

About the Author



Frederick Feikema Manfred (1912-1994)

Born Frederick Feikema in 1912 and of Frisian descent, Manfred grew up on a farm near the little town of Doon in northwestern Iowa. After graduating from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1934, Feikema hitchhiked around the country from coast to coast for the next three years. His travels through South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana provided the materials serving as the basis for *The Golden Bowl*. Along the way, he rode in a cattle truck along the graveled Highway 16 and met a cynical young man who became the inspiration for Maury Grant. Manfred got going in 1937 writing his first novel after entertaining friends at a Saturday night party with stories of his travel adventures and deciding that he should put them down on paper. Seven drafts and seven years later he had published a book in hand and a fiction-writing career ahead of him. In the meantime, he worked as a reporter for the *Minneapolis Journal*, served as editor of *Modern Medicine*, and spent time in a TB sanatorium. Having adopted the pen name of Feike Feikema for his novels, he officially changed it to Frederick Manfred in 1952, thinking it would be easier for people to pronounce and would boost sales. His first book published under his new name was *Lord Grizzly* (1954). Eventually, Manfred published thirty-two works of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, including *Riders of Judgment* (1957), *Scarlet Plume* (1964), and *Green Earth* (1977). He died in 1994 at the age of 82.

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