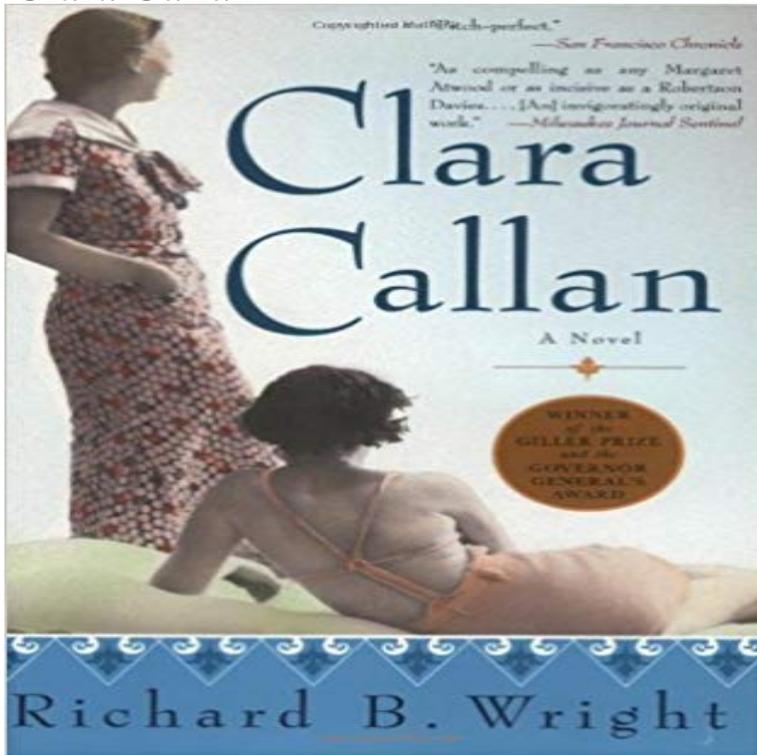


# Clara Callan



In a small town in Canada, Clara Callan reluctantly takes leave of her sister, Nora, who is bound for New York. It's a time when the growing threat of fascism in Europe is a constant worry, and people escape from reality through radio and the movies. Meanwhile, the two sisters -- vastly different in personality, yet inextricably linked by a shared past -- try to find their places within the complex web of social expectations for young women in the 1930s. While Nora embarks on a glamorous career as a radio-soap opera star, Clara, a strong and independent-minded woman, struggles to observe the traditional boundaries of a small and tight-knit community without relinquishing her dreams of love, freedom, and adventure. However, things aren't as simple as they appear -- Nora's letters eventually reveal life in the big city is less exotic than it seems, and the tranquil solitude of Clara's life is shattered by a series of unforeseeable events. These twists of fate require all of Clara's courage and strength, and finally put the seemingly unbreakable bond between the sisters to the test.

Carol Birch admires a subtly beautiful tale of small-town life in Richard B. Wright's *Clara Callan*. So Clara Callan, sensible spinster schoolteacher and eponymous heroine of the Canadian writer Richard B. Wright's quietly profound new novel, reflects upon a particularly harrowing Editorial Reviews. Review. A finely detailed depiction of the Depression era, Richard B. Wright's *Clara Callan* is told entirely in the letters andIn a small town in Canada, Clara Callan reluctantly takes leave of her sister, Nora, who is bound for New York. It's a time when the growing threat of fascism in One of the best Canadian novels of the millennium (so far!)When it was published in 2001, *Clara Callan* swept Canada's book awards, including the GovernorSummary and reviews of *Clara Callan* by Richard Wright, plus links to a book excerpt from *Clara Callan* and author biography of Richard B. Wright.Buy *Clara Callan* Reprint by Richard B. Wright (ISBN: 9781554684809) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery on eligible orders.Clara Callan on IMDb: Plot summary, synopsis, and moreClara Callan on IMDb: Plot summary, synopsis, and moreIn a small town in Canada, Clara Callan reluctantly takes leave of her sister, Nora, who is bound for New York. It's a time when the growing threat of fascism in Richard B. Wright's *Clara Callan* swept Canada's two major literary awards last year, the Governor General's Award and the Giller Prize. *Clara Callan* is set in the middle of the Great Depression, chronicling the lives of two sisters. Clara is a spinsterish schoolteacher whose quiet4 quotes from Richard B. Wright: I want so badly to help you realize, Elizabeth Anne, how difficult and puzzling and full of wonder it all is: some day I will tell you4 quotes from *Clara Callan*: I want so badly to help you realize, Elizabeth Anne, how difficult and puzzling and full of wonder it all is: some day I willIn *Clara Callan*, Richard B. Wright has entered the body and soul of a wistful, thirtyish

spinster living in an isolated Canadian village as convincingly as Carol. Though nobody seems to have noticed, Clara Callan is almost certainly modeled on Arnold Bennetts classic 1908 novel, *The Old Wives*