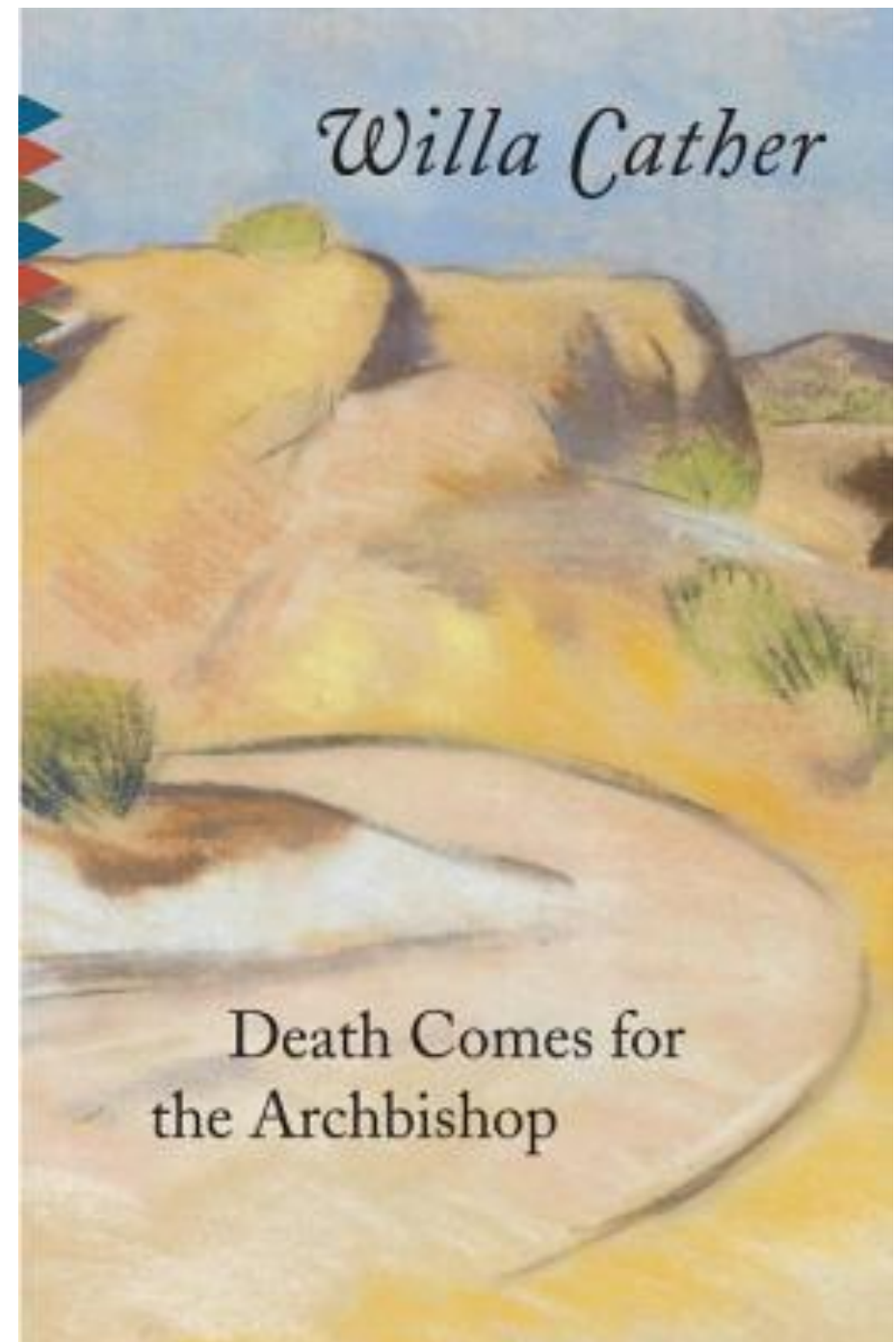


Willa Cather's
*Death Comes for the
Archbishop*



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Willa Cather

(1873 – 1947)

One of the great American
novelists of the early 20th
century

Won the Pulitzer in 1922
for *One of Ours*



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Willa Cather

Born near Winchester, Virginia and moved to Red Cloud, Nebraska with her family at age nine.

