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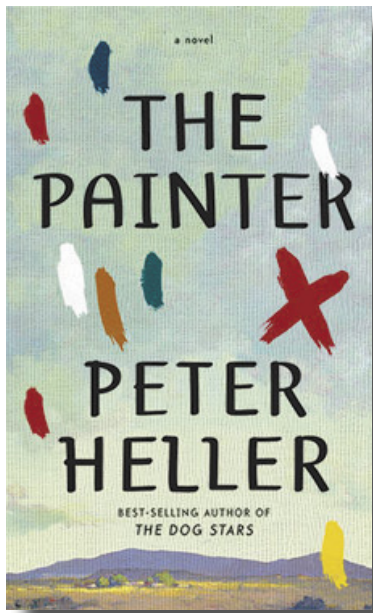
The Magic of Fiction

By the staff at Covered Treasures

Immersing yourself in a good work of fiction is like stepping out of everyday life and into another world. That world may be exciting, humorous, sad, joyous, terrorizing, or some combination of these. Peruse the following new offerings to see if there's one that could be magical for you.

The Painter

By Peter Heller (Alfred A. Knopf) \$24.95



Heller's second novel is an achingly beautiful, wildly suspenseful story of an expressionist painter confronting his inner demons and trying to outrun his past. Jim Stegner has seen his share of violence and loss, and when his marriage disintegrates, he abandons the art scene of Santa Fe to paint and y-fish in the valleys of rural Colorado. However, his quiet life is soon ripped open, and he returns to New Mexico in this savage novel of art and violence, love and grief.

All the Light We Cannot See
By Anthony Doerr (Simon & Schuster Inc.) \$27

Set during the Nazi occupation of Paris, this is the story of Marie-Laure, a blind girl who lives with her father and a German orphan, Werner, who becomes an expert at building and fixing radios, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth. When a special assignment to track the resistance takes Werner through the heart of the war, his story and Marie-Laure's converge. Deftly interweaving these two young lives, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

Any Other Name

By Craig Johnson (Viking) \$26.95

When his former boss asks Sheriff Walt Longmire to take on a mercy case outside his jurisdiction, he becomes involved in a thrilling story of deception and betrayal. In attempting to determine why a by-the-book detective with a wife and daughter would take his own life, Longmire uncovers a blood trail too hot to ignore, leading him in circles: from a casino in Deadwood, to a mysterious lodge in the snowy Black Hills, to a band of international hit men, to a shady strip club, and back again to the sheriff's office. Featuring the unforgettable characters of the bestselling Longmire series, this could be one of Johnson's best yet.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By Gabrielle Zevin (Algonquin Books) \$24.95

A.J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected. His wife died; his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history; and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. Slowly but surely, he isolates himself from all the people of Alice Island. And

then a mysterious small package appears at the bookstore. This unexpected arrival gives A.J. the chance to make his life over, and the wisdom of his books again becomes the lifeblood of his world. Finally, everything twists again into a version of his life that he didn't see coming. This is an unforgettable tale of transformation and second chances, and an irresistible affirmation of why we read and why we love.

Fin & Lady

By Cathleen Schine (Picador) \$15

When 11-year-old Fin and his glamorous, worldly, older half-sister, Lady, are orphaned, Fin is uprooted from a small dairy farm in rural Connecticut to Greenwich Village in the middle of the Swinging Sixties. Fin soon learns that giddy and impulsive Lady is as much his responsibility as he is hers. This is an enchanting novel of a brother and sister who must form their own unconventional family in increasingly unconventional times.

The Bees

By Laline Paull (Harper Collins) \$25.99

Flora 717 is a member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive, where work and sacrifice are the highest virtues and worship of the beloved queen the only religion. But Flora is not like other bees. When a feat of bravery grants her access to the queen's inner sanctum, she discovers mysteries about the hive that are both profound and ominous. Thrilling, suspenseful, and imaginative, this book and its dazzling young heroine will forever change the way you look at the world outside your window.

Whether you're traveling or catching a few quiet moments at home, a good book is a great

escape. Until next month, happy reading.

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Gardening heats up in June

By Janet Sellers

With our capricious weather, the Tri-Lakes garden motto is "plant after Memorial Day." But it's too hot for cool air crops by late June, so we average best by using started plants or quick harvest seeds like salads and greens. Many cover beds in netting to keep out critters and avoid hail damage.

The Tri-Lakes Garden Community, an open group of local avid gardeners, offers tips and monthly events, and has demonstration/garden beds at Monument Community Garden (MCG) on Beacon Lite Road. In

mid-June, MCG will be seeding heat-loving squashes, herbs, and summer veggies, as our "spring" plants start to bolt by early July.

Also this month, a local youth group with Ascent Church will help at MCG and get some local seniors started with raised beds in Hugelkultur and African keyhole gardens. These garden mounds need no tilling, weeding, and little to no watering, and are within easy reach for seniors and the disabled. Keyhole garden soil is nourished by a central compost cage for daily kitchen scraps with a bucket of water; nutrients flow within the

mound to the plants. In Africa, where they must carry water for miles, these gardens can feed the families all year long.

Janet Sellers is an artist and avid gardener who helps with the Tri-Lakes Garden Community beds and demonstrations. Contact her with garden news or questions at janetsellers@ocn.me, or just visit these Facebook pages for details: Tri-Lakes Garden Community and Monument Community Garden.