth and decline of the small Speedwell community, the sway of religion, and a young boy's growing love of the extreme beauty of the aspen forests — as well as how all these elements came to inform his destiny as a writer. A hymn to a lost place and a distant time, *Of This Earth* follows the best of memoirs in the tradition of Sharon Butala's *The Perfection of the Morning* and W. G. Sebald's *Austerlitz*. It is an evocation of the Canadian west that only a writer of Rudy Wiebe's powers could summon.

The Stranger Next Door Amélie Nothomb 1998 When Emile and Juliette Hazel move into their new, secluded home to enjoy retirement, their peace is interrupted by the daily visits of the bizarre man who is their only neighbor

Dollybird Anne Lazaruko 2013-07-30 Housekeeper or whore? A dollybird is either or

both in the vocabulary of the prairie west in 1906, leaving the community to draw its own conclusions about who and what Moira is and isn't. Determined to find redemption in the midst of their derision and to find joy despite uncertainty, Moira faces impossible choices with consequences beyond anything she can imagine. Thrown into the purgatory of a bleak prairie landscape as unforgiving as her mother, twenty-year-old Newfoundlander Moira Burns is certain she will rise above the locals of Ibsen, Saskatchewan. Until the reasons for her flight west become clear. Until she is befriended by a prostitute and courted by a 'half breed'. Until she becomes the "dolly-bird" of superstitious Irish Catholic homesteader, Dillan Flaherty. Scattered through with birth, death, and the violent potential of both man and the elements, Dollybird excavates the small mercies which come to mean more than they should on a prairie peopled with characters struggling under a huge sky that waits, not so quietly, for them to fail.

Harmattan Marcello Di Cintio 2002-01 This is a travelogue of a different order: the searing beauty and somber reality of West Africa are distilled into poetic moments of refreshingly honest insight, a world transformed through the wide eyes of a new traveler.

Season of Fury and Wonder Sharon Butala 2019-04-15 "There are things that it is impossible to learn when you are young, no matter how much you read and study." The season of fury and wonder, in Sharon Butala's world, is the old age of women. These stories present the lives of old women – women of experience, who've seen much of life, who've tasted of its sweetness and its bitter possibilities, and have developed opinions and come to conclusions about what it all amounts to. These are stories of today's old women, who understand that they have been created by their pasts. But there's another layer to this standard-setting example of "cronelit." Not content to rest on her considerable literary laurels, Sharon Butala continues to push the boundaries of her art. The stories in *Season of Fury and Wonder* are all reactions to other, classic, works of literature that she has encountered and admired. These stories are, in their various ways, inspired by and tributes to works by the likes of Raymond Carver, Willa Cather, James Joyce, Shirley Jackson, Flannery O'Connor, John Cheever, Alan Sillitoe, Ernest Hemmingway, Tim O'Brien, Edgar Allan Poe and Anton Chekhov.

Who Has Seen the Wind W. O. Mitchell 2019-06-25 When W.O. Mitchell died in February of 1998, millions mourned his passing. Our loss was the lead item on the national news, many newspaper obituaries ran for a full page, and as an extraordinary mark of respect, flags outside government offices across the land flew at half-mast. The man they mourned - and everyone in the Canadian book world whose life he had touched was personally saddened - was known above all as the author of *Who Has Seen the Wind*. And this edition - containing the full text - marrying W.O. Mitchell's text with the art of William Kurelek, has established itself as a classic. Since its publication in 1947, *Who Has Seen the Wind* has established itself in the hearts and minds of millions as a Canadian classic. The reasons for the book's classic status are not hard to find. As readers enter the

world of four-year-old Brian O'Connell and his family and friends, they find characters that radiate life so convincingly that the book has a life of its own. No ordinary simple novel, it is the ageless story of childhood told with tenderness and humour and without sentimentality, and the picture of a small town anywhere, drawn with realism and understanding. This handsome edition marries W.O. Mitchell's prose with the inspired illustrations of one of Canada's finest and most popular artists, the late William Kurelek. The 8 full-colour paintings he produced, like the 32 black-and-white sketches that adorn the first page of every chapter, all come specifically from the text, and are illustrations in the very best sense. This edition is a collector's piece, a beautiful book that is also a joy to read, again and again.

