

# THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Two collections of short stories by Alice Munro  
Photo courtesy of Penguin Canada

## In praise of Alice Munro 📖

Alice Munro is a writer.

She won the 2013 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Canadians are very proud of her. She is the first Canadian to win the prize.

She is also the 13<sup>th</sup> woman to win the prize in over 100 years. Women are very proud of her.

Munro is happy and surprised.

“I never thought I would win,” says Munro.

The Nobel Prize shows that Alice Munro is one of the world’s best writers.

The Prize is worth over \$1million.

### **What does Alice Munro write about?**

Alice Munro writes short stories.

Munro started writing short stories 45 years ago.

Life and relationships interest Munro.

She writes about life in southwestern Ontario.

She writes about the lives of ordinary people.

She writes about the lives of girls and women.

### **What will she do now?**

Munro has been saying that she is going to stop writing.

Now she might change her mind. Munro is 82 years old.

The judges said: “To read Alice Munro is to learn something every time that you never thought of before.”

Adapted from *The Vancouver Sun*

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Alice Munro wrote these books. Each book is a collection of short stories. You can get these books at your library.

*Dance of the Happy Shades*

*Lives of Girls and Women*

*Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You*

*Who Do You Think You Are?*

*The Moons of Jupiter*

*The Progress of Love*

*Friend of My Youth*

*Open Secrets*

*The Love of a Good Woman*

*Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship,  
Marriage*

*Runaway*

*The View From Castle Rock*

*Too Much Happiness*

*Dear Life*

### Answers to the exercise on page 3

1. We

2. I, I

3. We

4. It

5. We

6. They

7. They

8. She

9. They

10. I

"'The thing is to be happy,' he said. 'No matter what. Just try that. You can. It gets to be easier and easier. It's nothing to do with circumstances. You wouldn't believe how good it is. Accept everything and then tragedy disappears. Or tragedy lightens, anyway, you're just there, going along easy in the world.'"

From *Dear Life: Stories* by Alice Munro

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## Pronouns

Pronouns are short words that replace nouns.

The following words are pronouns:

I, you, he, she, it, we, they

For example:

John went to the store. He went to the store.

The pronoun 'he' replaced the noun 'John'.

Here's another example.

Alice Munro is a writer. She won the 2013 Nobel Prize.

**Choose the right pronoun to fill in the blanks.**

I, you, he, she, it, we, they

1. Canadians are proud of her. \_\_\_\_\_ are proud of her.
2. “ \_\_\_\_\_ never thought \_\_\_\_\_ would win,” says Munro.
3. My class read a story. \_\_\_\_\_ read a story.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was good.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ liked it.
6. Ana's class meets at the garden. \_\_\_\_\_ meet at the garden.
7. Bob and Joe are going to shop. \_\_\_\_\_ are going to shop.
8. Alice Munro writes short stories. \_\_\_\_\_ writes short stories.
9. Bert talked about Sally and Carol. \_\_\_\_\_ talked about Sally and Carol.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ am doing this exercise.

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