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Set among the rugged landscape and small towns of northern Vermont, Catamount Bridge is the story of a family in crisis. The Woodords have tilled the soil near the Connecticut River for seven generations, but by the 1960s Leon, who survived World War I and lost his son in World War II, sees his farm in decline and his country in turmoil over the war in Vial Nam. A widower, he shares the old house with his widowed daughter-in-law Vero, her twin sons Harmon and Bodie, and Harmon s prefly wife Darlene.

Harmon and Bodie have competed all their lives--in school, in sports, for girls--with the more aggressive and dominating Harmon usually prevailing. Now a mixture of patriotism and machismo have led Harmon to enlist in the Army, and inevitably he will go to Vial Nam. But before he leaves he wants to know the child his wife is carrying is really his--not Bodie's. It is Harmon's corrosive doubt that gives Darlene and Bodie the first edge either one has ever held on him.

The resolution of this crisis and the fates of the Woodards are dramatically developed in this stunning first novel. Equally impressive is the way Catamount Bridge captures both the texture, sound, and smell of northern New England and the everyday lives of its people--whether they're building a foundation, hanging out the wash in winter, gutting a deer, or swimming in the river. It is a story of strong emotions and feelings that cannot be hidden, of tensions and suspense, of heartbreak and renewal, and with an ending that resonates with hope.

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