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The Seventh Most Important Thing Shelley Pearsall Shelley Pearsall's story of anger and art, loss and redemption, is a transformative read that will appeal to fans of Lisa Graff's *Lost in the Sun* and Vince Vawter's *Paperboy*.

One kid. One crime. One chance to make things right.

It was a bitterly cold day when Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge—he is ready to send Arthur to juvie for the foreseeable future. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.

Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. He can't believe it—is he really supposed to rummage through people's trash? But it isn't long before Arthur realizes there's more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could imagine. . . .

Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton, award-winning author Shelley Pearsall has crafted an affecting and redemptive novel about discovering what shines within us all, even when life seems full of darkness.



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Spent a free time to be fun activity to perform! A lot of people spent their down time with their family, or their particular friends. Usually they performing activity like watching television, planning to beach, or picnic inside the park. They actually doing same task every week. Do you feel it? Do you want to something different to fill your free time/ holiday? Could possibly be reading a book may be option to fill your totally free time/ holiday. The first thing you will ask may be what kinds of reserve that you should read. If you want to test look for book, may be the guide untitled The Seventh Most Important Thing can be excellent book to read. May be it may be best activity to you.

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