Jewish Life in Canada William Kurelek 1976

Who Has Seen the Wind W. O. Mitchell 2000 A novel of a boy growing up on the prairie and the wind that blows.

In the Shadow of Evil Beatrice Culleton Mosionier 2012-02-01 This is the second novel by Beatrice Culleton Mosionier. This murder mystery is set in the foothills of the Rockies. The main character, Christine, is a Métis woman who struggles to deal with the sudden loss of her husband and child. Haunted by her own childhood of a broken family, sibling rivalry and foster homes, Christine's life suddenly unravels revealing the ghosts and events of her past. All is brought to a suspenseful and surprising conclusion.

Mapmaker Barbara Mitchell 2017 A story of exploration, family ties, and how the territorial interests of a large corporation enabled scientific study of the natural world, Mapmaker is the first biography of Philip Turnor, the surveyor who traversed and mapped vast areas of northern Canada.

Who Has Seen the Wind William Ormond Mitchell 1991 When W.O. Mitchell died in 1998 he was described as "Canada's best-loved writer." Every commentator agreed that his best – and his best-loved – book was Who Has Seen the Wind. Since it was first published in 1947, this book has sold almost a million copies in Canada. As we enter the world of four-year-old Brian O'Connell, his father the druggist, his Uncle Sean, his mother, and his formidable Scotch grandmother ("she belshes...a lot"), it soon becomes clear that this is no ordinary book. As we watch Brian grow up, the prairie and its surprising inhabitants like the Ben and Saint Sammy – and the rich variety of small-town characters – become unforgettable. This book will be a delightful surprise for all those who are aware of it, but have never quite got around to reading it, till now.

Blind Man's Drum Tom Bentley 2002 Blind Man's Drum is a collection of stories – at times irreverent and comical, at times serious – all set in Biggar, Saskatchewan during the early 1950s. Biggar is as much a character as the blind patriarch, Will Coutts, whose story is told through the uncanny perception of his grandson, Robert. He articulates a broad, sweeping, irreverent prairie landscape filled with vigour, youth and humour.

Plainsong Kent Haruf 2015 Set in Kent Haruf's fictional landscape of Holt County,

Colorado, Plainsong is a story of simple lives told with extraordinary empathy. Tom Guthrie is struggling to bring up his two young sons alone, and in the same town, school girl Victoria Roubideaux is pregnant and homeless. Whilst Tom's boys find their way forward without their mother, brothers Harold and Raymond McPheron, gentle, solitary, gruff and unpolished agree to take Victoria in, unaware that their lives will change for ever.

Disappearing in Plain Sight Francis L. Guenette 2013-02 Sixteen-year-old Lisa-Marie has been packed off to spend the summer with her aunt on the isolated shores of Crater Lake. She is drawn to Izzy Montgomery, a gifted trauma counsellor who is struggling through personal and professional challenges. Lisa-Marie also befriends Liam Collins, a man who goes quietly about his life trying to deal with his own secrets and guilt. The arrival of a summer renter for Izzy's guest cabin is the catalyst for change amongst Crater Lake's tight knit community. People are forced to grapple with the realities of grief and desire to discover that there are no easy choices - only shades of grey.

Dust Arthur Slade 2003 The children were disappearing. And the worst thing about it? No one noticed A rainmaker brings rain to a drought-stricken town. The stranger amazes the townspeople with magic mirrors and bewitches the children with his beautiful butterfly. First, one child vanishes. Then another. And another. Only one young man sees through the lies and decides to act. You'll love this dark, mysterious young adult novel. Winner of the Governor General's Award. Get it now.

