

Man I Willa Cather

After many years as one of the premier scholars of English Renaissance literature, Jonathan Goldberg turns his attention to the work of American novelist Willa Cather. With a focus on Cather's artistic principle of "the thing not named," *Willa Cather and Others* illuminates the contradictions and complexities inherent in notions of identity and shows how her fiction transforms the very categories—regarding gender, sexuality, race, and class—around which most recent Cather scholarship has focused. The "others" referred to in the title are

women, for the most part Cather's contemporaries, whose artistic projects allow for points of comparison with Cather. They include the Wagnerian diva Olive Fremstad, renowned for her category-defying voice; Blair Niles, an ethnographer and novelist of jazz-age Harlem and the prisons of New Guinea; Laura Gilpin, photographer of the American Southwest; and Pat Barker, whose *Regeneration* trilogy places World War I writers—and questions of sexuality and gender—at its center. In the process of studying these women and their work, Goldberg forms innovative new insights into a wide range of Cather's celebrated works, from *O*

Pioneers! and My Ántonia to her later books The Song of the Lark, One of Ours, The Professor's House, Death Comes for the Archbishop, and Sapphira and the Slave Girl. By applying his unique talent to the study of Cather's literary genius, Jonathan Goldberg makes a significant and new contribution to the study of American literature and queer studies.

'One of Ours' is Willa Cather's Pulitzer prize-winning story about life on the American frontier. The country teeters on the brink of World War I and Claude Wheeler finds himself a conflicted man. The son of a successful farmer, Wheeler

is unhappy, despite a comfortable life and guaranteed fortune. A pious mother, demanding father and loveless marriage push the young idealist to a new and bloodier frontier. As America enters the war, Claude Wheeler is about to find what he's been searching for all his life. Willa Cather's acclaimed novel is an examination of the changing American frontier and the making of a soldier. Willa Cather (1873-1947), was an American Pulitzer prize-winning writer who won acclaim for her novels that captured the American pioneer experience. Her books include 'O Pioneers!' (1913), 'The Song of the Lark' (1915), 'My Ántonia' (1918) and Death

Comes for the Archbishop (1927) which was an instant critical success. In 1923, Cather gained widespread international acclaim when she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for 'One of Ours', a novel set during World War I. Willa Cather was granted honorary degrees by Princeton, Berkeley and Yale and in 1931 she was honoured with the cover of 'Time Magazine'. The American Academy of Arts and Letters awarded her a gold medal for fiction in 1944.

This first publication of the letters of one of America's most consistently admired writers is both an exciting and a significant literary event.

Willa Cather, wanting to be judged

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on her work alone, clearly forbade the publication of her letters in her will. But now, more than sixty-five years after her death, with her literary reputation as secure as a reputation can be, the letters have become available for publication. The 566 letters collected here, nearly 20 percent of the total, range from the funny (and mostly misspelled) reports of life in Red Cloud in the 1880s that Cather wrote as a teenager, through those from her college years at the University of Nebraska, her time as a journalist in Pittsburgh and New York, and during her growing eminence as a novelist. Postcards and letters describe her many travels around the

United States and abroad, and they record her last years in the 1940s, when the loss of loved ones and the disasters of World War II brought her near to despair. Written to family and close friends and to such luminaries as Sarah Orne Jewett, Robert Frost, Yehudi Menuhin, Sinclair Lewis, and the president of Czechoslovakia, Thomas Masaryk, they reveal her in her daily life as a woman and writer passionately interested in people, literature, and the arts in general. The voice heard in these letters is one we already know from her fiction: confident, elegant, detailed, openhearted, concerned with profound ideas, but also at times funny, sentimental, and

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sarcastic. Unfiltered as only intimate communication can be, they are also full of small fibs, emotional outbursts, inconsistencies, and the joys and sorrows of the moment.

The Selected Letters is a deep pleasure to read and to ponder, sure to appeal to those with a special devotion to Cather as well as to those just making her acquaintance.

O Pioneers!

Man as Creator of Art and
Civilization in the Works of Willa
Cather

"As Only a Man Could"

Memorial Fictions

Willa Cather and the Dance

**Cather, the Nebraska-born
novelist, describes her**

childhood, her career as a writer, and the influences on her work

Examines the life, times, and writings of the American author who immortalized the Great Plains and Nebraska countryside in such works as "My Antonia," "Death Comes to the Archbishop," and "One of Ours."

