

## The Meadow James Galvin

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An American Library Association Notable Book In discrete disclosures joined with the intricacy of a spider's web, James Galvin depicts the hundred-year history of a meadow in the arid mountains of the Colorado/Wyoming border. Galvin describes the seasons, the weather, the wildlife, and the few people who do not possess but are themselves possessed by this terrain. In so doing he reveals an experience that is part of our heritage and mythology. For Lyle, Ray, Clara, and App, the struggle to survive on an independent family ranch is a series of blameless failures and unacclaimed successes that illuminate the Western character. The Meadow evokes a sense of place that can be achieved only by someone who knows it intimately. [History of the Rain Grove](#)/Atlantic, Inc.

Literary agent Joe Allston, the central character of Stegner's novel *All the Little Live Things*, is now retired and, in his own words, 'just killing time until time gets around to killing me.' His parents and his only son are long dead, leaving him with neither ancestors nor descendants, tradition nor ties. His job, trafficking the talent of others, had not been his choice. He passes through life as a spectator. A postcard from an old friend causes Allston to return to the journals of a trip he and his wife had taken years before, a journey to his mother's birthplace, where he'd sought a link with the past. The memories of that trip, both grotesque and poignant, move through layers of time and meaning, and reveal that Joe Allston isn't quite spectator enough. Wallace Stegner was the author of, among other works of fiction, *Remembering Laughter* (1973); *The Big Rock Candy Mountain* (1943); *Joe Hill* (1950); *All the Little Live Things* (1967, Commonwealth Club Gold Medal); *A Shooting Star* (1961); *Angle of Repose* (1971, Pulitzer Prize); *Recapitulation* (1979); *Crossing to Safety* (1987); and *Collected Stories* (1990). His nonfiction includes *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian* (1954); *Wolf Willow* (1963); *The Sound of Mountain Water* (essays, 1969); *The Uneasy Chair: A Biography of Bernard DeVoto* (1964); *American Places* (with Page Stegner, 1981); and *Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs: Living and Writing in the West* (1992). Three short stories have won O. Henry prizes, and in 1980 he received the Robert Kirsch Award from the Los Angeles Times for his lifetime literary achievements. Simon and Schuster

In the early seventies, some of us were shot like stars from our parents' homes. This was an act of nature, bigger than ourselves. In the austere beauty and natural reality of Hell's Canyon of Eastern Oregon, one hundred miles from pavement, Pam, unable to identify with her parent's world and looking for deeper pathways has a chance encounter with returning Vietnam warrior Skip Royes. Skip, looking for a bridge from survival back to connection, introduces Pam to the vanishing culture of the wandering shepherd and together they embark on a four-year sojourn into the wilderness. From the back of a horse, Pam leads her packstring of readers from overlook to water crossing, down trails two thousand years old, and from the vantages she chooses for us, we feel the edges of our own experiences. It is a memoir of falling in love with a place and a man and the price extracted for that love. Written with deep lyricism, *Temperance Creek* is a work of haunting beauty, fresh and irreverent and rooted in the grit and pleasure of daily life. This is Pam's story, but the courage and truth in the telling is part of our human experience. Seen through a slower more primary mirror, one not so crowded with objectivity, Pam's memoir, is a kind of home-coming, a family reunion for shooting stars. [Inland](#) Harper Collins

This fourth collection from the author of the prose masterpiece

The Meadow is inspired by the often harsh subrural landscape of southwestern Wyoming where Galvin has spent most of the past decade building a log home, beginning with the felling of trees. Firsthand knowledge of the expansive landscape of the west provides perspective more than mere imagery, reducing human activity to its proper dimension. Galvin adds a kind of pre-Socratic intelligence, a stoical turn of mind, and genuine love of hard physical work to make poems that are direct, spare, compact, and stripped of rhetorical or aesthetic device.

