

# A life in art

## Manzanita author publishes new novel

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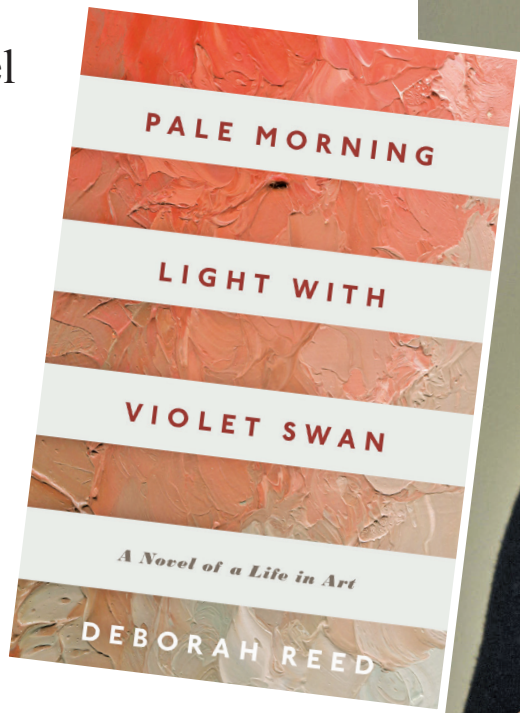
**F**amed painter Violet Swan has always led a private life, leaving even her family with countless questions about who she is.

But after a series of life-changing events, including a fatal diagnosis she can't ignore, 93-year-old Swan decides to tell her family about her past.

As her family soon learns, Swan's life story is full of heartache, which she uses as inspiration for her popular paintings. Her remarkable stories leave an impression on her family in ways they'd never thought to imagine.

"Pale Morning Light with Violet Swan: A Novel of a Life in Art" is Manzanita author Deborah Reed's latest book, which was released this week. The novel tells the story of Swan, a famous painter who quietly lives in the fictional town of Nestucca Beach after running away from her home in Georgia decades ago.

Reed will discuss the book on Oct. 17 during an event hosted by Hoffman Center for the Arts. Reed's editor will be present to discuss the process of creating the book.



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