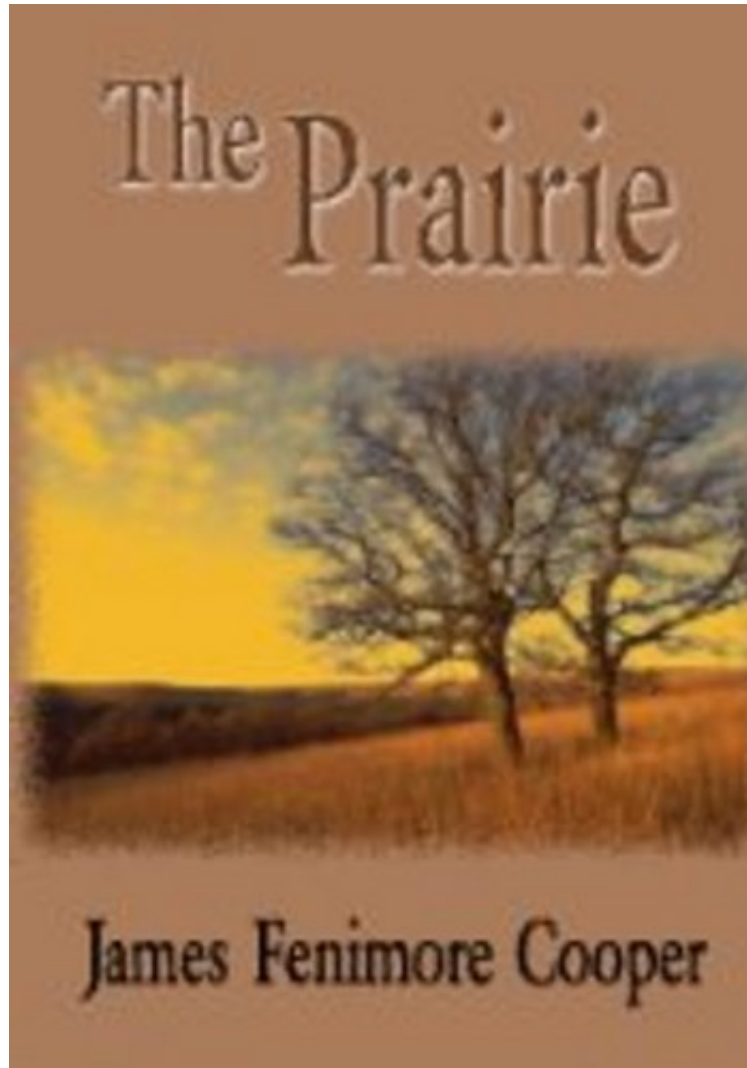


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Synopsis James Fenimore Cooper was a 19th century writer known for his historical romances and stories of the sea. His Leatherstocking tales including the novel *The Last of the Mohicans* are his best-known works. *The Prairie* is the final book in the Leatherstocking tales. Its hero Natty Bumppo is a frontiersman who in his last year of life is still helping people on the frontier. Other volumes in the series are *The Deerslayer*, *The Last of the Mohicans*,

The Pathfinder and The Pioneers.