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John Hobson, a geneticist, wakes one morning to find his watch stopped at 6.12. The streets are deserted, there are no signs of life or death anywhere, and every clock he finds has stopped: at 6.12. Is Hobson the last person left on the planet?

Inventive and suspenseful, *The Quiet Earth* is a confronting journey into the future, and a dark past.

This new edition of Craig Harrison's highly sought-after 1981 novel, which was later made into a cult film starring Bruno Lawrence, Pete Smith and Alison Routledge, comes with an introduction by Bernard Beckett.

Craig Harrison was born in Leeds in 1942. He left for New Zealand in 1966 after being appointed a lecturer at Massey University. There he devised a course in art history, which he taught until his retirement in 2000. His award-winning play *Tomorrow Will Be a Lovely Day* (1974) was performed for a quarter of a century, including in the Soviet Union. He is the author of five other plays, including *Ground Level* (1974), which led to a television series, *Joe & Koro*. Craig's most recent book, the young-adult comedy *The Dumpster Saga*, was a finalist in the 2008 New Zealand Post Book Awards. He lives in Palmerston North.

'Cuts to the heart of our most basic fears...compelling...a classic.' Bernard Beckett

'Excellent...The inevitability of the horror has a Hitchcock quality.' *Listener*

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