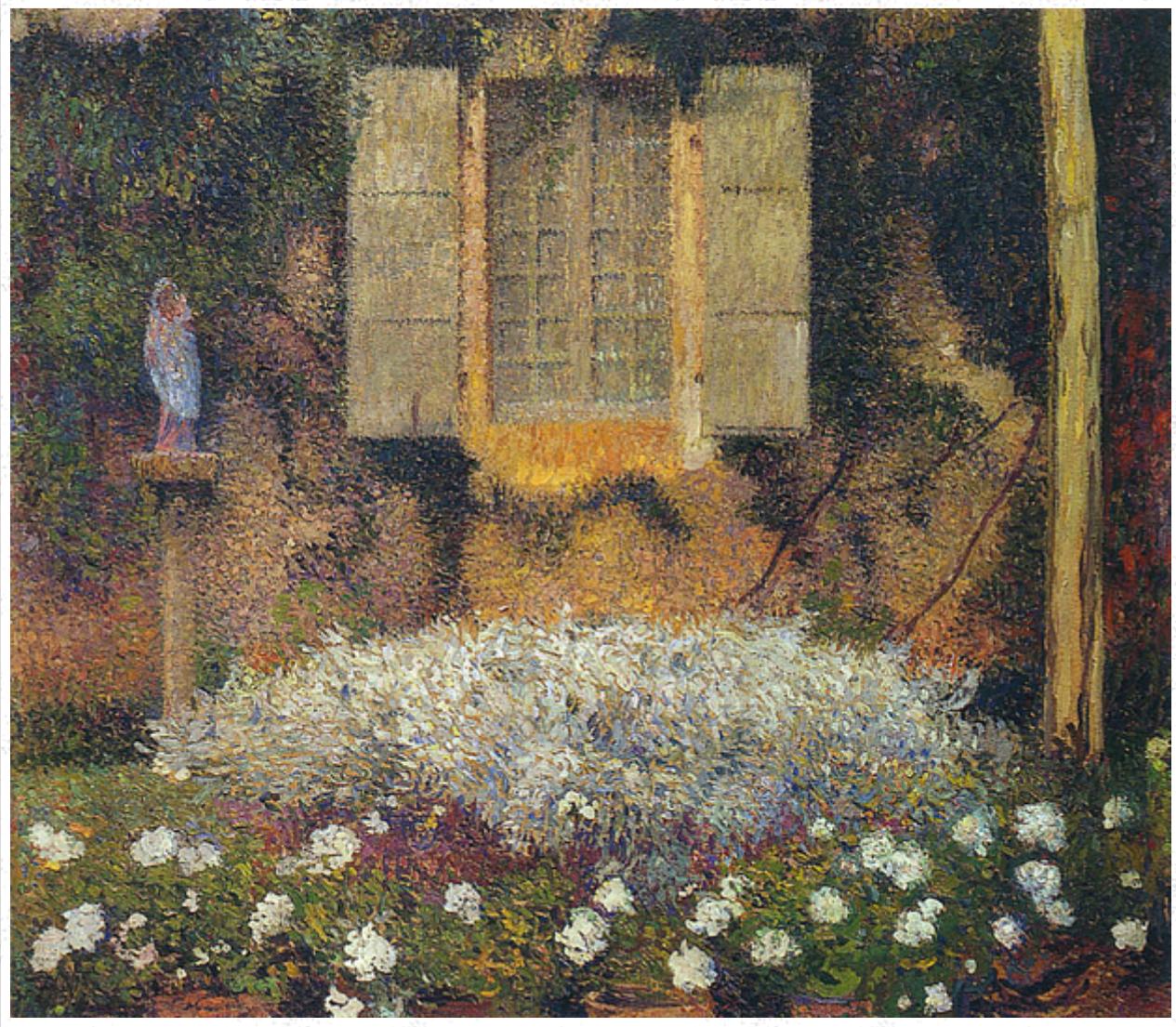


A Note from the Headmaster

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MAY 19

Dear Parents and Friends,

Greetings on this mid-May day of spring!

While nature seems to keep to its usual meandering rhythms, no doubt these times of challenges and changes in the rhythm of schooling keep us on our toes.