Claude has an intuitive faith in something splendid and feels at odds with his contemporaries. The war offers him the opportunity to forget his farm and his marriage of compromise; he enlists and discovers that he has lacked. But while war demands altruism, its essence is destructive

Lucy Gayheart
Function of the Men
Characters in Willa Cather's
Novels
Willa Cather's Southern
Connections
In Search of the Lost
Language
Violence, the Arts, and Willa
Cather

Willa Cather at the Modernist Crux examines Willa Cather's position in time, in aesthetics, and in the world. Born a Victorian in 1873, Cather made herself a modernist through the poems, stories, and novels she wrote and published into the twentieth century. Beginning with a prologue locating Cather's position, this volume of Cather Studies offers three sets of related essays. The first section takes up Cather's beginnings with her late

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nineteenth-century cultural influences. The second section explores a range of discernible direct connections with contemporary artists (Howard Pyle, Frederic Remington, and Ernest Blumenschein) and others who figured in the making of her texts. The third section focuses on *The Song of the Lark*, a novel that confirms Cather's shift westward and elaborates her emergent modernism. An epilogue by the editors of *The Selected Letters of Willa Cather* addresses how the recent availability of these letters has transformed Cather studies. Altogether, these essays detail Cather's shaping of the world of the early twentieth century and later into a singular modernism born of both inherited and newer cultural traditions. Drawing on letters, interviews, speeches, and reminiscences, looks at

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the life and career of the American novelist.

Offers a critical introduction to the life and work of the American author.

Silly Novels by Lady Novelists

Willa Cather

A Literary Life

Original Text

Shadows on the Rock

Music is everywhere in Willa Cather's fiction: as a subject, in the background, slyly commenting on the action, connecting characters to a distant world, or revealing their interior worlds. Not merely incidental or ornamental, though, music is intrinsic to Cather's work, a distinctive quality of her creation and expression, and it is in this

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light that Richard Giannone considers Cather's art. Music in Willa Cather's Fiction is the definitive study of its subject. The first work to examine the complex thematic and structural forms that music acquires in Cather's narratives, Giannone's book uses this musical approach as a way of seeing into the author's artistic sensibility, the evolution of her art, and her total achievement. Progressing chronologically, Giannone shows how Cather's view and use of music changed over time. From what her early journalistic pieces on music and musicians reveal about her attitude and anticipate in her

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later work, Giannone moves to Cather's early stories to identify the trend of some of her artistic choices, the direction of her stylistic development, and the complication of her moral interest as these are manifested in musical references. In her novels and later stories, he emphasizes the contribution of music to the individual work, as well as the allusions and connections that sound throughout her oeuvre. Willa Cather was devoted to making art in the face of violence. Here, she emerges as a resource for survival in an age of terror, an artist who

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encourages her readers to feel at home in the nexus of creativity and terror, and to seek creative responses to the horror of human life.

Presents a collection of critical essays on the novel that analyze its structure, characters, and themes.

Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*

A "sense of a Sense" of Place in the Works of Willa Cather

O Pioneers!: Large Print

The Prairie Trilogy

Willa Cather and France

Willa Cather was the

1922 winner of the

Pulitzer Prize. Her

breakthrough in

literature were the

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three novels featured here in this edition, the so-called Prairie trilogy. All three novels stage in Nebraska and the surrounding Great Plains territory and deal with the life there, family challenges and romance. Featured here are: O Pioneers! The Song of the Lark My Antonia

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the woman is Alexandra Bergson, a fiercely independent young Swedish immigrant girl who inherits her father's farm in Nebraska. A model of emotional strength, courage, and resolve, Alexandra fights long and hard to transform her father's patch of raw, wind-blasted prairie into a highly profitable business. A gripping saga of love, murder, greed, failure, and triumph, *O Pioneers!* vividly portrays the

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contradictory. We are delighted to publish this classic book as part of our extensive Classic Library collection. Many of the books in our collection have been out of print for decades, and therefore have not been accessible to the general public. The aim of our publishing program is to facilitate rapid access to this vast reservoir of literature, and our view is that this is a significant literary

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The Man who Wrote "Narcissus" ...