**Everything We Always Knew Was True** Catapult

One woman 10,000 miles on foot 6 countries 8 pairs of hiking boots 3,000 cups of tea 1,000 days and nights "The only way to survive three years of walking was to embrace the moment of now."—from *Wild by Nature* Not since Cheryl Strayed gifted us with her adventure on the Pacific Crest Trail in her memoir, *Wild*, has there been such a powerful epic adventure by a woman alone. In *Wild by Nature*, National Geographic Explorer Sarah Marquis takes you on the trail of her ten-thousand-mile solo hike across the remote Gobi desert from Siberia to Thailand, at which point she was transported by boat to complete the hike at her favorite tree in Australia. Against nearly insurmountable odds and relying on hunting and her own wits, Sarah Marquis survived the Mafia, drug dealers, thieves on horseback who harassed her tent every night for weeks, temperatures from subzero to scorching, life-threatening wildlife, a dengue fever delirium in the Laos jungle, tropic ringworm in northern Thailand, dehydration, and a life-threatening abscess. This is an incredible story of adventure, human ingenuity, persistence, and resilience that shows firsthand what it is to adventure as a woman in the most dangerous of circumstance, what it is to be truly alone in the wild, and why someone would challenge themselves with an expedition others would call crazy. For Marquis, her story is about freedom, being alive and wild by nature.

*Imaginary Timber* Springer

Timeless insights from one of the most important people in church history. Some people value good works so much that they overlook faith in Christ. Faith should be first.... It is faith—without good works and prior to good works—that takes us to heaven. We come to God through faith alone. —Martin Luther Resounding across the centuries, Martin Luther's prolific writings as a pastor, theologian, scholar, Bible translator, father, and more, remain powerful and richly relevant. *Faith Alone* is a treasury of accessible devotionals taken from Luther's best writings and sermons from the years 1513 through 1546. This carefully updated translation retains the meaning, tone, and imagery of Luther's works. Through daily readings, Luther's straightforward approach challenges you to a more thoughtful faith. Read one brief section a day or explore themes using the subject index in the back of the book. *Faith Alone* will deepen your understanding of Scripture and help you more fully appreciate the mystery of faith.

**Coyote Valley** Macmillan Higher Education

Paul St. Pierre's witty, honest writing never fails to delight, and nor does his legendary character, Smith. Cowboys, ranchers, Indians, tradesmen—these are the spirited characters for which St. Pierre has become so well known, whose lives he sketches with humor and sympathy, and who people the cattle ranges of Chilcotin country, a spectacularly beautiful pocket of British Columbia.

*Body of Water* Copper Canyon Press

A haunting novel of the American West about an accidental murder that springs from the best intentions. Stepping his horse through the lush, beaver-worked draw looking for stray cows, Mike Arans never imagined that, moments later, he'd find himself swinging a nylon loop around Merriweather Snipes and pulling until his neck snapped. Once Snipes was dead, Mike fished a notepad and a stub of pencil from his pocket, wrote "I did this," signed his name, and stuffed the note into Snipes's breast pocket. Then Mike rode to his house, stocked up on supplies, and rode due west. *Fencing the Sky* is the story of how circumstances spiral out of control, the story of gross indifference and avarice in the face of breathtaking beauty. Ultimately, James Galvin's novel is a book about violence and how it destroys lives when the land is at stake. This long-awaited lyrical first novel is nothing less than the story of the disappearance of the American West.

*Angela's Ashes* University of New Mexico Press

"As the author reveals in these charming essays, nature is imbued with enticing mysteries, and trees can be agents of salvation." —Kirkus Reviews Angela Pelster's startling essay collection charts the world's history through its trees: through roots in the ground, rings across wood, and inevitable decay. These sharp and tender essays move from her childhood in rural Canada surrounded by skinny poplar trees in her backyard to a desert in Niger, where the Loneliest Tree in the World once grew. A squirrel's decomposing body below a towering maple prompts a discussion of the science of rot, as well as a metaphor for the ways in which nature programs us to consume ourselves. Beautiful and deeply thoughtful, *Limber* valiantly asks what it means to sustain life on this planet we've

inherited. "One of the quirkiest and most original books about the natural world that I have read in quite some time . . . the essays reveal not just the life of trees but how they connect us to the greater world around us." —Seattle Times "Whether Pelster is talking about an old mining town buried alive, a tree that belonged only to itself, or a mother buried with her children in the desert, her prose invites the reader to pause and wonder . . . Pelster questions our mortality, how we define ourselves, and faith; and has fun doing so." —Publishers Weekly "What a strange and unexpected treasure chest this is . . . Who is this Angela Pelster and where has she been all our lives?" —Lawrence Weschler

