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*The Cranes
Fly Early*



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In *The Green Fly*, Early the Kargosk writer Chinghis Aitmatov (born 1928), winner of the Lenin and State prizes, takes the reader to a distant Kizhiac village in the war years of 1941-1945. All capable of bearing arms have left for the front leaving only the old, women and children. Teen-agers find themselves faced with the need to do men's work; for the first time they are called upon to carry out the spring ploughing and sowing under difficult wartime conditions. This is the story of how they coped, of their maturing in the process, and of first love.

