

- Writes a lot about Knoxville and Tennessee
 - Writes about mass movement and destruction of communities
 - Writes about people who try to live outside mainstream society
 - McCarthy himself lived as a down and out whilst at university and so met a lot of similar people
 - First 4 books were written whilst living in Knoxville
 - Whilst living in Santa Fe – NM he wrote his western novels
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- *Blood Meridian* – 1985
 - *All the pretty horses* – 1992
 - *The Crossing* – 1994
 - *Cities of the Plain* – 1998
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- McCarthy writes about the character John Grady in *All the Pretty Horses*
 - He goes into detail when describing someone doing something skilled
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- *No Country for Old Men* – 2005 – borderlands – up to date (mid 1980's)
 - *The Road* – 2006 – Future set – post apocalyptic novel, about a man and boy trying to survive. Takes place about 10 years after the apocalypse – novel of endings
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- Both Unusual novels

Blood Meridian 1985

- Howard Bloom (Harvard literary critic) praises *Blood Meridian* and places McCarthy alongside Faulkner, Melville and Roth and Delillo. He also places the book in the Western Genre which is extremely important in American literature and film.