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## The Great Outdoors

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After *La Légèreté* (Lightness), Catherine Meurisse continues her pursuit of beauty in the familiar landscapes of her childhood.

Catherine Meurisse spent her childhood outside, construction all around her: an old farmhouse renovated into a home, trees planted, a garden created, dreams cultivated. She and her family dig, graft, they plant a rosebush "adopted" from Montaigne, a fig tree from Rabelais. They watch the tumult of the outside world: new developments in industrial agriculture, the citification of rural France... With her characteristic humor, Catherine Meurisse has composed a witty poem dedicated to the countryside where she calling as an artist first took shape.

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