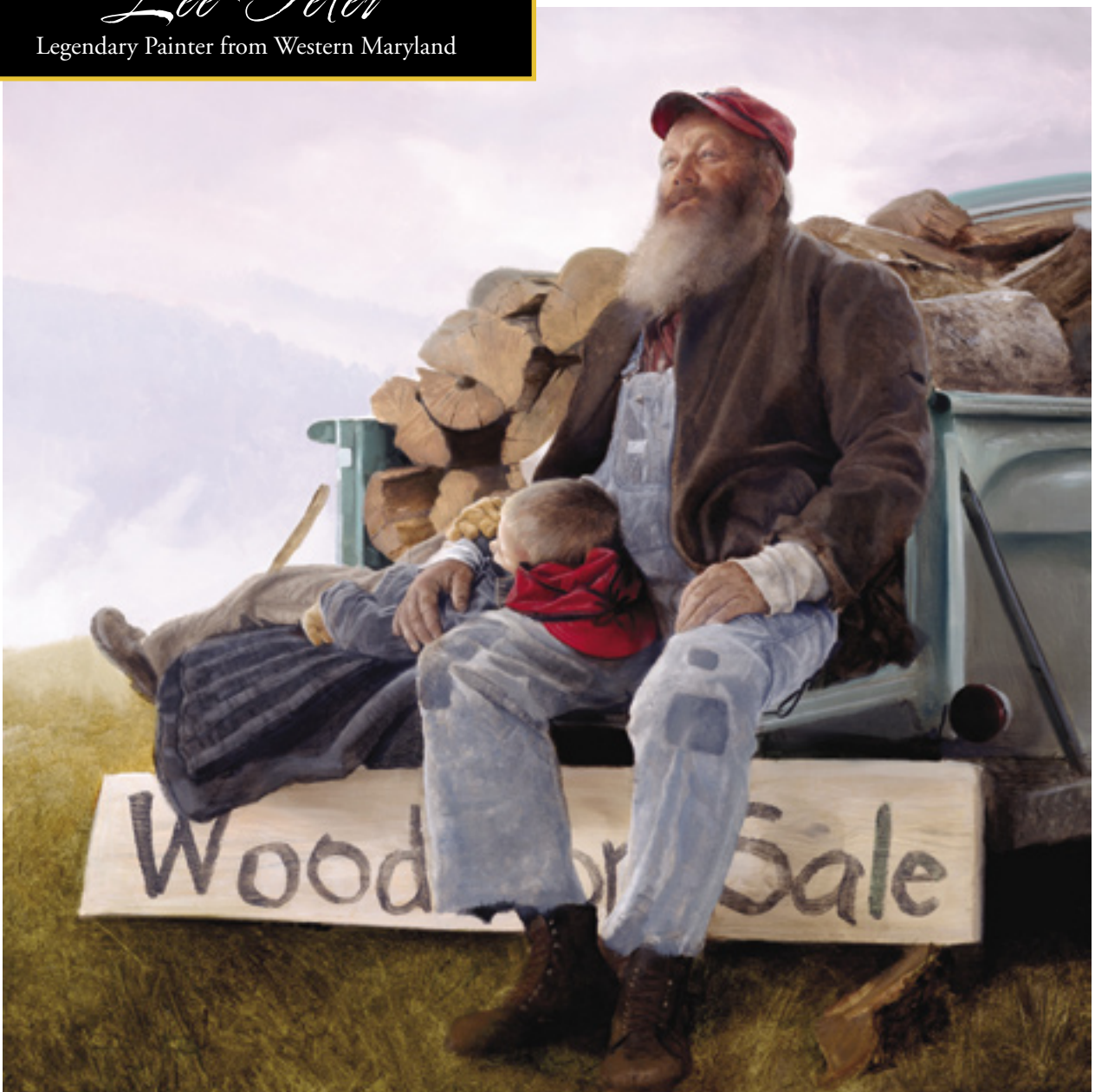


Lee Teter

Legendary Painter from Western Maryland



Man of Great Wealth

I guess I have to admit that there are some poor people in the world. There are poor people who can't see the gold in a sunrise or in the blond hair of a baby girl. There are poor people who don't believe in the wealth of wisdom hidden under hair white with age. Yes, there are plenty of poor people in the world, and it is those poor people I feel the worst about. All they need is to have rich people all around them, like the ones you find up hidden hollows, or covered with grease under the hood of an old car. They need friends who live in old log cabins, and carve wood into pretty things. They need to be around rich people who sit over a coffee cup in the local greasy spoon and laugh at the same old joke they've been telling for the last five years.

This picture isn't for poor people. It is for rich people only. The kind of people who don't need a government income bracket to tell them if they're rich or not. The kind of people who know how it feels to be trusted and to trust. I wouldn't trade all the limo rides in the world for even one of those hugs my little girl gave me when her arms were barely long enough to reach around my neck. I know what wealth is. I'm a rich man. This picture is for other rich people just like me.

— Lee Teter

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