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The Inconvenient Indian Penguin

NATIONAL BESTSELLER * FINALIST FOR THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD FOR FICTION * WINNER OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORS' AWARD FOR FICTION * AMONG THE BEST CANADIAN FICTION OF THE CENTURY (QUILL & QUIRE) * A CBC CANADA READS FINALIST (2004) Welcome to the town of Blossom--part myth, part hilariously off-kilter reality. Green Grass, Running Water is the story of five Blackfoot Indians whose existences connect in ways that are at once coincidental, comical and cosmic. This is a rich tale, weaving magical humour, revisionist history, nostalgia and myth into one bright whole. Green Grass, Running Water's timeless appeal has kept it flying off bookstore shelves since it was published in 1993. Enhanced with a P.S. section, this edition introduces a new generation of readers to King's unique take on contemporary human experience.

All My Relations Harper Collins

Alice is a single mother raising her three young daughters on the rez where she grew up. Life has never been easy, but she's managed to get by with the support of her best friend, Gideon, and her family. When an unthinkable loss occurs, Alice is forced to confront truths that will challenge her belief in herself and the world she thought she knew. Peopled with unforgettable characters and told from multiple points of view, this is a novel where spirits are alive, forgiveness is possible, and love is the only thing that matters. Reissued with a new story by David A. Robertson and foreword by Shelagh Rogers.

Groundwood Books Ltd

Acclaimed author Thomas King is in fabulous, fantastical form in this bestselling short story collection. From the surreal migrations of the title story to the misadventures of Coyote in the modern world and the chaos of a baby's unexpected arrival by airmail, King's tales are deft, hilarious and provocative. A National Post and Quill & Quire bestseller, and an Amazon.ca Top Pick for 2005, *A Short History of Indians in Canada* is a comic tour de force.

Forms and Functions of the Trickster Figure in Thomas King's Green Grass, Running Water Catapult

A comprehensive, up-to-date overview of the work of one of the foremost Native North American writers and his reception and influence.

A Short History Of Indians In Canada Harper Collins

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.

Part 1. Summary and analysis Harper Collins

One of Canada's most accomplished authors combines the best qualities of both the short story and the novel to create a lyrical evocation of the beauty, pain, and wonder of growing up. In eight interconnected, finely wrought stories, Margaret Laurence recreates the world of Vanessa MacLeod – a world of scrub-oak, willow, and chokecherry bushes; of family love and conflict; and of a girl's growing awareness of and passage into womanhood. The stories blend into one masterly and moving whole: poignant, compassionate, and profound in emotional impact. In this fourth

book of the five-volume Manawaka series, Vanessa MacLeod takes her rightful place alongside the other unforgettable heroines of Manawaka: Hagar Shipley in *The Stone Angel*, Rachel Cameron in *A Jest of God*, Stacey MacAindra in *The Fire-Dwellers*, and Morag Gunn in *The Diviners*.

A Bird in the House HarperCollins

From award-winning literary author Thomas King (aka Hartley GoodWeather) comes a stylish mystery debut featuring ex-California cop Thumps DreadfulWater, a smart and savvy Cherokee Indian whose witty exterior belies a clever, stubborn sleuth. With his cop life officially behind him, Thumps now makes his living as a fine-arts photographer in Chinook -- a western town snuggled up against a reservation that's struggling for economic independence via investment in a glitzy new resort and casino complex called Buffalo Mountain. It's a slow-paced, good life for Thumps and his eccentric cat, Freeway. Most of the time. But when a dead body turns up in one of the just-completed luxury condos, things change fast -- and not for the better. Photographing corpses is not part of Thumps's master plan. He can't help getting involved, especially when he realizes that the number one suspect is Stanley "Stick" Merchant, anticondo protestor and wayward son of Claire Merchant, head of the tribal council and Thumps's onetime love. If it affects Claire, it affects Thumps. It seems that Stick disappeared just about the time of the murder. Coincidence? Or just bad timing? Thumps knows that the police often shoot smart-ass teenagers first and ask questions later. He doesn't want that to happen to Stick. But can Thumps find Stick in time? And can Thumps find a killer before a killer finds Thumps?