*Smith and Other Events* Holt Paperbacks

Yearning for romance and adventure, strong-willed eighteen-year-old Rosamond Vivian is seduced by the wealthy Phillip Tempest and is forced to flee his violent tendencies

*Death Is a Lonely Business* Simon and Schuster

August 1863 finds two con artists traveling with their embezzled cash to build their dream ranch in Washington Territory. But some Cheyenne Indians have different plans for those white settlers heading west, plans that cause the story of our con artists to become three stories. Chief of Thieves, the sequel to Kohlhausen's *Where They Bury You*, takes the reader into the disasters of early Western ranch life and the births of lawless Wyoming towns; inside Cheyenne villages and tipis, where this hunting civilization of people, called "the greatest horsemen and cavalry the world ever saw," lived, raided, and were attacked and massacred as they slept; and into the relentlessly driven lives, internal conflicts, and battles of George Armstrong Custer and his Seventh Cavalry. The three stories interweave at an ever-quickening pace, from Colorado negotiations to battles in Oregon, Wyoming, Kansas, and what is now Montana, including the massacres at Sand Creek and the Washita River, before culminating on a beautiful June 1876 day on the Little Bighorn River. Custer's Little Bighorn decisions under fire in real time become understandable on these pages as death comes to historical and fictional characters, con artists, U.S. soldiers, and Cheyenne alike, and the three stories merge climactically on that fateful day in American history. Chief of Thieves is based on the factual story of how Lieutenant Augustyn P. Damours conned the U.S. Army, the Catholic Church, and the New Mexico Territory out of millions of today's dollars.

**Fencing the Sky** Copper Canyon Press

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The bestselling author of *The Tiger's Wife* returns with "a bracingly epic and imaginatively mythic journey across the American West" (Entertainment Weekly). NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Time • The Washington Post • Entertainment Weekly • Esquire • Real Simple • Good Housekeeping • Town & Country • The New York Public Library • Kirkus Reviews • Library Journal • BookPage In the lawless, drought-ridden lands of the Arizona Territory in 1893, two extraordinary lives unfold. Nora is an unflinching frontierswoman awaiting the return of the men in her life—her husband, who has gone in search of water for the parched household, and her elder sons, who have vanished after an explosive argument. Nora is biding her time with her youngest son, who is convinced that a mysterious beast is stalking the land around their home. Meanwhile, Lurie is a former outlaw and a man haunted by ghosts. He sees lost souls who want something from him, and he finds reprieve from their longing in an unexpected relationship that inspires a momentous expedition across the West. The way in which Lurie's death-defying trek at last intersects with Nora's plight is the surprise and suspense of this brilliant novel. Mythical, lyrical, and sweeping in scope, *Inland* is grounded in true but little-known history. It showcases all of Téa Obreht's talents as a writer, as she subverts and reimagines the myths of the American West, making them entirely—and unforgettably—her own. Praise for *Inland* "As it should be, the landscape of the West itself is a character, thrillingly rendered throughout. . . . Here, Obreht's simple but rich prose captures and luxuriates in the West's beauty and sudden menace. Remarkable in a novel with such a sprawling cast, Obreht also has a poetic touch for writing intricate and precise character descriptions."—The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) "Beautifully wrought."—Vanity Fair "Obreht is the kind of writer who can forever change the way you think about a thing, just through her powers of description. . . . *Inland* is an ambitious and beautiful work about many things: immigration, the afterlife, responsibility, guilt, marriage, parenthood, revenge, all the roads and waterways that led to America. Miraculously, it's also a page-turner and a mystery, as well as a love letter to a camel, and, like a camel, improbable and splendid, something to happily puzzle over at first and take your breath away at the end."—Elizabeth McCracken, O: The Oprah Magazine **Poems** HarperPerennial Chronicles the lives of the handful of residents of a dying Nevada mining town, focusing on the comings and goings at the town general store that make the town seem like a more vibrant place than many small cities.

