

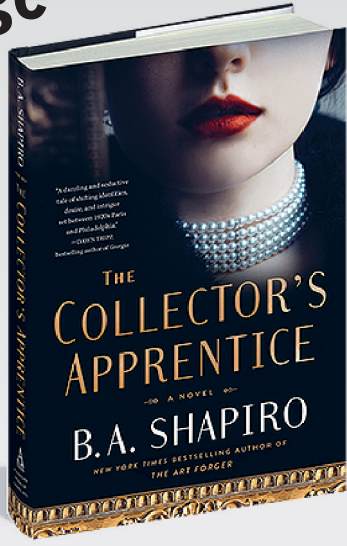
Commentary... Page by Paige

By Paige Bentley-Flannery
Community Librarian, Sisters Public Library

It's 1922, if you lost everything, where would you go? Paris! Broke and alone, Pauline Mertens is forced to leave her family in Belgium. They believe that her fiancé, George Everard, and she stole millions from them in a con game. Escaping to Paris, she creates a new identity and becomes Frenchwoman Vivienne Gregsby. Her mission is to find her father's art collection and prove her innocence.

When the art collector, Edwin Bradley, offers her an amazing art job in America, she's surrounded by post-Impressionist painters Gertrude Stein, Henri Matisse, and more. Her life is a dream with a new museum in Philadelphia and a possible romance. But George is lingering close by and up to his old tricks. What con is he doing now, and is she safe?

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in time and stepping into Gertrude Stein's salon and being surrounded by poet-Impressionist painters. Picture yourself surrounded by Matisse's art!

Visit your local library and discover a nonfiction book about Paris in the 1920s.

LETTERS

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four ears.

I do not have the technological ability to alter photos. I do not, nor have I ever huffed mushrooms or any other substance to induce hallucinations. I also have no experience in Lagamorphology. I do have two other family members having witnessed this rabbit. One can go online and see other photos of this anomaly, one in particular located in Ontario, Canada, state park in the wild. I would suggest that this animal had a very slim chance of encountering "Edward Scissor Hands" or any other mechanical device that would surgically alter the ears.

I would encourage any input from individuals that actually have experience with the study of rabbits that may be able to offer a rational explanation of this phenomenon. Would be great to hear from them.

Richard Skupa
Camp Sherman

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To the Editor:

Simple fact: if you don't remove the excess and fallen trees from the forest, they will eventually burn.

It amazes me that the Kate Williams article never mentions harvesting the replenishable trees as a part of fire prevention or forest management. We are currently spending an enormous amount of money to fight forest fires, when the forest could pay for itself if it were properly managed.

Harvesting the replenishable trees and thinning the forest would have numerous benefits. Oregon could become one of the wealthiest states in the nation. More lumber means more high-paying jobs, less unemployment, more taxes for our schools and other government agencies which could lower taxes on Oregon residents, there would be fewer fires, it would make it easier to do the few necessary controlled burns, the air would be so much cleaner, fewer homes would be burned, fewer people would be in danger of being burned alive...

If carbon in the atmosphere is causing global warming/climate change, why are we dumping millions of tons of carbon and other pollutants into the atmosphere by burning up a valuable resource? It is time to change repressive laws and rules promulgated by misguided "environmentalists" and let the forest be a financial, lifestyle, and recreational benefit to all Oregonians.

John Miller

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