The end of the calendar year is in sight, and a light to keep in mind as we persevere to the conclusion of this academic year. We will conclude the year as scheduled--all academic assignments should be completed and turned in by May 29, the remaining days for grades K - 8 will feature enrichment assignments and some forms of House Competitions.

We will give an update on graduation and additional summer plans/events early next week.

With respect to the next academic year:

~ you will receive a school calendar later this week, the first day of school begins on Wednesday, August 26

~ while we anticipate (and hope for) a "normal" academic year ahead, we are preparing and will continue to prepare throughout the summer for potential modifications in the fall

~ we will provide updates regarding next year as we adjust to the fluid local and state public health recommendations and requirements

As an aid to finish the academic year (and to prepare for the summer and fall) we have provided a suggested reading list below. This list will continue to be refined and is not a replacement of summer reading--it is simply a list of highlighted readings for you to pick and choose as you will.

As ever, please keep the school and our mission--as well as the well-being and mission of our country--in your prayers, as you remain in ours,

Jeffrey P. Presberg
Headmaster

Note: The reading lists are interspersed by painting by the French post-impressionist painter Henri-Jean Guillaume Martin. In order: *The Window to the Garden*, *Young Girl Reading*, *The Philosopher*, *Playing Pipes to the Setting Sun*, and *The Hour of Mass in Labastide du Vert*

1ST & 2ND GRADES

The Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel

The Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant

The Magic Treehouse series by Mary Pope Osbourne

Three Tales of My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett:

~ My Father's Dragon, Elmer and the Dragon, The Dragons of Blue Land

The Tale of Peter Rabbit and other books by Beatrix Potter

Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters

The Big Book of Bugs by Yuval Sommer

The Duchess Bakes a Cake by Virginia Kahl

Fly High, Fly Low by Don Freeman

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Birdsall

The House of Gobbaleen by Lloyd Alexander

Hurricane Hunters by Chris DeMarest

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton

Locomotive by Brian Floca

Many Moons by James Thurber

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Our Cat Flossie by Ruth Brown