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*Lethal Frequencies* Harvard University Press

With his signature darkly acerbic and sharp-witted humor, George Singleton has built a reputation as one of the most astute and wise observers of the South. Now Tom Franklin introduces this master of the form with a compilation of acclaimed and prize-winning short fiction spanning twenty years and eight collections, including stories originally published in outlets like the Atlantic Monthly, Harper's, Playboy, the Georgia Review, the Southern Review, and many more. These stories bear the influence of Flannery O'Connor and Raymond Carver, at other times Barry Hannah and Donald Barthelme, and touch on the mysteries of childhood, the complexities of human relationships, and the absurdity of everyday life, with its inexorable defeats and small triumphs. Assembled here for the very first time, *You Want More* represents a body of work that showcases the incisive talent that earned George Singleton's place among "the great pillars of Southern literature." (New York Times)

[A Good Day to Die](#) Penguin UK

"James Galvin has a voice and a world, perhaps the two most difficult things to achieve in poetry."—The Nation "Bleak and unsentimental but blessedly free of self-indulgence, these poems give the feeling of being absolutely essential."—Library Journal "Galvin [has] the virtues of precise observation and original language . . . a rigor of mind and firmness of phrasing which make [each] poem an architectural pleasure."—Harvard Review In his first collection in seven years, James Galvin expands upon his signature spare and gnomic lyric as he engages restrained astonishment, desire, and loss in a confessional voice. Whether considering masterpieces of painting or describing the austere landscape of his native Wyoming ranchlands, Galvin turns to highly imagistic yet intimate narratives to rain down compassion within isolation. From "On the Sadness of Wedding Dresses": On starless, windless nights like this I imagine I can hear the wedding dresses Weeping in their closets, Luminescent with hopeless longing, Like hollow angels. They know they will never be worn again. Who wants them now, After their one heroic day in the limelight? Yet they glow with desire In the darkness of closets. James Galvin passionately depicts the rural American West and the interactions between humans and nature in his best-selling memoir *The Meadow* and his novel *Fencing the Sky*. Galvin is also the author of several volumes of poetry and teaches at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He divides his time between Iowa and Wyoming.

[Down from the Mountain](#) Doubleday Books

Waldron 21st Century Chemistry promotes scientific literacy and helps students understand chemistry applications in everyday life. With an exceptionally clear and fresh writing style, Waldron engages non-science majors and provides a focus on environmental topics with Naturebox and Green Beat features. Recurring Themes help students remember fundamental, take-away ideas and concepts so they can apply their knowledge of chemistry as they make choices as consumers, voters and overall informed citizens. The new second edition of 21st Century Chemistry will include: new content featuring fresh stories for roughly four of the Naturebox features and roughly three of the GreenBeats features. refreshed end-of-chapter content, including questions encouraging students to research their local environment using web resources. media tools focused on a few key resources that address engagement and reading support, including videos of current events and real-world applications, and LearningCurve reading quizzes. VitalSource e-Book.

[Mavericks](#) Macmillan

The hunter and the hunted are portrayed in four stories with preludes and an epilogue that link the individual narratives.

[Wild by Nature](#) Vintage

2002 Lannan Award winner explores through poetry the "vertigo of solitude" as his family dissolves.

[The Meadow](#) Random House Trade Paperbacks

One of the first studies to explore the relationship between environmental criticism and British modernism, *Green Modernism* explores the cultural function of nature in the modernist novel between 1900 and 1930. This theoretically engaged, historically informed book brings new materialist insights to novels by Conrad, Ford, Lawrence, and Butts.

[The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl](#) Sunstone Press Chronicles the author's rescue of an abandoned barn owl, from her efforts to resuscitate and raise the young owl through their nineteen years together, during which the author made key discoveries about owl behavior.