

LITTLE SNOW LANDSCAPE

Stories

ROBERT WALSER

Selected and translated from the German by

TOM WHALEN

NEW YORK REVIEW BOOKS



New York

CONTENTS

Translator's Note	ix
To My Home	1
Two Little Fairy Tales	2
Lenz's <i>Soldiers</i>	4
The Writer (I)	6
Wenzel	10
Farewell	18
Illusion	21
Büchner's Flight	23
Cinema	25
Birch-Pfeiffer	27
Lenz	29
The Hermitage	34
Dream Vision	36
The Dressmaker	38
The Landscape (I)	40
Walking	42
The Shepherd	44
The Invitation	46
Sunday Morning	48

- The Moon · 49
Stroll (I) · 51
Little Snow Landscape · 53
Summer Night · 55
Christmas · 57
Hölderlin · 59
Würzburg · 62
The Worker · 72
Chamber Piece · 77
The Coward · 79
The Sausage · 81
Lamp, Paper, and Gloves · 84
Berta · 87
Louise · 89
Rain · 99
Pencil Note · 101
Letter from Biel · 103
The First Poem · 106
The Comrade · 109
The Proletarian · 112
The Aviator · 115
Munich · 117
Jean · 119
The Two Writers · 121
Mutterseelenallein · 122
Don Juan's Letter · 124
Three Stories, Told Based on Book Covers · 126
The Beauty and the Faithful One · 130
The Angel · 131

Children and Small Houses	· 132
Geneva	· 134
The Yardstick	· 137
Four Characters	· 139
Notebook Extract	· 141
The Young Servant	· 144
A Lackey	· 146
A Sort of Narrative	· 148
Fairy Tale (II)	· 151
Book Review	· 153
Vacation (I)	· 155
Fragment	· 157
Walk in the Park	· 163
Recently I Read...	· 165
The Four Seasons	· 167
Stroll (II)	· 169
The Castle	· 171
Hats	· 173
Sunday Outing	· 175
The Canal	· 177
Childhood	· 179
Biographical Note	· 183