DreadfulWater Shows Up marks the arrival of a detective with a difference. With energy and verve and a very special voice, Thomas King and Hartley GoodWeather create an engaging and original page-turner that zings with memorable characters and biting social commentary.

The Beadworkers Penguin

Jeremiah Camp, a.k.a. the Forecaster, can look into the heart of humanity and see the patterns that create opportunities and profits for the rich and powerful. Problem is, Camp has looked one too many times, has seen what he hadn't expected to see and has come away from the abyss with no hope for himself or for the future. So Jeremiah does what any intelligent, sensitive person would do. He runs away. Goes into hiding in a small town, at an old residential school on an even smaller Indian reserve with no phone, no Internet, no television. With the windows shut, the door locked, the mailbox removed to discourage any connection with the world, he feels safe at last. Except nobody told the locals that they should leave Jeremiah alone. And then his past comes calling. Ash Locken, head of the Locken Group, the multinational consortium that Jeremiah has fled, arrives on his doorstep with a simple proposition. She wants our hero to formulate one more forecast, and she's not about to take no for an answer. Before he left the Locken empire, Jeremiah had put together a list of twelve names, every one a billionaire. The problem is the people on the list are dying at an alarming and unnatural rate. And Ash Locken wants to know why. A sly and satirical look at the fractures in modern existence, *Sufferance* is a bold and provocative novel about the social and political consequences of the inequality created by privilege and power—and what we might do about it.

Green Grass, Running Water Portage & Main Press

Some extraordinary rats come to the aid of a mouse family in this Newbery Medal Award-winning classic by notable children's author Robert C. O'Brien. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

DreadfulWater Shows Up House of Anansi

Reinterprets the Christopher Columbus conquest story as a trickster tale, where Coyote the

trickster is challenged by a funny looking red-haired man who has no interest in the animals of Coyote's land but, rather, the human beings that he can take back with him to sell in Spain. Reprint. *A Coyote Columbus Story* University of Oklahoma Press
From the bestselling author of *The Back of the Turtle* and *The Inconvenient Indian* comes a wry and irreverent mystery Thumps DreadfulWater has never liked surprises—even the good ones are annoying. So it's no shock that a string of seemingly random occurrences is causing Thumps some real discomfort. First Noah Ridge, the Red Power Native activist, arrives in Thumps' sleepy town of Chinook. Then the body of a retired FBI agent turns up at the local Holiday Inn. In the background hovers the ghostly presence of Lucy Kettle, second-in-charge of the Red Power movement, a tough woman in a tough place until her disappearance years ago. Now the sheriff wants Thumps to trade in his photography gig for a temporary cop beat. And it won't be over, Thumps soon realizes, until everyone's dead—or famous. Hailed by critics in his first appearance, Cherokee ex-cop Thumps DreadfulWater is back in rumpled but razor-sharp form, doing his laconic, comic best to avoid trouble—and catch the bad guys. Bestselling writer Thomas King has penned a second entertaining *DreadfulWater* mystery, injected with the author's characteristic dry wit and biting social commentary.

