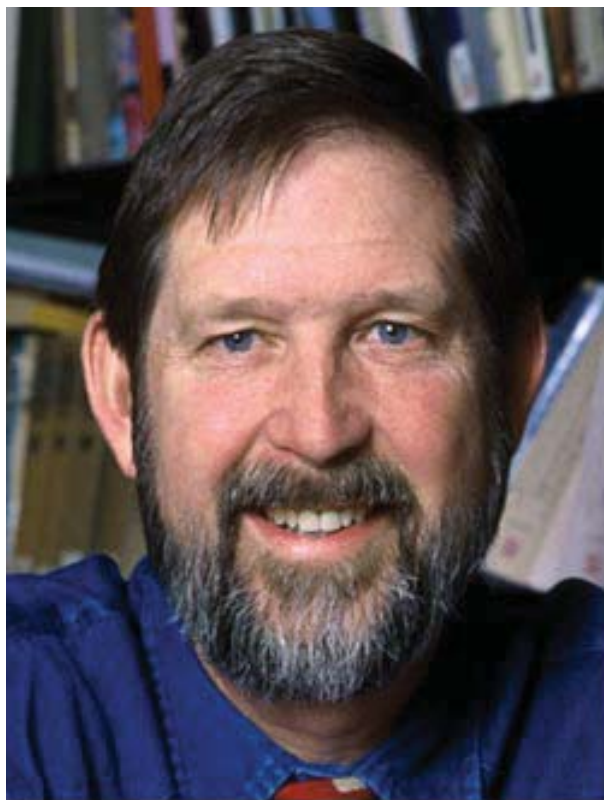
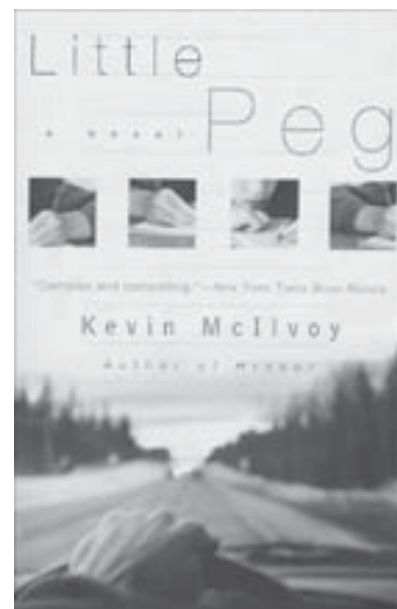


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He sums up his approach to fiction as follows: “The writing I most value—and envy—is that in which the author’s visceral commitment to the fictional character is complemented by her/his conscious artistry. I believe that at every stage in a writer’s career the first must take precedent over the second in order for the work to have moment-by-moment integrity and intensity. . . . What I teach best is risk-taking.”