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The characters in Flying Home live in the real Washington, D.C., worlds away from the heroic statues, the white marble monuments, and the broad, tree-lined avenues. They are ordinary working men and women maids, taxi drivers, janitors, barbers, and handymen. Theirs is a city of neighborhoods and back-porch summer nights, a city where men swap lies in barber shops, toasts are proclaimed on street corners, and fathers struggle to teach their children right from wrong. It's a city beset by change. And, in remembering it, David Nicholson has taken to heart what novelist Harper Lee said of her hometown : I believe there is something universal in this little world, something decent to be said for it, and something to lament in its passing. David Nicholson, like his literary ancestors Ralph Ellison, James Alan.