



raphy on the back of the dust jacket, is very young, but he writes with controlled style and evokes time and place vividly—Winnipeg late in the last century, the great, isolated prairie cross-road across which traveled all the emigrating farmers, Toronto at the turn of the century and Shrewsbury, a pleasant (if mythical) village emerging from the horse and buggy age and becoming magically, for a moment, a one-car town. He writes well of specific locals—of back country corduroy roads, of the tennis club, of the petty gentry and of the machine shop of a future auto tycoon.

He writes somewhat less well of people. John Angus Gould Moncrieff, the patriarch of a family, is richly present at the beginning of the book (the end of his life) and vivid as a young man involved with a sluttish young woman, a non-descript job and burning ambition. But when we leave him a premature success and a new bridegroom, he is in grave danger of becoming a bore.



Perhaps Mr. Brown was in a hurry to finish this slim 150 page book; he should cultivate patience. He is a man of talent and when he finishes the next two books of his trilogy, he may want to publish the whole inside one pair of covers.

Salty Farce

The Battle for Saltbucket Beach. Ian MacNeill. McClelland and Stewart Limited, \$8.95.

The Battle for Saltbucket Beach has 222 pages (almost as slim as *Stepping Stones*), but it is finished. It has a neatly constructed beginning, an intriguing middle and an ingenious end. It is funny, original, disrespectful and should make a first-rate, mass audience Hollywood movie. It recounts the efforts of a ruthless Toronto tycoon (Canadian authors this year cannot, apparently, leave tycoons alone) to return and exploit his native Cape Breton shore. He does not succeed and the devices by which he is thwarted are splendidly imagined.

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