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Biobibliographical Notes

Alice Munro was born on the 10th of July, 1931 in Wingham, which is in the Canadian province of Ontario. Her mother was a teacher, and her father was a fox farmer. After finishing high school, she began studying journalism and English at the University of Western Ontario, but broke off her studies when she got married in 1951. Together with her husband, she settled in Victoria, British Columbia, where the couple opened a bookstore. Munro started writing stories in her teens, but published her first book-length work in 1968, the story collection *Dance of the Happy Shades*, which received considerable attention in Canada. She had begun publishing in various magazines from the beginning of the 1950's. In 1971 she published a collection of stories entitled *Lives of Girls and Women*, which critics have described as a *Bildungsroman*.

Munro is primarily known for her short stories and has published many collections over the years. Her works include *Who Do You Think You Are?* (1978), *The Moons of Jupiter* (1982), *Runaway* (2004), *The View from Castle Rock* (2006) and *Too Much Happiness* (2009). The collection *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage* (2001) became the basis of the film *Away from Her* from 2006, directed by Sarah Polley. Her most recent collection is *Dear Life* (2012).

Munro is acclaimed for her finely tuned storytelling, which is characterized by clarity and psychological realism. Some critics consider her a Canadian Chekhov. Her stories are often set in small town environments, where the struggle for a socially acceptable existence often results in strained relationships and moral conflicts – problems that stem from generational differences and colliding life ambitions. Her texts often feature depictions of everyday but decisive events, epiphanies of a kind, that illuminate the surrounding story and let existential questions appear in a flash of lightning.

Alice Munro currently resides in Clinton, near her childhood home in southwestern Ontario.

Major works in English

- Dance of the Happy Shades and Other Stories.* – Toronto : Ryerson, 1968
- Lives of Girls and Women.* – Toronto : McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1971
- Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You : Thirteen Stories.* – Toronto : McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1974
- Who Do You Think You Are? : Stories.* – Toronto : Macmillan of Canada, 1978. – Note: also published as *The Beggar Maid : Stories of Flo and Rose.* – New York : Knopf, 1979
- The Moons of Jupiter : Stories.* – Toronto : Macmillan of Canada, 1982
- The Progress of Love.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 1986
- Friend of My Youth : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 1990
- Open Secrets : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 1994
- The Love of a Good Woman : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 1998
- Queenie : A Story.* – London : Profile Books/London Review of Books, 1999
- Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 2001
- Runaway : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 2004
- The View from Castle Rock : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 2006
- Away from Her.* – New York : Vintage, 2007. – Note: contains the short story “The Bear Came Over The Mountain” which was later made into the motion picture *Away from her*
- Too Much Happiness : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 2009
- Dear Life : Stories.* – Toronto : McClelland and Stewart, 2012

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- L'amour d'une honnête femme : nouvelles* / traduit de l'anglais (Canada) par Geneviève Doze. – Paris : Payot et Rivages, 2001. – Traduction de : *The Love of a Good Woman*
- La danse des ombres heureuses : nouvelles* / traduit de l'anglais (Canada) par Geneviève Doze. – Paris : Payot et Rivages, 2002
- Un demi-pamplémousse : nouvelles* / traduit de l'anglais (Canada) par Michèle Causse. – Paris : Payot & Rivages, 2002
- Un peu, beaucoup, pas du tout* / traduit de l'anglais (Canada) par Geneviève Doze. – Paris : Payot et Rivages, 2004. – Traduction de : *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage*
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- Du côté de Castle Rock* / traduit de l'anglais (Canada) par Jacqueline Huet et Jean-Pierre Carasso. – Paris : Olivier, 2009. – Traduction de : *The View from Castle Rock*
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Works in Swedish

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- Jupiters månar : noveller* / översättning av Karin Benecke. – Stockholm : Norstedt, 1985. – Orig:s titel: *The Moons of Jupiter*
- Kärlekens vägar : noveller* / översättning av Karin Benecke. – Stockholm : Norstedt, 1991. – Orig:s titel: *The Progress of Love*
- Äpplen eller apelsiner : noveller* / översättning av Karin Benecke. – Stockholm : Norstedt, 1993. – Orig:s titel: *Friend of my Youth*
- Kärlek, vänskap, hat : noveller* / översättning av Rose-Marie Nielsen. – Stockholm : Wahlström & Widstrand, 2003. – Orig:s titel: *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage*
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- För mycket lycka* / översättning: Rose-Marie Nielsen. – Stockholm : Atlas, 2010. – Orig:s titel: *Too Much Happiness*
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- Amistad de juventud* / traducción de Esperanza Pérez Moreno. – Barcelona : Versal, 1991. – Título original: Friend of My Youth
- Secretos a voces* / versión castellana de Flora Casas. – Madrid : Debate, 1996. – Título original: Open Secrets
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- Demasiada felicidad* / traducción de Flora Casas. – Barcelona : Lumen, 2010. – Título original: Too Much Happiness
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- Mi vida querida* / traducción de Eugenia Vázquez Nacarino. – Barcelona : Lumen, 2013. – Título original: Dear Life

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- Der Traum meiner Mutter : Erzählungen* / Aus dem Engl. von Heidi Zerning. – Frankfurt am Main : S. Fischer, 2002
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