The Vanishing Point W. O. Mitchell 2001-01-01 W.O. Mitchell worked for many years on this book, polishing what was to be his big, serious, and very controversial novel about white-native relations. The book is set in the Paradise Reserve in the Alberta foothills – but the Reserve is far from perfect. Carlyle Sinclair, a widower who comes to teach in the one-room schoolhouse, is full of optimism, but he is frustrated in and out of the classroom by the passivity of the people he is determined to help. When Victoria, his prize pupil, goes missing in the backstreets of the city, he goes in search of her, and of the truth about his own life. Since Daisy Creek W. O. Mitchell 2001-01-01 Colin Dobbs, a salty-tongued professor, is recovering in a hospital bed. In a review of his past, we learn about the grizzly hunt that went wrong – and how his life has changed since the incident at Daisy Creek. But the really central issues of his life emerge as Dobbs is prodded back to health by his estranged daughter. Gradually, as he learns to face the world – and his students – again, we come to see the deep disappointments that led him on his strange quest up Daisy Creek, where Archie Nicotine saved his life.

Gone with the Wind Margaret Mitchell 2021-04-20 The American Civil War-era novel by Margaret Mitchell. The story is set in Clayton County and Atlanta, both in Georgia, during the American Civil War and Reconstruction Era. It depicts the struggles of young Scarlett O'Hara, the spoiled daughter of a well-to-do plantation owner, who must use every means at her disposal to claw her way out of poverty following Sherman's destructive "March to the Sea".

Who Has Seen the Wind William Ormond Mitchell 2001 The story of young Brian,

who learns about life and death, freedom and justice, as he comes of age in the Canadian prairies.

Deafening Frances Itani 2007-12-01 “A gorgeously moving, old-fashioned novel” about a woman’s life, loves, and self-discovery on the eve the Great War (O, The Oprah Magazine). At the age of five, Grania O’Neill the daughter of hardworking Irish hoteliers in small town Ontario, emerges from a bout of scarlet fever profoundly deaf, and suddenly sealed off from the world that was just beginning to open for her. While her guilt-plagued mother cannot accept it, Grania finds beloved allies in both her grandmother and her older sister, Tress. It isn’t until she’s enrolled in the Ontario School for the Deaf in Bellville, that Grania really begins to thrive. In time, it’s also where she falls for Jim Lloyd, a hearing man with whom Grania creates a new emotional vocabulary that encompasses both sound and silence. But just two weeks after their wedding, Jim leaves to serve as a stretcher bearer on the blood-soaked battlefields of Flanders. During this long war of attrition, Jim and Grania’s letters back and forth—both real and imagined—attempt to sustain their young love in a world as brutal as it is hopeful. A “brilliantly lucid and masterfully sustained” ode to language—how it can console, imprison, and liberate—Francis Itani’s award-winning, international bestselling debut novel “has the integrity of an achieved artistic vision, the kind of power that is generally associated with the gracious, crystalline prose of Grace Paley, the flagrantly good, good lines of Robert Lowell and W. H. Auden’s poetry” (Kaye Gibbons, author of *A Virtuous Woman*).

If You're Not from the Prairie David Bouchard 1998-06 A boy provides a look at life on the prairies of North America and describes the effects of the climate on the people like him who grow up in the heartland of the continent.

A Place You'll Never Be Rick Hillis 2017-09-01 Six Days. Five Inmates. One Guard. Traversing the vast, serene wilderness in Northern Saskatchewan, a group of prisoners sets out on a six day canoe trip. Quinn, an inmate trustee, has been recruited for the pilot project meant to physically and emotionally challenge a small set of inmates about to be released after long terms inside for violent crimes. Their leader, Leggett, only thinks he’s in charge. Inviting along a new parole officer, Martha, and her teenage son, Brian, is just the first of his mistakes. An insect plague of biblical proportions has taken over the north country, and the inmates have always had a secret plan. The river quickly becomes a place of reckoning. Except for Quinn, the prisoners reject any hope for rehabilitation. By the end of day six, the men find themselves grappling with violence, mutiny, and a plot to harvest and sell drugs down the river, all of which echoes off the incessant buzzing that surrounds them as millions of mysterious insects follow along in the forest, destroying anything they come across – plants, animals, even humans... *A Place You'll Never Be* is a story of external action and internal redemption. The injured Quinn is forced to evolve, facing his past, and along with Martha and Brian, they all must find the strength to survive as they race to the end of the river.

