

Fox Cities Reads pick is 'Salt to the Sea'

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FULL TEXT

APPLETON –"Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys is the 2018 selection for the Fox Cities Reads program.

First published in 2016, the book is a work of historical fiction set in 1945. It follows multiple characters who are teenage refugees in East Prussia on a desperate quest for freedom as the Third Reich falls. It's recommended for ages 12 and older.

Fox Cities Reads is an initiative started by Fox Cities public libraries and the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley. It's a collaboration between the libraries and the Fox Cities Book Festival and the goal is to build a larger sense of community while promoting literacy. Each year, a work is selected to encourage the community to read and discuss in the lead up to a visit from the author.

The 12th annual Fox Cities Reads will include a visit from Sepetys for a handful of appearances in April.

On April 12, she'll present at 12:45 p.m. at Kaukauna High School and at 6:30 p.m. at Appleton North High School. That night she'll have a book signing at the Reader's Loft in Green Bay.

She'll present at 10 a.m. April 13 at the Appleton Public Library and, following the presentation, Thomas Lyons Fine Books in Neenah will host a signing.

Sepetys will meet with students at Neenah High School on April 13, though the event is not open to the public.

The Michigan native is the author of New York Times bestsellers "Between Shades of Gray" and "Out of the Easy." "Salt to the Sea," also a New York Times bestseller, was the 2017 winner of the Carnegie Medal.

The daughter of a Lithuanian refugee, Sepetys was honored with the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center Resident Fellowship for "Salt to the Sea" and was recognized by the president of Lithuania for her contributions to education and memory preservation.

CAPTION:

Ruta Sepetys is author of "Salt to the Sea," the 2018 Fox Cities Reads selection.

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