



The Steppe and Other Stories, 1887-91 (Paperback)

By Anton Chekhov

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2002. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Steppe and Other Stories 1887-91 is a collection that reveals Anton Chekhov's evolution from a novice writer to a master of short narrative form. This Penguin Classics edition is translated by Ronald Wilks with an introduction by Donald Rayfield. This collection of Chekhov's finest early writing is headlined by The Steppe, which established his reputation, telling the unforgettable tale of a boy's journey to a new school in Kiev, travelling through majestic landscapes towards an unknown destiny. Gusev depicts an ocean voyage, where the sea takes on a terrifying, primeval power; The Kiss portrays a shy soldier's failed romantic encounter; and in The Duel two men's enmity ends in farce. Haunting and highly atmospheric, all the stories in this volume show a writer emerging from the shadow of his masters - great Russian writers such as Leo Tolstoy, Ivan Turgenev and Nikolai Gogol - and discovering his own voice. They also illustrate Chekhov's genius for evoking the natural world and exploring inner lives. This is the first of three chronological volumes of Chekhov's short stories in Penguin Classics....

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