

Alistair MacLeod



Alistair MacLeod was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan in 1936. His family moved to a farm in Dunvegan, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia when he was ten years old. He attended teacher's college in Truro, where he became a teacher. He later studied at St. Francis Xavier University, earning a BA and B.Ed., then received an MA from the University of New Brunswick in 1961 and his PhD from the University of Notre Dame in 1968. He taught English at the University of Indiana until 1969, when he moved to Windsor and taught English and Creative Writing at the University of Windsor until his recent retirement. He was also fiction editor of the *Windsor Review* for a number of years.

MacLeod has published three story collections: *The Lost Salt Gift of Blood* (1976), *As Birds Bring Forth the Sun and Other Stories* (1986), and *Island* (2000). He also published the novel *No Great Mischief* (1999), which was nominated for numerous awards and won many of them, including the Trillium Award, the Thomas Head Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award, the Dartmouth Book & Writing Award for Fiction, and the 2001 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. He published an illustrated story, *To Everything There Is a Season: A Cape Breton Christmas Story*, in 2004.