



## Not Just Any Land A Personal and Literary Journey into the American Grasslands

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By John Price

Bison Books. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 240 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.7in. x 0.6in. Though hed lived in Iowa all his life, the allure of the prairie had somehow eluded John Price until, after a catastrophic flood, a brief glimpse of native wildlife suddenly brought his surroundings home to him. Not Just Any Land is a memoir of Prices rediscovery of his place in the American landscape and of his search for a new relationship to the life of the prairie that once immense and beautiful wilderness of grass now so depleted and damaged as to test even the deepest faith. Prices journey toward a conscious commitment to place takes him to some of Americas largest remaining grasslands and brings him face to face with a troubling, but also hopeful, personal and environmental legacy. It also leads him through the regions literature and into conversations with contemporary nature writers Linda Hasselstrom, Dan OBrien, William Least Heat-Moon, and Mary Swander who have devoted themselves to living in, writing about, and restoring the grasslands. Among these authors Price observes how a commitment to the land can spring from diverse sources, for instance, the generational weight of a family ranch, the rites of wildlife preservation, the deep maps...

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