Snapshots of the California desert, sketches of the British Columbia rainforest: an ecofeminist reading of Mary Austin's and Emily Carr's short prose

Abstract(s):
Viewed from an ecofeminist perspective, three connecting points can be identified in Austin's and Carr's short prose. Firstly, both authors employ a first-person female narrator who directly addresses the reader, recording what she has experienced and inscribing the remote western regions with female presence. Secondly, this partially autobiographical narrator functions as a field guide, describing with scientific accuracy and in photographic detail the multilayered natural rhythms of the place. Thirdly, the narrator interacts with the local inhabitants, chronicling their multifaceted stories. These parallels point at the authors' shared resolve to promote conservation of non-industrialized lands, to participate in the preservation of North American native arts, and to advance the transformation of gender relations. Moreover, by stressing the geographical as well as cultural diversity of their regions, the authors redefine the boundaries of their respective national literatures and national identities.

Du point de vue de la perspective écoféministe, trois points de liaison peuvent être identifiés dans les proses courtes d'Austin et de Carr. Premièrement, les deux auteurs utilisent une femme-narrateur écrivant à la première personne qui s'adresse directement au lecteur, enregistrant ce qu'elle a vécu et inscrivant au sein des régions lointaines de l'ouest une présence féminine. Deuxièmement, ce narrateur partiellement autobiographique assume le rôle d'un guide de champ qui, avec une exactitude scientifique et sur un détail photographique, décrit les rythmes de la nature locale. Troisièmement, le narrateur communique avec les habitants locaux, en faisant la chronique de leurs histoires à multiples facettes. Ces parallèles montrent la résolution partagée de prôner la conservation des contrées non industrialisées, de participer à la préservation des arts indigènes de l'Amérique du Nord et d'avancer la transformation des relations du genre. De plus, en mettant en relief la diversité géographique et culturelle de leurs régions, les auteurs redéfinissent les frontières de leurs littératures nationales respectives et de leurs identités nationales.

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The most valuable soils of British Columbia are the alluvial soils that developed on sand and silt deposited by streams and rivers. These extremely fertile soils, located mainly in the lower Fraser valley, are of limited extent. Distinctive areas of unforested open grassland along the Fraser River, south of Williams Lake, and in the Kamloops-Meritt region south of the North Thompson River have rich pedocal soils upon which British Columbia's ranching sector flourishes. Similar prairie grassland soils lie in the Peace River country, the only part of the province suitable for large-scale grain farming. At the age of twenty-one, Pierre - that was the name he gave the winegrower - had been sent by his father to spend some time with his uncle in Madagascar. Within two weeks he had fallen for a local girl called Faniry, or “Desire” in Malagasy. You could not blame him. In the Malagasy sunlight her skin was golden. Her black, waist-length hair, which hung straight beside her cheeks, framed large, fathomless eyes. It was a genuine coup de foudre, for both of them. Within five months they were married. Faniry had no family, but Pierre’s parents came out from France for the wedding, even though they did not strictly approve of it, and for three years the young couple lived very happily on the island of Madagascar. Then, one day, a telegram came from France. The Okanagan Valley in the interior attracts visitors year round with the beaches of Lake Okanagan, golf courses, and numerous ski resorts. Other highlights of British Columbia include the mountain resort village of Whistler and several national and provincial parks that allow easy access to some of Canada's most inspiring natural areas. Whistler. Whistler. Share: The famous ski resort of Whistler, at the foot of the Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, is the center of the biggest winter sports area in Canada. In 2010, it attracted much international attention when it hosted the downhill...