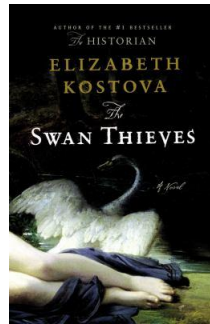


Epic Art Novels

Elizabeth Kostova, author of [The Historian](#), has written another epic novel...this time related to the art world: [The Swan Thieves](#).



Other literary novels with art and artists as major subjects include:

- The witty, whirlwind [Le Divorce](#) by Diane Johnson, set in France with several characters ensconced in the art dealer world.
- [The Great Man](#) by Kate Christensen, a more subdued but psychologically rich portrait of an artist and the many women connected to him.
- Susan Vreeland writes almost exclusively novels in which artists and artwork play a prominent role. See, for example, [The Passion of Artemisia](#).
- [The Children's Book](#) by A.S. Byatt is an excellent read-alike for both Kostova novels. While artwork is an element, it also features stories of several generations with complex relationships and a rich setting of England from the 1880s until the 1920s.

