

The Whole World Is Reading "CanLit"

Canadian writers and Canadian writing have had phenomenal success worldwide. Among English-Canadian writers, superstar authors such as Margaret Atwood, Robertson Davies, Farley Mowat and Alice Munro are gaining honours and sales from all corners of the globe.

Margaret Atwood — poet, novelist, critic and activist — has published 15 volumes of poetry and 8 novels, as well as short stories, essays, criticism, children's literature, TV scripts and screenplays. Critics respect the power, precision and intelligence of her writing, and her readers keep her books at the top of best-seller lists. Her works are available in 25 countries and have been translated into more than 20 languages.

The novel *The Handmaid's Tale* was runner-up for Britain's prestigious Booker Prize and sold more than one million paperback copies in the United States alone. The movie based on the book, with its vivid portrait of a society imprisoned by fundamentalist totalitarianism, had a special premiere last February in East Berlin on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Berlin's film festival.

Robertson Davies: at the pinnacle of Canadian letters and in the top rank of English literature everywhere.

Master of Fiction

The works of Robertson Davies, a master of fiction, drama and journalism, have appeared in a dozen languages. Davies is the author of more than 30 books, including the 9 novels that make up his Salterton, Deptford and Cornish trilogies.

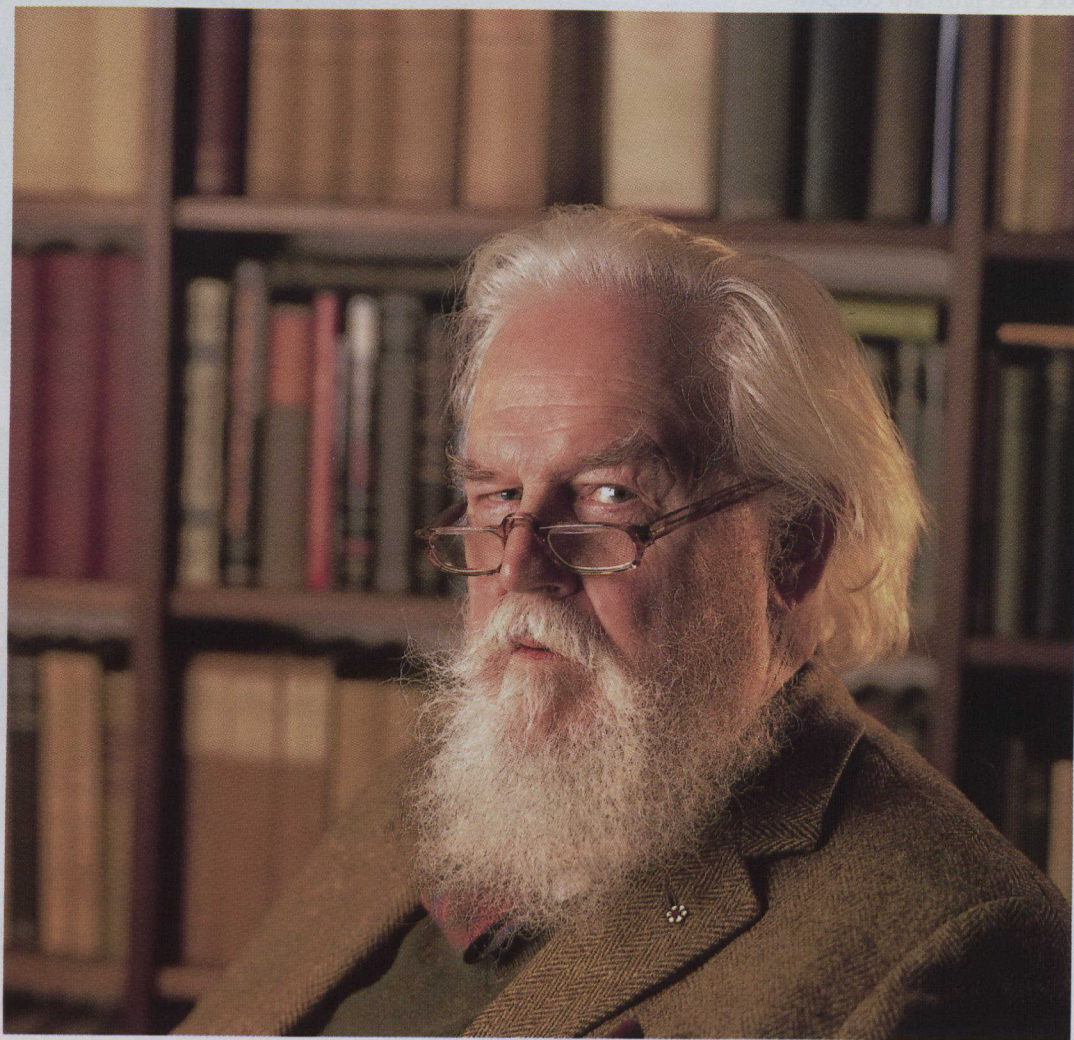
The novel *Fifth Business* brought Davies to the attention of American readers and critics, while the second book in

the series, *The Manticore*, won him Canada's leading literary prize, the Governor General's Award for Literature. His novel *What's Bred in the Bone* prompted the *New York Review of Books* to refer to the author as "a latter-day Thomas Mann."

Among the honours bestowed on Davies are the Medal of Honour for Literature, awarded by New York City's National Arts Club and the Companion of the Order of Canada. Davies became the

first Canadian ever to be granted honorary membership in the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

One of Canada's most widely read authors — some have said *the* most widely read — is Farley Mowat. Mowat's work has been translated into more than 30 languages and is particularly popular in the Soviet Union, where he has travelled extensively. For 30 years, Mowat has been writing about the land, animals and people of the north.



Brain Willer