77 Fragments of a Familiar Ruin HarperPerennial

In *The Inconvenient Indian*, Thomas King offers a deeply knowing, darkly funny, unabashedly opinionated, and utterly unconventional account of Indian–White relations in North America since initial contact. Ranging freely across the centuries and the Canada–U.S. border, King debunks fabricated stories of Indian savagery and White heroism, takes an oblique look at Indians (and cowboys) in film and popular culture, wrestles with the history of Native American resistance and his own experiences as a Native rights activist, and articulates a profound, revolutionary understanding of the cumulative effects of ever-shifting laws and treaties on Native peoples and lands. Suffused with wit, anger, perception, and wisdom, *The Inconvenient Indian* is at once an engaging chronicle and a devastating subversion of history, insightfully distilling what it means to be “Indian” in North America. It is a critical and personal meditation that sees Native American history not as a straight line but rather as a circle in which the same absurd, tragic dynamics are played out over and over again. At the heart of the dysfunctional relationship between Indians and Whites, King writes, is land: “The issue has always been land.” With that insight, the history inflicted on the indigenous peoples of North America—broken treaties, forced removals, genocidal violence, and racist stereotypes—sharpens into focus. Both timeless and timely, *The Inconvenient Indian* ultimately rejects the pessimism and cynicism with which Natives and Whites regard one another to chart a new and just way forward for Indians and non-Indians alike.

The Back Of The Turtle Groundwood Books Ltd

A joyful picture book about confidence featuring a little girl making her mark on the world, from acclaimed author Thomas King, and for fans of *Ladybug Girl*. Lala wakes up one morning and decides that she owns the world. Quick as a fox, she bounds to her box of treasures and finds her shiny red dots — to mark what is hers, because there's nothing that's not! Lala's bear gets a dot, as does her blankie, boots, and even the markers she uses to make scrawls on her walls. When she finishes labeling everything in her room and goes to label her dad-daddy's socks, Lala realizes that she's out of dots! But when Lala discovers that she can simply create her own red dots, will anything be safe from Lala? Join rambunctious Lala on her quest to own the world in this joyful picture book that celebrates confidence and positive thinking.

The Truth about Stories HarperCollins

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2 (B), University of Cologne (English Seminar), language: English, abstract: Thomas King's novel *Green Grass, Running Water* distinguishes itself from most of the modern novels, above all, from the novels written by Native American authors, in its genuine form and content. Not only the synthesis of oral and written form of narrating stories makes it a valuable literary work that reveals evidence for the existence of a relatively, if not utterly unknown culture, but also the author's effort to depict characters and stories from the mythology of the Native Americans contribute to it. The central figure among the mythological figures from the Native American culture in the novel *Green Grass, Running Water* is, by all means, the figure of Coyote. A lot of research has been conducted on the importance of this figure in the Native American mythology, on its meaning in Thomas King's novel and on the combination of these two aspects. It could be regarded that Thomas King attempts through his characters to illustrate on a larger scale the relationship between two diverse entities and their unequal position in it. This argument has been considered to a large extent by many authors and academics, among which Herb Wylie

presents the following point in his article “ ?Trust Tonto? Thomas King ?s subversive fictions and the politics of cultural literacy. “Given these various elements, it might be tempting initially to describe his work as blending Western literary forms with forms from Native cultures. A more appropriate characterization, however, can be found in Kimberley Blaeser’s description of the trickster figure in Native writing as ‘[n]ot a composite, which is made up of distinct and recognizable parts, but a complex, which is one unit whose makeup is intricate and interwoven’ (“Trickster” 51). Her description applies nicely to King’s writing, since in those Native cultures (and King’s writing as an extension of them), that blending or syncretism is already there, because of the cross-fertilization historically and currently between different tribal traditions and because of the legacy of the history of colonialism, during which cultural interaction was imposed.”¹ In the light of the opinion presented in the above written quotation this paper will concentrate on the analysis of the meaning and form of the pivotal figure in Thomas King’s novel *Green Grass, Running Water* – the trickster figure of Coyote and attempt to discover the intertwined intertextuality in the dialogs, in which Coyote takes part.