According to Jake and the Kid William Ormond Mitchell 1994 Set in the forties and

fifties, these stories take us back to a simpler, gentler world, the one we all like to think we grew up in. The Kid at the centre of the stories is a boy on a Saskatchewan farm “down Government Road from Crocus, which is on the CNR line between Tiger Lily and Conception.” Jake is the hired hand who helps the Kid’s mother run the farm (and who played a huge role in Canadian history, what with capturing “Looie Riel” and all), and who now keeps the Kid abreast of events in the greater world and in Crocus. This is no easy matter, for the stories reveal that Crocus is a town in constant ferment. The Kid’s teacher, Miss Henschbaw, is unfairly dismissed by the school board until her friends fight back in “Will of the People”; Chet Lambert of the Crocus Breeze is hauled into court for comparing George Solway with Malleable Brown’s goat in “The Face Is Familiar,” resulting in a courtroom confrontation unrivalled in the history of Canadian jurisprudence; and “Political Dynamite” shows the men terrified by women curlers threatening to vote en bloc in the upcoming town election to gain equal curling time. The town, of course, is rich not only in disputes but characters, from Repeat Golightly in the barbershop (“One ahead of you, Jake. I say there’s one ahead of you”) to Old Man Sherry, the town’s Oldest Inhabitant, who wavers between tributes to Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. Then there’s Old Man Gatenby, brought from death’s door by prolonged exposure to romantic purple prose in “Love’s Wild Magic.” Adding to this rich mixture are the entertainers who come through town: Belva Taskey, the sweet songstress (“Lo! The Noble Redskin!”) and her memorable poetry reading; The Great Doctor Suhzee, the hypnotist; and Professor Noble Winesinger, whose snake-oil remedies have been known to turn his customers black. There are also stories of prejudice against Indians, or against “foreigners” named Kiziw, that in the end remind us of the core of decency at the heart of this collection. Whether the stories are told by Jake or by the Kid, they always speak to our hearts, and provide us with W.O. Mitchell’s usual magical mixture of tears and laughter.

Let's Forefoot Da Sonovabitch Brian Nagel 2013-06-28

The World Without Us Alan Weisman 2012-08-31 "On the day after humans disappear, nature takes over and immediately begins cleaning house - or houses, that is. Cleans them right off the face of the earth. They all go." What if mankind disappeared right now, forever ... what would happen to the Earth in a week, a year, a millennium? Could the planet's climate ever recover from human activity? How would nature destroy our huge cities and our myriad plastics? And what would our final legacy be? Speaking to experts in fields as diverse as oil production and ecology, and visiting the places that have escaped recent human activity to discover how they have adapted to life without us, Alan Weisman paints an intriguing picture of the future of Earth. Exploring key concerns of our time, this absorbing thought experiment reveals a powerful - and surprising - picture of our planet's future.

The Diviners Margaret Laurence 2008-11-19 The culmination and completion of Margaret Laurence’s celebrated Manawaka cycle, *The Diviners* is an epic novel.

This is the powerful story of an independent woman who refuses to abandon her search for love. For Morag Gunn, growing up in a small Canadian prairie town is a toughening process – putting distance between herself and a world that wanted no part of her. But in time, the aloneness that had once been forced upon her becomes a precious right – relinquished only in her overwhelming need for love. Again and again, Morag is forced to test her strength against the world – and finally achieves the life she had determined would be hers. *The Diviners* has been acclaimed by many critics as the outstanding achievement of Margaret Laurence's writing career. In *Morag Gunn*, Laurence has created a figure whose experience emerges as that of all dispossessed people in search of their birthright, and one who survives as an inspirational symbol of courage and endurance. *The Diviners* received the Governor General's Award for Fiction for 1974.

