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## *Perilous Departures*

by Margaret Macpherson

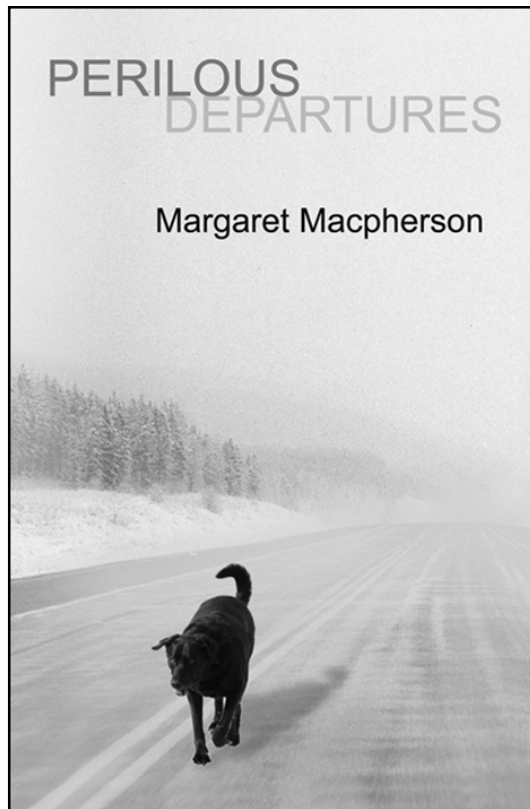
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### About the Book

A small-town Bill Clinton look-alike agonizes over whether to accept a tempting offer from the CIA; an obese young woman finds love in a prairie café; a teenage girl struggles with a sexual predator as she hitchhikes on the autobahn; a newly divorced man tries to return his adopted children; two brothers and a sister take their father's ashes back to the North, trying to make it over the ice road before break-up. These are just a few of the stories from Margaret Macpherson's remarkable debut collection, *Perilous Departures*.

Perilous though they may be, all of these stories represent a departure from the ordinary and all celebrate the chaotic splendour of life. Each story, in its individuality, illuminates the path that leads to home, but home isn't always what we expect, and paths in Macpherson's world are rarely straight and narrow. With compelling exuberance, Margaret Macpherson entices her readers to leave behind their familiar comforts and join her on an unpredictable journey of hazardous navigations. In *Perilous Departures*, the risks are many, the rewards transformative.



### About the Author



Margaret Macpherson grew up in the Northwest Territories on the shores of Great Slave Lake and now lives in Edmonton with her husband and four kids. She is the author of four books of creative non-fiction: *Outlaws of the Canadian West*; *Outlaws and Lawmen of the West*; *Silk, Spices and Glory: In Search of the Northwest Passage* and *Nellie McClung: Voice for the Voiceless*. She holds a Masters degree in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia and has worked as a teacher and journalist in Halifax, Bermuda, and Vancouver. She is presently at work on a new novel. A number of the stories from *Perilous Departures* have appeared in Canadian literary magazines or have been broadcast on CBC Radio, two of the stories have been winners of the John White Memorial Award and a third has won *Grain* magazine's Long Grain of Truth Award. Margaret has also just this week been selected for the Exporting Alberta Award administered by the Alberta branch of the Canadian Authors Association.

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