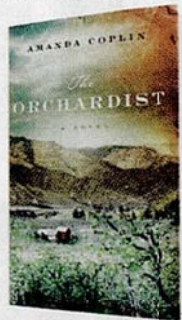


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William Talmadge is a lonely man in early 20th-century rural Washington, his fruit trees his only companions—until two pregnant teens steal his apples, then reappear in his orchard and his life. The relationship that grows among them is expertly drawn by debut novelist Coplin, who grew up on an orchard and who writes with an insider's affectionate insights.

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