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Popular Fiction

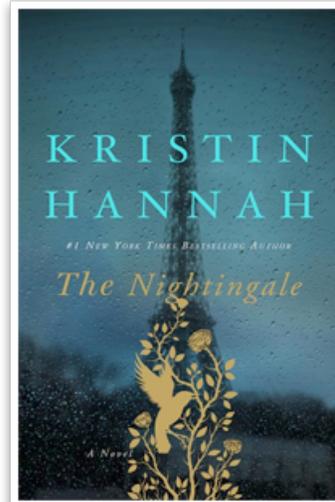
When we've read something good, we tend to want more. And we'll go out looking for something by the same author or in the same genre. Fiction that becomes popular seems to inspire or perhaps just promote other fiction that has similar elements of plot, characters, or setting. In YA fiction there has been a practical epidemic of coming-of-age in dystopia stories following the success of the *Hunger Games* trilogy. It is quite possible that last year's *Girl on a Train*, whose movie version is soon to be released, rode on the coattails of *Gone Girl* and its thoroughly unreliable female narrator. Now after Anthony Doerr's award-winning *All the Light We Cannot See*, comes another tale set during World War II in occupied France whose lead characters are female, a pair of sisters, rivals, whose different paths nonetheless lead them both to the same end -- the famous French Resistance.

Featured this Month

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

While Kristin Hannah's tale is not in the literary league of Anthony Doerr's, readers who are looking for a love-in-the-midst-of-war story will be entertained by Hannah's creation of a historical fiction featuring sibling rivalry, romance and war time bravado that begins as a reminiscence of one of the sisters, now an elderly grandmother living in Oregon in the late twentieth century. As the story unfolds, which sister is recounting the history in flashbacks becomes part of the intrigue.

Viann and Isabelle Rossignol suffer the loss of their beloved mother at a young age, and their father as well, for in his grief, he sends them away from their home in Paris to the countryside to relatives who are less than thrilled to have them. Viann grows up to a conventional looking adulthood--she becomes a



teacher, marries the postman Antoine and they have a daughter Sofia. Isabelle, younger, headstrong and feeling rejected by her sister, is a rebel, running away from school and looking for a different life. With the onset of war and Antoine gone off to the army, Viann's life in the little Loire village of Carriveau begins to shred. A German officer is billeted in her home, and the line between survival and a stand for moral principles is constantly challenged.

But the invasion and occupation, in an odd way, seem to create Isabelle's life. She, who has escaped the invasion of Paris and come home to this untenable situation with her sister, will walk no fine lines in her hatred of the Germans. She returns to Paris and there is drawn into both romance and danger as a member of a small and secret band of resisters who have taken it upon themselves to help downed Allied pilots escape into Spain.

The novel does have a basis in the true story of Andrée De Jongh, a heroine of the Resistance, and in the stories of ordinary citizens, often women, often forgotten, whose acts of quiet heroism saved many from the horrors of war.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

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New at the Library

Fiction

LaRose by Louise Erdrich
The Hand of God by Ron Washburn
The Lady Gunslinger by Ron Washburn
The Last Ranch by Michael McGarrity
A Reckoning in Goldenburg by Ron Washburn
Austin's Justice by Ron Washburn

Mystery

Death without Company by Craig Johnson
Killing Custer by Margaret Coel
Windigo Island by William Kent Krueger
Scandalous Behavior by Stuart Woods
Junkyard Dog by Craig Johnson
Kindness Goes Unpunished by Craig Johnson

Large Print

The First Rule by Robert Crais
Night Watch by Linda Fairstein
A Place Called Rainwater by Dorothy Garlock
Wizard's Daughter by Catherine Coulter

Notes from the Library Board

Did you know that a great deal of the Library's regular income comes from our monthly bake sales? We want to take a moment this month to say thanks to all the patrons who support the Library by getting their weekend goodies at the sale; to all the bakers who donate the homemade breads and cakes and cookies that we all enjoy; to Diane Bellack, who organizes and conducts the sale, and to the various volunteers who help (wo)man the table in the front of the Post Office each first Saturday morning of month. The Bake Sale is on summer hiatus for July, but we'll be back-- same time, same place -- in August. See you all then!

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

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Bookmobile Schedule Wednesday, June 15

Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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