



ARSON SUICIDE IN THE SIERRAS— THREE DEAD

The headline screams up at me from the concrete stoop, and at first I can't bring myself to pick up the paper. It's insane, but I feel if I leave it there, what I fear to be true will remain just that, a fear.

Child psychologist Will Border retreats to the summer of his thirteenth year after a traumatic event forces him to reexamine events and the choices he made in becoming a man. A period piece set in 1950s rural America, *Morgan's Pasture* guides young adult readers in examining their own roles in life as they develop into loners, followers, or even reluctant leaders like Will. With one eye on child psychology and the other on plain common sense, *Morgan's Pasture* offers a unique perspective on the growth of a boy and the longing of a man for a mythic peaceful pasture, not as a place to live, but as a reason to.

MORGAN'S PASTURE

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