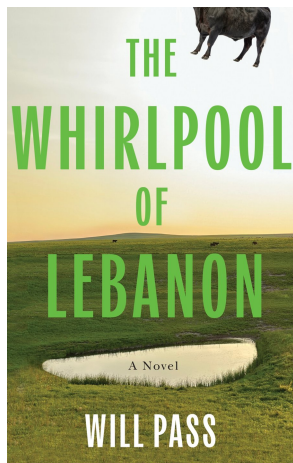


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There's something in the water in Lebanon, Kansas.

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SELECTED PRAISE

"A well-crafted comedy about the bad side of miracles."

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"A weird, funny, and often suspenseful novel about aging and redemption."

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