

## **An excerpt from Great Plains Patchwork:**

"Reports of the virgin prairie's beauty describe vast meadows gilded with myriad flowers. Fields in central Kansas were 'covered with flowers of a thousand different kinds, so thick that they choked the pasture,' Spanish explorer Onate wrote in 1601. 'A thousand young flowers gemmed the grassy plains,' Thomas J. Farnham wrote some two hundred years later. There were the sky-blue flowers of spiderwort and the light red phlox, the showy yellow sunflowers and purple asters, field full of white flowers and long garlands of wild roses whose single corolla of pale pink petals surrounded a chunky golden stamen and whose fragrance lay heavy in the early spring air. A virtual Elysium."

## **Great Plains Patchwork reviews:**

"An entertaining, insightful collection." The New York Times

"I hope your book goes like a house afire. It looks as if it should." Wallace Stegner, an American novelist, short story writer and historian, often called "The Dean of Western Writers." He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972 and the U.S. National Book Award in 1977.

"A rich & fertile book." Meridel LeSueur, an American author who grew up on the Midwestern plains and was known for writing about the Depression Era.