



CLASS OF

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LARRY WATSON

Larry Watson graduated from Bismarck High School in 1965, Bismarck Junior College in 1967, received BA and MA degrees from University of North Dakota, his PhD from the University of Utah, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters from Ripon College. He married his high school sweetheart, Susan Gibbons, and they have two daughters, Elly and Amy, and two grandchildren, Ted and Abby.

Larry is the author of *Leaving Dakota; In a Dark Time; Montana 1948; Justice; White Crosses; Laura; Orchard; and Sundown, Yellow Moon*. His fiction has been published in ten foreign editions and he has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (1987, 2004) and the Wisconsin Arts Board. He has received prizes/awards from Milkweed Press, Friends of American Writers, Mountain and Plains Booksellers Association, New York Public Library Association, Wisconsin Library Association, and Critic’s Choice. Echo Lake Productions purchased film rights to *Montana 1948* and *Justice*, and *White Crosses* is currently optioned for film.

Larry has published numerous short stories and poems and his work has been anthologized in *Essays for Contemporary Culture, Imagining Home, Off the Beaten Path, Baseball and the Game of Life, The Most Wonderful Books, These United States*, and *Writing America*. His essays and book reviews have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Chicago Sun-Times, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, and elsewhere.



Larry is currently a Visiting Professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been a featured participant in writers’ conferences in Colorado, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, North Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, and France.