Deep House Tundra Books

Seminar paper from the year 2002 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2 (B), Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald (Institute for Anglistics/ American Studies), course: Canadian Literature, language: English, abstract: There are many different kinds of parent-child relationships: On the one hand there is the 'perfect' relationship, which means that the parents love their children and they love their parents. This seems to be wonderful, but there are also problems. For example, in some cases the people love their children so much that they become thoroughly spoilt. On the other hand there is the total 'family disaster', which means that in some cases the parents don't even have any contact with their children. Unfortunately, there are many relationships which have this character. All in all, it is very difficult for parents to build up a really good relationship to their children. Childhood is the most important time in a human's life: The children see their parents as the 'best' people in the world and expect them to behave like this. Later, when the children get older, they develop in different ways and it will be more difficult for the parents to do the right things. So, the expectations of the children remain the same, but they make it more difficult for their parents. In this way, there can develop many problems. Such parent-child relationships are one of the main subjects in *A Bird in the House* by Margaret Laurence and *Green Grass, Running Water* by Thomas King. These two novels are about relationships and in which way these relationships work. Furthermore, it is talked about different kinds of people's behaviour and what effect it has on other people.

Thomas King Camden House

A mean comment from Raven causes Coyote to reconsider the quality of his suit, but after he goes on a search to inspect those worn by Raccoon, Skunk, and Bear, problems arise when one suit goes missing and everyone blames him.

Indians on Vacation GRIN Verlag

Strong, sassy women and hard-luck, hard-headed men, all searching for the middle ground between Native American tradition and the modern world, perform an elaborate dance of approach and avoidance in this magical, rollicking tale by award-winning author Thomas King. Alberta, Eli, Lionel and others are coming to the Blackfoot reservation for the Sun Dance. There they will encounter four Indian elders and their companion, the trickster Coyote—and nothing in the small town of Blossom will be the same again. . . .

Coyote's New Suit HarperCollins

From the #1 bestselling author of *Indians on Vacation*, *Sufferance* and *77 Fragments of a Familiar Ruin* For the first time since the pandemic, Thumps DreadfulWater has finally found some peace in small-town Chinook. Sure, his beloved cat is still missing and his relationship with Claire is more than uncertain, but at least he can relax in the comfort of his home. And now that local businesses are starting to open their doors again, everything can go back to normal. But when Thumps unintentionally discovers a body at the bottom of a treacherous canyon, he becomes entangled once again in an inexplicable mystery. As more puzzling details come to the surface, Thumps begins to question whom he can truly trust—especially when an unexpected visitor walks back into his life. In the follow-up to *Obsidian*, a *Globe and Mail* Favourite of 2020, *Thumps DreadfulWater* returns with wit and wry humour to solve a mystery that only Thomas King could create.

Biblical References in Thomas King's *Green Grass, Running Water* *Green Grass, Running Water*

This is Thomas King's first literary novel in 15 years and follows on the success of the award-winning and bestselling *The Inconvenient Indian* and his beloved *Green Grass, Running Water* and *Truth and Bright Water*, both of which continue to be taught in Canadian schools and universities. *Green Grass, Running Water* is widely considered a contemporary Canadian classic. In *The Back of the Turtle*, Gabriel

returns to Smoke River, the reserve where his mother grew up and to which she returned with Gabriel's sister. The reserve is deserted after an environmental disaster killed the population, including Gabriel's family, and the wildlife. Gabriel, a brilliant scientist working for DowSanto, created GreenSweep, and indirectly led to the crisis. Now he has come to see the damage and to kill himself in the sea. But as he prepares to let the water take him, he sees a young girl in the waves. Plunging in, he saves her, and soon is saving others. Who are these people with their long black hair and almond eyes who have fallen from the sky? Filled with brilliant characters, trademark wit, wordplay and a thorough knowledge of native myth and story-telling, this novel is a masterpiece by one of our most important writers.

Parent-Child-Relationships in Canadian Literature (King, Thomas: *Green Grass, Running Water*; Laurence, Margaret: *A Bird in the House*) HarperCollins

The lives of the inhabitants of two towns, Truth and Bright Water, separated by a river running between Montana and an Ottawa Indian reservation, intertwine over the course of a summer as seen through the eyes of two young boys, Tecumseh and his cousin Lum, in a novel about life, love, family secrets, and growing up. Reprint.