

## The Plain Sense of Things

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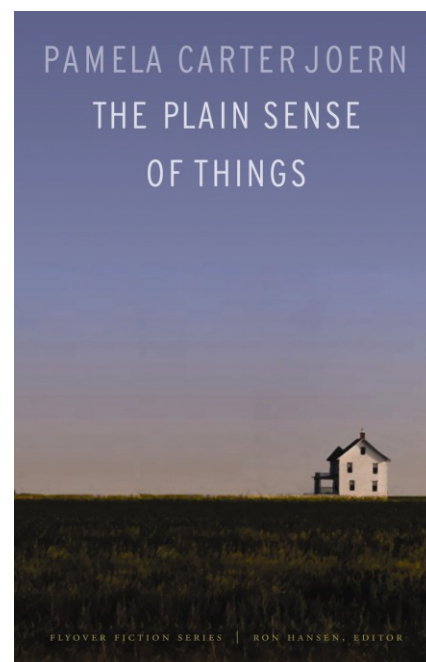
**Features:** 256 pages; 5.5 x 8.5 inches;

**Binding:** PB-Trade Paperback

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**Subjects:** Fiction/Short Story/Great Plains

**Synopsis:** Interconnected stories about a western Nebraska family and the changes and hardships they encounter over several decades on the plains.



**Pre-Publication Praise:** “There is a lovely solemnity to the lives of these characters—a hardness that Joern knows is alloyed with an abiding tenderness. That undercurrent is carried along in deceptively simple prose, writing that is stunningly clear.”—Jane Hamilton, author of *The Book of Ruth* and *A Map of the World*

“Pam Joern works her quiet, penetrating magic to tell a deeply moving story of endurance and family love and loyalty. *The Plain Sense of Things* is a novel with a capacious heart. Joern depicts a hardscrabble Midwestern world whose simplicity and starkness are deceiving. Her characters are complex, passionate, memorable. We grow to love them because Joern loves them, and this is clear in how beautifully and quietly she listens to their lives and their silences. Nebraska has found its chronicler and the world a first-rate storyteller.”—Julia Alvarez, author of *In the Time of the Butterflies*

**Author/Editor Bio:** Pamela Carter Joern’s debut novel, *The Floor of the Sky* (available in a Bison Books edition), was a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and winner of the Alex Award and the Nebraska Book Award. Joern is a playwright, the winner of a Tamarack Award, and the recipient of a Minnesota State Arts Board writing fellowship. Visit her Web site at [www.pamelacarterjoern.com](http://www.pamelacarterjoern.com).

### Selling Points:

- Variety of characters and expansive timeline interests variety of readers
- Previous novel was award-winning and a B & N Discover Pick
- Poignant writing creates vivid characters

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