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

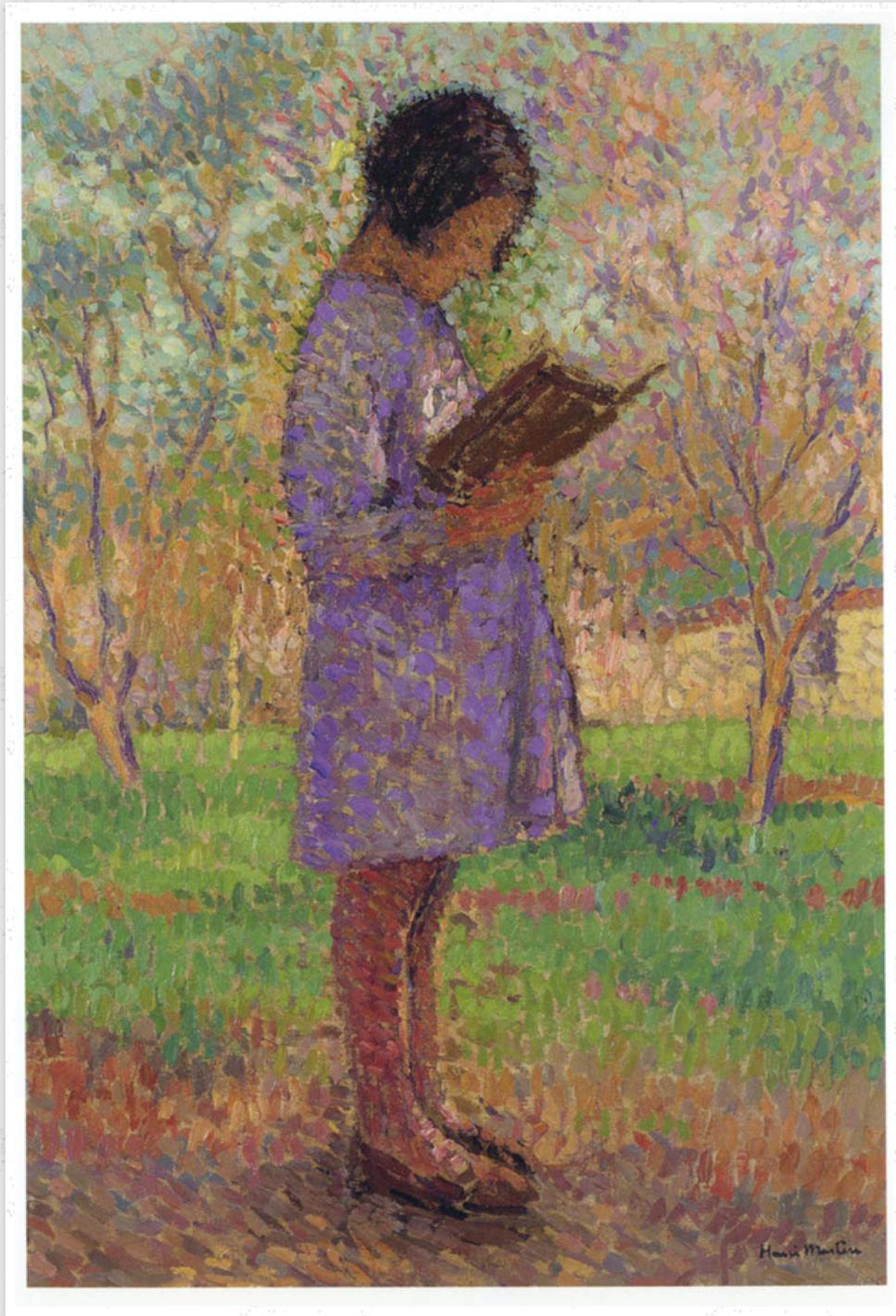
Rechenka's Eggs by Patricia Polacco

The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack

A Walk in the Forest by Maria Dek

Favorite Uncle Remus by Joel Chandler Harris

Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tales



3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADES

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

The Redwall series by Brian Jacques

Abraham Lincoln by d'Aulaire

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse by Robert Lawson

Betsy Tacy by Maude Hart Lovelace

The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander
By The Great Horn Spoon by Sid Fleischman
Caddie Woodlawn and Caddie Woodlawn's Family by Carol Ryrie Brink
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald J. Sobol
Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Leaf the Lucky by d'Aulaire
A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Meet Thomas Jefferson by Marvin Barrett
Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard & Florence Atwater
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norman Juster
Rascal by Sterling North
Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving by Eric Metaxes
Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski
The Tale of Three Trees retold by Angela Hunt
They Were Strong and Good by Robert Lawson
Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library by Barbara Rosenstock
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

King Midas and the Golden Touch by Charlotte Craft
The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Andersen
Lives of the Saints by Mary Fabyan Windeatt



6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADES

Anne of Green Gables and other stories by L.M. Montgomery

~ Anne of Avonlea, Anne of the Island, Anne's House of Dreams, Anne of Windy Poplars

The Incurable Children of Ashton Place series by Mary Rose Wood

The Little Britches series by Ralph Moody

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Mysterious Benedict Society series by Trenton Lee Stewart

