A Month in the Country: example of a short book abt a community
--a character (the narrator?) comes as an engineer or possibly steam-shovel operator/mechanic on the canal project.
May 1910: Edward VII died, Halley's comet appeared
What it's like to be alone with each parent—
contrast while Jack is with Beth.
big Bitterroot fire, 1910
Angus promotes Susan, so that she and Daniel no longer are one grade?
McAshen's Tribe

Diega's Song/Susam's Song
Toussaint comes to Augur's school.

Insert short explanation of Two Medicine origin into Toussaint's monologue about the buffalo, ch. 3; also put in his Sweetgrass Hills buffalo hunt memory, from Eng Crk?
ISAK DINESEN, by Judith Thurman, pp. 184-5:

"(Denys Finch Hatton's) terms--no commitments and no demands. She made a virtue of them, writing of their friendship as a 'love of parallels'...*

*Thurman's footnote: It is a phrase used by Aldous Huxley in Crome Yellow to describe a rather sterile relationship. But as Karen Blixen pointed out to her brother, "I must surely be permitted to construe (it) as I like."
strong women propping up damaged men
Davenport, 378, Geography: agnosia
Moe breaks faith with Paul—after promising he would give away Rose at the wedding—as a lesson in the cost of breach of faith; how much it hurts.
Late in book, Paul does an accounting of the Marias Coulee families: those who've stayed or moved nearby, those who've vanished...
as they make their plea for their Tobes. And their Damons, and who knows, maybe 
even their Pauls.
a hint toward the "Cap" revelation, or at least an apparently innocent 1st mention, could come when Damon asks the boxing-knowledgable teacher, Could the Real McCoy beat the Capper? (They could be in 2 different but not far apart weight classes.) The teacher plays with the question linguistically, saying Now if nicknames were not involved, and it were just a matter of Harry (McCoy: check this) versus Casper, i.e. 1st-name basis, Harry intrinsically is the name with more fisticuffs attached to it.
Aquapolis Westwater

changes needed if used instead of Valier:

--Two Medicine & Teton rr

--insert "distant" on Rockies

--Belgian colony can be used or not
Paul catches Rose lingering over Damon's scrapbooks (i.e., clippings of Capper's fights)?

--problem w/ this: it would alert her that Damon cd put 2 & 2 together, and make her more careful abt mentioning her husband.
possible lead:

The houses of Spartan Prairie have begun to die behind me, which I take not to be a good sign. It is already past reckoning that those of us who went to school out there have grandkids in full cities that did not even exist back then.
"The Milwaukee Massacre!" Damon said breathlessly. "Rose, did they...were you..."
NY Times article, Nov. 13, '84, in Scotch Heaven ideas file:

--Ga. doctor: "I have an advantage that few others have, because I have spent my lifetime in one place....It gives me an ability to gather a data base, to spot trends and study relationships, that few others have."
cut the book into short sections, for sake of pace?
plots:

Sky: family
  WBros: frontiers, one winter
Sea Runners: adventure
English Crk: family, one summer
RFair: homesteading, 30 years; unrequited love
Mariah: couples
Heart Earth: letters found
Bucking: mystery
Mtn Time: generations; father-son
Prairie: baronial West; racism and fate
spring plowing

autumn threshing
Christmas