See *Saw Saskatchewan* Robert Heidbreder 2005-08-01 Original, funny and distinctly Canadian, this collection of exuberant rhymes will have kids clapping, dancing, skipping and chanting on a rollicking journey across the country. A companion book to the critically acclaimed *Eenie Meenie Manitoba*.

How I Spent My Summer Holidays W. O. Mitchell 2000 When *How I Spent My Summer Holidays* was first published in 1981 a Western reviewer wrote: "If *Who Has Seen the Wind* told the story of a young boy's coming to terms with death, *How I Spent My Summer Holidays* tells of a young man's attempt to come to terms with his own sexuality and that of the world around him." The twelve-year-old young man is Hugh, and in small-town Saskatchewan it is the hot summer of 1924. When Hugh and his friends dig a secret cave out on the Prairie, they soon find it occupied by an escaped patient from the mental hospital. Defying the adult world, the boys become involved with a former war hero and current rum-runner, King Motherwell, in sheltering and feeding the runaway. When passions aroused by sex explode into murder, Hugh leaves his boyhood behind him for ever.

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz Mordecai Richler 1974

Medicine River Thomas King 2018-08-14 When Will returns to Medicine River, he thinks he is simply attending his mother's funeral. He doesn't count on Harlen Bigbear and his unique brand of community planning. Harlen tries to sell Will on the idea of returning to Medicine River to open shop as the town's only Native photographer. Somehow, that's exactly what happens. Through Will's gentle and humorous narrative, we come to know Medicine River, a small Albertan town bordering a Blackfoot reserve. And we meet its people: the basketball team; Louise Heavyman and her daughter, South Wing; Martha Oldcrow, the marriage doctor; Joe Bigbear, Harlen's world-travelling, storytelling brother; Bertha Morley, who has a short fling with a Calgary dating service; and David Plume, who went to Wounded Knee. At the centre of it all is Harlen, advising and pestering, annoying and entertaining, gossiping and benevolently interfering in the lives of his friends and neighbours.

Necking with Louise Rick Book 1999 Depicts key events in the life of Eric

Anderson, a Saskatchewan farm boy, in 1964 and 1965, the year he turns sixteen. W.O. Mitchell Country Courtney Milne 1999 When W.O. Mitchell died in February 1998, Canadians all across the country mourned the death of a much-loved writer. But it was in the West that his loss was felt most keenly. For he was one of them, a Westerner, a man who had grown up in Weyburn, gone to University in Winnipeg and then spent most of his life in High River and in Calgary. His writing - in "Who Has Seen The Wind, Jake and the Kid, The Vanishing Point, How I Spent My Summer Holidays, and many other books - brought their part of the world alive on the page, so that millions of readers seemed to breathe fresh Western air as they turned the pages of his works. His family - represented by his son Orm and daughter-in-law Barbara - were pleased by the idea of an illustrated book that would show W.O. Mitchell country, provided that it included prairie and foothills and mountains. This book carefully gives full weight to both parts of what we affectionately call W.O. Mitchell country. And from the outset the Mitchells knew that the excerpts of W.O.'s landscape writing that they would select deserved to be matched by superb photographs produced by an artist of equal skill and sensitivity. Enter Courtney Milne, the justly famed photographer of landscapes around the world but especially of his beloved prairies. Prairie boy and long-time admirer of W.O.'s work, he jumped at the chance to produce this book. With the help of the Mitchell family he tracked down sites that W.O. had known and written about. In addition he combed through his vast treasure store of photographs, to try to find the single image that perfectly matched a chosen piece of W.O.'s prose. In the end, from over 18,000 photographs - over 18,000! - he and the group assembling this book chose the best 200, none of them published before. The result is a magical blend of text and pictures that is greater than the sum of its parts. This classic volume sets a new standard for illuminating a writer's words and bringing alive "the poetry of earth and sky." Open the book. Read it. You will see. Pigeon English Stephen Kelman 2012-01-05 Deeply funny, moving, idiosyncratic and unforgettable - introduces a major new literary talent. Pigeon English was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2011.