Interviews, Speeches, and Letters

Willa Cather, Queering America

New Essays on Cather and the South

The Selected Letters of Willa Cather

Describing the silliness and 'feminine fatuity' of many popular books by lady novelists, George Eliot perfectly skewers the formulaic yet bestselling works that

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dominated her time, with their loveably flawed heroines. She also examines the great women writers of France and their enrichment of the culture, and the varying qualities of literary translations. GREAT IDEAS. Throughout history, some books have changed the world. They have transformed the way we see ourselves - and each other. They have inspired debate, dissent, war and revolution. They have enlightened, outraged, provoked and comforted. They have enriched lives - and destroyed them. Now Penguin brings you the works of the great thinkers, pioneers, radicals and visionaries whose ideas shook civilization and helped make us who we are.

Though Cather (1837-1947) moved with her family to Nebraska when she was nine, her fiction throughout her life drew heavily from the people, places, and issues of her native Reconstruction South. Novice and

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veteran literature scholars from around the US examine such connections as racial language, sexual dynamics, and clothes and gender. The 17 essays were selected from a 1997 symposium in Frederick County, Virginia. Annotation copyrighted by Book News Inc., Portland, OR

'Shadows on the Rock' is a novel by the American writer Willa Cather. It was first published in 1931. The novel covers one year of the lives of two French colonists in Quebec - Cecile Auclair and her father Euclide. Like many of Cather's books, the story is driven by detailed portraits of the characters, rather than a narrative plot.

Music in Willa Cather's Fiction

Willa Cather's Study of Man and His Endeavors

Real-World Writing, Writing the Real World

"a Most Satisfying Elegance"

My Antonia

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Lucy Gayheart Willa Cather - This is a vividly etched characterization, the story of a girl born to live up to the promise of her name, and whose life threatens to be cast by fate into tragedy through her romantic love for the musician at whose feet she lays her heart...

Anna Pavlova's revolutionary debut in 1910 at the Metropolitan Opera House captivated the nation and introduced Americans to the charms of modern ballet. Willa Cather was among the first intellectuals to recognize that dance had suddenly been elevated into a new art form, and she quickly trained herself to become one of the leading balletomanes of her era. Willa Cather and the Dance: "A Most Satisfying Elegance" traces the writer's dance education, starting with the ten-page explication she wrote in 1913 for McClure's magazine called "Training for the Ballet." Cather's interest was sustained

through her entire canon as she utilized characters, scenes, and images from almost all of the important dance productions that played in New York. A compilation of essays focusing on the significance of material culture to Cather's work and Cather scholarship. Willa Cather and Material Culture is a collection of 11 new essays that tap into a recent and resurgent interest among Cather scholars in addressing her work and her career through the lens of cultural studies. One of the volume's primary purposes is to demonstrate the extent to which Cather did participate in her culture and to correct the commonplace view of her as a literary connoisseur set apart from her times. The contributors explore both the objects among which Cather lived and the objects that appear in her writings, as well as the commercial constraints of the publishing industry in which her art was made and

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marketed. Essays address her relationship to quilts both personally and as symbols in her work; her contributions to domestic magazines such as Home Monthly and Woman's Home Companion; the problematic nature of Hollywood productions of her work; and her efforts and successes as a businesswoman. By establishing the centrality of material matters to her writing, these essays contribute to the reclaiming of Cather as a modernist and highlight the significance of material culture, in general, to the study of American literature.

Willa Cather and Material Culture

Willa Cather: a Melancholy View of Man's Fate

Willa Cather in Person

A Gender Study of Willa Cather's My Antonia and "Neighbour Rosicky"

Larg Print

James Burden writes to a friend

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about a girl, Antonia whom he met when he was ten and she was thirteen, and the influence she had on his life.

My Antonia is a novel by an American writer Willa Cather. It is the final book of the "prairie trilogy" of novels, preceded by *O Pioneers!* and *The Song of the Lark*. The novel tells the stories of an orphaned boy from Virginia, Jim Burden, and Antonia Shimerda, the daughter of Bohemian immigrants. They are both became pioneers and settled in Nebraska in the end of the 19th century. The first year in the very new place leaves strong impressions in both children, affecting them lifelong. The narrator and the main character of the novel

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My Antonia, Jim grows up in Black Hawk, Nebraska from age 10 Eventually, he becomes a successful lawyer and moves to New York City.

An enlightening unpacking of Cather's writings, from her controversial love letters of the 1890s--in which "queer" is employed to denote sexual deviance--to her epic novels, short stories, and critical writings.

