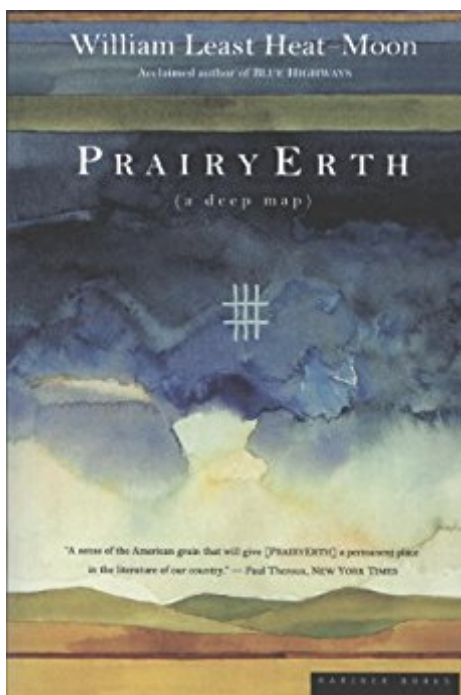


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Three months on the New York Times bestseller list, *PrairieEarth* is now in paperback. Robert Penn Warren pronounced Heat-Moon's *Blue Highways* "a masterpiece." Now Heat-Moon has pulled to the side of the road and set off on foot to take readers on an exploration of time and space, landscape and history in the Flint Hills of central Kansas.

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Customer Reviews

This is an intellectual romp with the same broad span as it is a road trip memoir by America's premier and most interesting travel author. It may not be everyone's "cup of tea", but I found it great fun to read along with a cornucopia of interesting ideas.

William Least-Heat Moon delights in language and takes apparent glee in using as many obscure terms as possible. He must be the most learned man in the room, whatever room he's in. It would be interesting to talk to him in person and contrast his conversation with his writing. Meanwhile, he constructs a multi-layered picture of the middlemost part of the 48 contiguous states of the US that

leaves the reader wishing for that much understanding of her own place of origin. This book was the result of remarkable erudition and observation and I have enormous respect for the author's work. I also have a notebook in which I listed all the words I needed to look up. It gets a 3 for narrative flow because the obscure words were so frequent as to be stumbling blocks. I rate it 5 for scholarship and for securing the reader's trust in the truth of it.

A thoughtfully written and entertaining book. A book that, upon reading, will make one reflect and ponder.

I have read and thoroughly enjoyed each one of William Least Heat-Moon's books. He is a fantastic author who uses the English language to weave wonderful stories and increase the reader's vocabulary. *PrairieEarth*, like his other books, is a must read if you like stories about people and places in the United States.

Another terrific, on the road, tour de force, by William Least Heat Moon. Only this time. he captures the true essence of America's last vestige of "tall grass" country, aka. "The Flint Hills" of Kansas!

Enjoy and appreciate Heat-Moon's work. Love to pick up his books and read and savor a chapter or two when reading time is limited. And it's good to learn much more about areas I'm familiar with.

One of my favorite books was Least Heat Moon's *Blue Highways*, so knew I would like the writing. A few summers ago, I passed through this land he is writing about and so can relive my journey as well as go deeper into life in and on the prairie. Already in love with the book and I just started it.

This author is doing what has been called "deep" evocation and analysis of a particular place in time. It is from the perspective of someone who is concerned about the natural world and the threats we already know about. I like the collage of quotations that appear throughout the book. Many of them are fearful, but others focus on prayer and praise. A satisfying balance.

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