Matriculated to University of Nebraska – Lincoln at age sixteen

Taught school in Pittsburgh for 10 years, then became editor for McClure's in NYC.

Moved in with partner Edith Lewis in 1909

Published her first novel, *Alexander's Bridge*, in 1912, at age thirty-eight – and quit her job to write full time

Cather's writing mined her past, especially Red Cloud. Many of the characters she wrote about are real people

Forbade people from quoting from her letters in her will – but restriction lifted in 2011

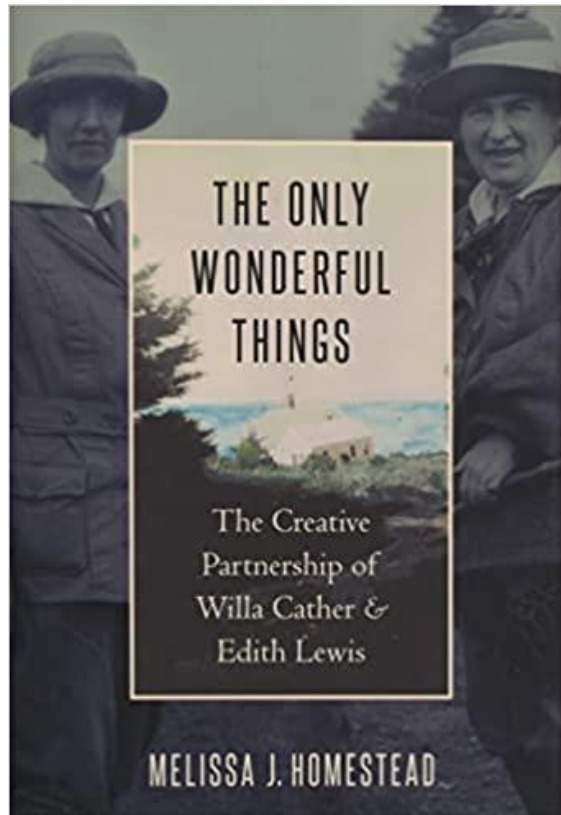
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- *The Troll Garden* (1905)
- *Alexander's Bridge* (1912)
- *O Pioneers!* (1913)
- *The Song of the Lark* (1915)*
- *My Ántonia* (1918)
- *Youth and the Bright Medusa* (1920)
- *One of Ours* (1922) – Pulitzer
- *A Lost Lady* (1923)
- *The Professor's House* (1925)*
- *My Mortal Enemy* (1926)
- *Death Comes for the Archbishop* (1927)*
- *Shadows on the Rock* (1931)
- *Obscure Destinies* (1932)
- *Neighbor Rosicky* (1932)
- *Lucy Gayhart* (1935)
- *Not Under Forty* (1936)
- *Sapphira and the Slave Girl* (1940)

