second collection of short stories, was published in 1974. Her works have appeared in many Canadian periodicals and two stories were included in the 1977 issues of <u>The New Yorker</u>. One of the most widely anthologized writers in Canada, four of Miss Munro's stories appear in <u>Personal Fictions</u> published recently by Oxford University Press. Most recently, Miss Munro wrote the script for <u>1847</u>, a documentary drama about the Irish immigration to Canada, the third programme in a series of films called <u>The Newcomers</u> produced for the CBC Television Network.

Her stories are often set in small towns in rural Ontario and are compassionate studies of women, written in a style of grace and detail which has made her one of the most popular writers of fiction in Canada.

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