Willa Cather at the Modernist Crux
Willa Cather and the First World War

Nature and Man in Willa Cather's Major Novels

One of Ours

The Relationship of Man and Nature in the Novels of Willa Cather

'The Kingdom of Art' attempts to give a summary of the first, elementary principles on which one writer based her art, and then to present a collection of critical statements--personal and occasional as well as theoretical--that seem to give a realistic view of Willa Cather as she was in the years 1893-1896.

*"Based on extensive archival research and a variety of scholarly sources drawn from several disciplines, Steven Trout shows how Cather's analysis of the First World War in *One of Ours* and *The Professor's House* represents a considerable accomplishment, one worthy of standing next to her groundbreaking treatment of Nebraska settlers in *O Pioneers!* and *My Antonia* and her virtual reinvention of the historical novel in *Death Comes for the Archbishop* and *Shadows on the Rock*. Furthermore, he argues that Cather's First World War-related fiction deserves*

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consideration alongside such established classics as Ernest Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms, Erich Maria Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front, and Vera Brittain's Testament of Youth."--BOOK JACKET.

"I dreamed of New York, I am going there." On May 31, 1953, twenty-year-old Sylvia Plath arrived in New York City for a one-month stint at "the intellectual fashion magazine" Mademoiselle to be a guest editor for its prestigious annual college issue. Over the next twenty-six days, the bright, blond New England collegian lived at the Barbizon Hotel, attended Balanchine ballets, watched a game at Yankee Stadium, and danced at the West Side Tennis Club. She typed rejection letters to writers from The New Yorker and ate an entire bowl of caviar at an advertising luncheon. She stalked Dylan Thomas and fought off an

aggressive diamond-wielding delegate from the United Nations. She took hot baths, had her hair done, and discovered her signature drink (vodka, no ice). Young, beautiful, and on the cusp of an advantageous career, she was supposed to be having the time of her life. Drawing on in-depth interviews with fellow guest editors whose memories infuse these pages, Elizabeth Winder reveals how these twenty-six days indelibly altered how Plath saw herself, her mother, her friendships, and her romantic relationships, and how this period shaped her emerging identity as a woman and as a writer. Pain, Parties, Work—the three words Plath used to describe that time—shows how Manhattan's alien atmosphere unleashed an anxiety that would stay with her for the rest of her all-too-short life. Thoughtful and illuminating, this captivating portrait invites us to see

*Sylvia Plath before *The Bell Jar*, before she became an icon—a young woman with everything to live for.*

Willa Cather and Others

O Pioneers

The Kingdom of Art: Willa Cather's First Principles and Critical Statements, 1893-1896

The Story of Willa Cather, an American Writer

The Writer and Her World

Previous biographies of Willa Cather have either recycled the traditional view of a writer detached from social issues whose work supported a wholesome view of a vanished America, or they have focused solely on revelations about her private life. Challenging these narrow interpretations, Janis

P. Stout presents a Cather whose life and quietly modernist work fully reflected the artistic and cultural tensions of her day. A product of the South--she was born in Virginia--Cather went west with her family at an early age, a participant in the aspirations of Manifest Destiny. Known for her celebrations of immigrants on the prairie, she in fact shared many of the ethnic suspicions of her contemporaries. Loved by a popular audience for her pieties of family and religion, she was in her youth a freethinker who resisted traditional patterns for women's lives, cutting her hair like a boy's and dressing in men's clothing. Seen by critics since

the 1930s as a practitioner of an escapist formalism, she was, in Stout's view, profoundly ambivalent about most of the important questions she faced. Cather structured her writing to control her uncertainty and project a serenity she did not in fact feel. Cather has at times been viewed as a writer preoccupied with the past whose literary project had little to do with the intellectual currents of her time. On the contrary, Stout argues, Cather was a full participant in the doubts and conflicts of twentieth-century modernity. Only in recoil from her distress at these conflicts did she turn to overt celebrations of the past and construct a retiring,

crotchety persona. The Cather that emerges from Stout's treatment is a modernist conservative in the mold of T. S. Eliot, though more responsive to her time and simultaneously less assured in her pronouncements. Cather's sexuality, too, is more complicated in Stout's version than previous biographers have allowed. Willa Cather: The Writer and Her World presents a woman and an artist who fully exemplifies the ambivalence, the foreboding, and above all the complexity that we associate with the twentieth-century mind.

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Pain, Parties, Work

Sylvia Plath in New York, Summer

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