The Penderwicks series by Jeanne Birdsall

The Ransom of Red Chief and other stories by O. Henry

~ A Retrieved Reformation, After Twenty Years

The Vanderbeekers series by Karina Yan Glaser

Bandit's Moon by Sid Fleischman

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

The Bears of Blue River by Charles Major

The Black Cauldron by Lloyd Alexander

The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

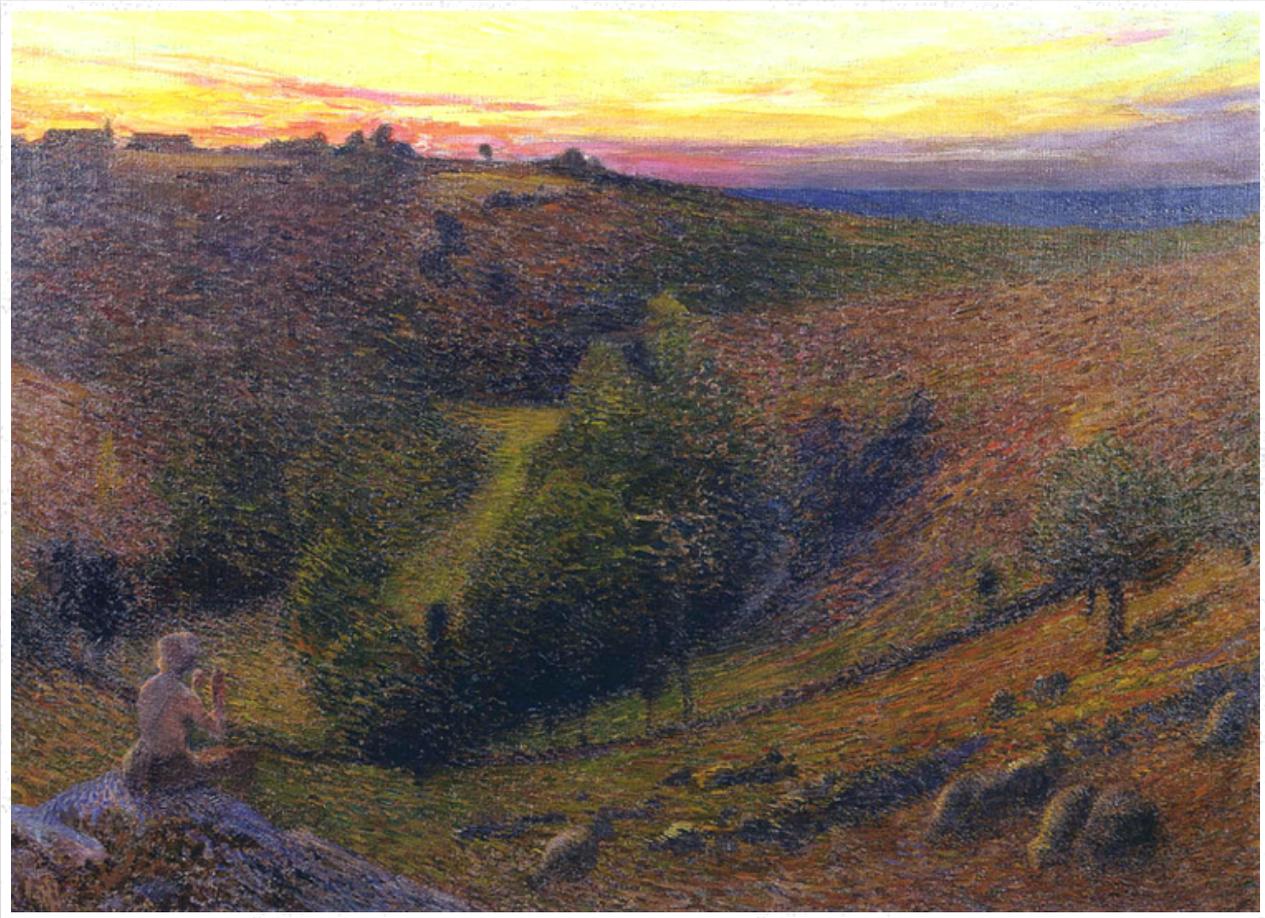
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming

The Count of Monte Cristo & The Son of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Eight Cousins by Louisa May Alcott
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
The Green Glass House by Kate Mitford
The Heroes of God by Henri Daniel-Rops translated by Lawrence
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass
Peter Pan by James Barrie
The Princess and the Goblin by George MacDonald
Remember the Alamo! By Robert Penn Warren
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy
Souder by William Armstrong
The Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
The Tanglewood Tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne
The White Company or The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
A Wonder Book by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Seneca's Epistles (best in conversation with a parent)
The Iliad by Homer translated by WHD Rouse
A Midsummer Night's Dream or The Tempest by Shakespeare
The Best of P.G. Wodehouse by P.G. Wodehouse
Hope is a Thing with Feathers by Emily Dickinson
Lewis Carroll's Book of Puzzles



SOME NATURE, ALL AGES, AND BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

NATURE

The Golden Guides to Nature published by St. Martin's Press

Peterson's First Guides

Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson

Paddle to the Sea by Holling C. Holling

Salar the Salmon by Henry Williamson

Tree in the Trail by Holling C. Holling

Tale of the Western Plains by G.A. Henty.

ALL AGES

Dover Coloring Books

The Rainbow Fairy Books by Andrew Lang - more than just Fairy Tales, each volume is a unique collection of myths, folklore and local legends from around the world. There are 12 volumes ranging from: Blue, Red, Green, Yellow, Pink, Grey, Violet, Crimson, Brown, Orange, Olive, and Lilac.

