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these peasants who worked the land. The main character is Maria Chapdelaine, a young, attractive lady. Her parents, Laura and Samuel Chapdelaine, live in an area far from stores, schools, churches. Samuel liked living far away from civilization, moved several times to get away from too many people, better land. Laura would have liked living in a town, but did as her husband wished. The couple have two daughters, four sons. It is hard being so far from doctors and hospitals in case of sickness. The family is very religious, have family prayers. Bible teachings hymn singing, and sacred readings despite being far from church. Three suitors have fallen in love with Maria. One man, an adventurer, one who lived and loved the far north, another who moved to the United States, had a good, well paying job, wants Maria to marry him and get away from farming, taking care of animals, battling wild beasts, living in a country where winter reigns as king. The winters in northern Quebec are cold and long, other seasons are short. But there are beautiful moments, the family lives alone, mostly to themselves, few visitors, too remote. The third young man is a neighbor who offers Maria the same life her parents have. Which one will the young woman choose? The first man Maria really loves, but that life will be the hardest. I don't know where I found this book, I have had it for some time. Mr Hemon wrote this book in 1913. I was glad to have read the book, the writing is beautiful, soft, story of quiet lives. Maria loved the first man of adventure most, the second she wanted to see what the rest of the world is like, big cities, fancy stores and restaurants, crowds of people. So choose. Enjoyable read, but not for all. Too quiet.

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