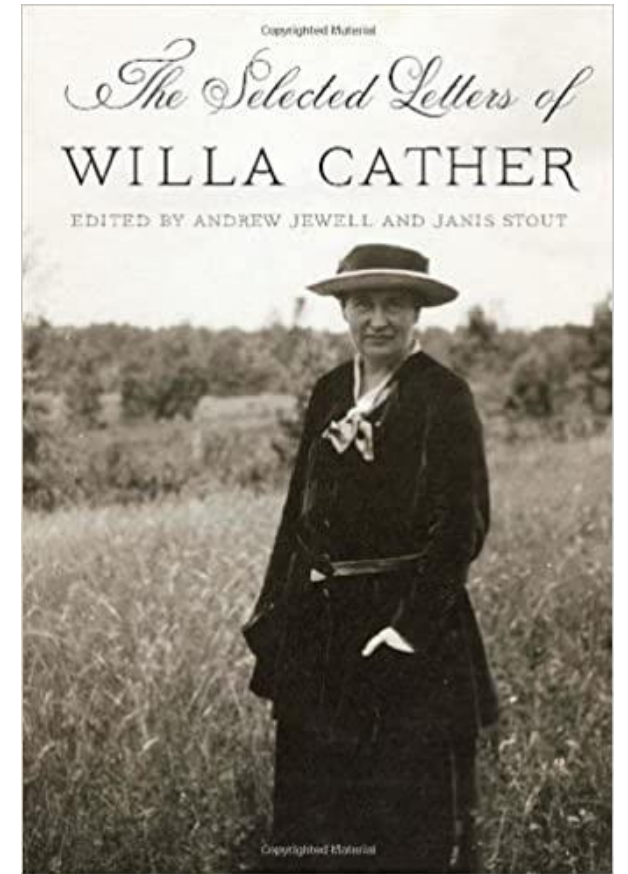
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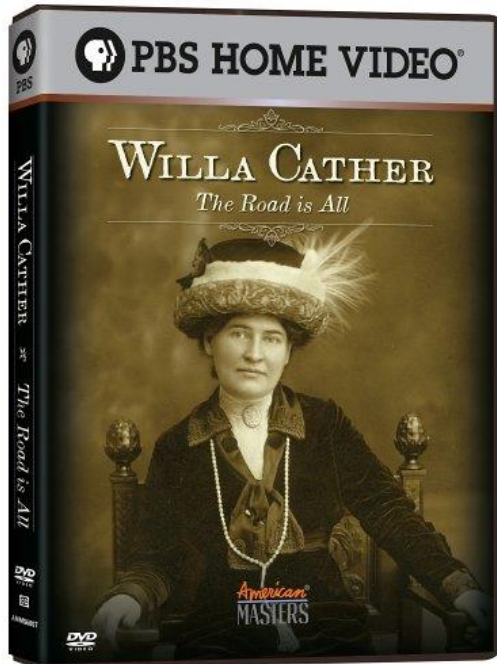
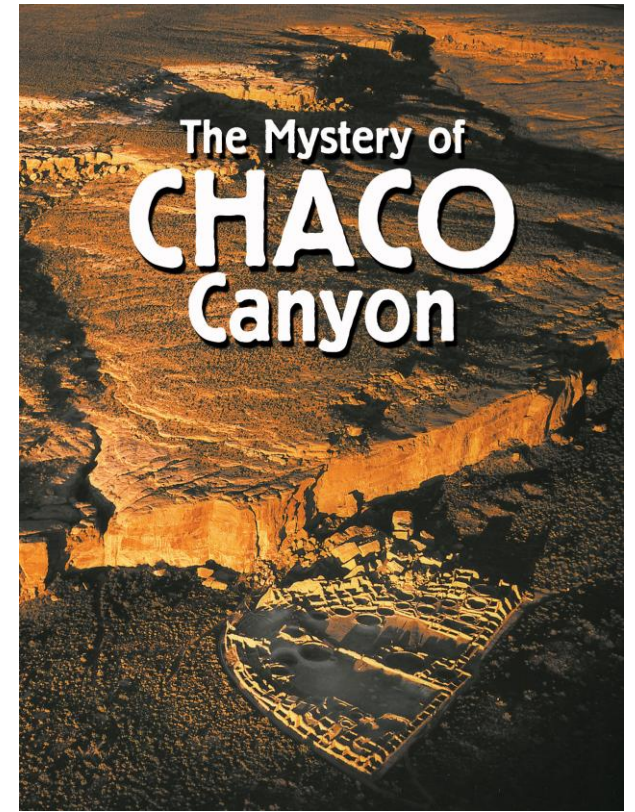


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