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin

The Monument Maker by Linda Booth Sweeney

Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White by Melissa Sweet

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS SUGGESTED:

Marooned: The Strange but True Adventures of Alexander Selkirk, the Real Robinson Crusoe

By Robert Kraske

The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West by Sid Fleischman

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane by Russell Freedman

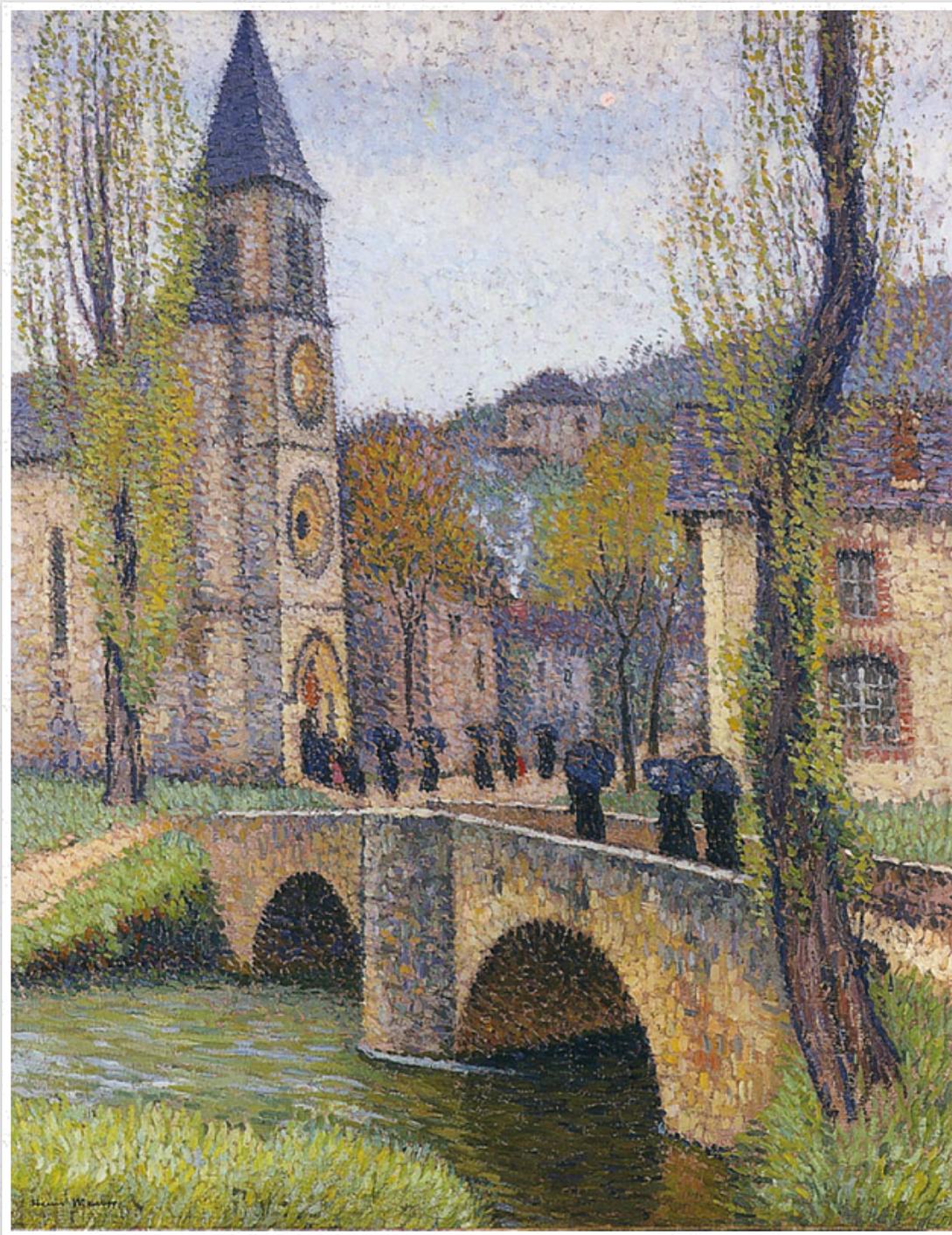
~ with original photographs by Wilbur and Orville Wright

Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold by Jean Fritz

Amelia Lost: The Life & Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming

She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer by Sally and Robert Alexander

~ 50 years before Helen Keller



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