Meet Writers & Books 2018 "Rochester Reads" author:

Reyna Grande. Here at Greece Public Library on March 29!

**Reyna Grande**

Born in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, Reyna was two years old when her father left to the U.S. to find work. Her mother followed her father north two years later, leaving Reyna and her siblings behind in Mexico. In 1985, when Reyna was going on ten, she left Iguala to make her own journey north. She entered the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant, and later went on to become the first person in her family to graduate from college.

After attending Pasadena City College for two years, Reyna obtained a B.A. in creative writing and film & video from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She later received her M.F.A. in creative writing from Antioch University. Now, in addition to being a published author, she is also a sought-after motivational speaker at high schools, colleges, and universities across the nation.

Reyna on her life: “I was born in a shack made of bamboo sticks and cardboard, on a dirt floor, delivered by a midwife. I was born into extreme poverty. The odds were not in my favor. Yet I have come a long way from my humble beginnings. The beauty of this country is that dreams can come true here. The journey is not all easy. But through hard work and dedication, and yes, also with luck and help from others, one can accomplish one’s dreams. This is what America stands for—the land of opportunity.” Meet Reyna in person here at the Greece Public Library on Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 pm. Books will be available for purchase, and Reyna will sign books after the program. Overdrive has made the e-audiobook available for simultaneous use from Feb 1-Mar 31, 2018 just for the program. A Young Adult version of the book is also available here at the library.

**Book Discussion Group: Fast facts**

- We meet monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm.
- New members are accepted at anytime.
- There is no hold fee for the book—library staff reserves about 20 copies of the title, and participants pick them up at the circulation desk.
- Let us know if you would like an audiobook, or other format. We try out best to choose titles that are available as ebooks in the Overdrive catalog.
- We really discuss the book! That is one reason why members love attending. We also do special events like Skype visits periodically during the year.
- Discussions are facilitated by me, Claire Talbot, librarian here at the Greece Public Library. I am open to your suggestions and comments and can be reached at claire.talbot@libraryweb.org or by phone at 723-2495.
- Check out the dates on our website calendar at www.greecepubliclibrary.org. No registration is required.
Read Across the States: Colorado

Do you need some inspiration for Read Across the States? Here are a few books to try if you need the state of Colorado!

The Dog Stars by Peter Heller is a post-apocalyptic fiction novel. Set in Colorado, a man lives a lonesome existence in an airplane hangar with his dog and a dour gunman he has befriended.

Inherit the Bones by Emily Littlejohn. "If you read only one debut mystery this year, make it this one. Inherit the Bones is that good. Compelling writing, a stunning setting in a Colorado ski town, a plot that twists with surprises, and a police deputy who happens to be six-months pregnant—I loved all of it."—Margaret Coel

The Magic of Ordinary Days by Ann Howard Creel. Olivia Dunne, a studious minister's daughter who dreams of being an archaeologist, never thought that the drama of World War II would affect her quiet life in Denver. An exhilarating flirtation reshapes her life, though, and she finds herself banished to a rural Colorado outpost, married to a man she hardly knows.

Meet local author J. A. Goodman

J. A. Goodman was born and raised in Rochester, New York. She grew up on the shores of Lake Ontario and graduated from Charlotte High School. She married, divorced, and raised four independent and unique children. She worked at Eastman Kodak Company as a Quality Control Technician where she refined her skills writing technical reports, and training manuals. Her career as an author began in 2015 when she turned 70 and joined Osher Lifelong Learning at RIT. She received so much encouragement from her fellow classmates that she pulled out a short story she had written and made it the first chapter of her first book, Tangled Justice. Learn about writing a fictional book, the difference between being published and self published, and have a question and answer session. The author will also read small sections from her books. She will be at the Greece Public Library on January 11 at 6:30 pm. Register on the website calendar at www.greecepubliclibrary.org or call 225-8951.

Claire's Five Star Reads from 2017

I read over 60 books last year, but only awarded a few five stars on my Goodreads page. Here are the books that stood out from the rest:

My Last Continent by Midge Raymond
A love story set in the dramatic Antarctic landscape about penguin researchers. Sad and hopeful at the same time.

Pure Heart: A Spirited Tale of Grace, Grit, and Whiskey by Troy Ball.
A woman in her 50's relocates to Asheville, NY for the health of her special needs sons. She becomes the first woman to brew legal moonshine. An inspirational read.

The Book of Polly by Kathy Hepinstall
A laugh-out-loud funny yet poignant novel about a daughter determined not only to keep her mother among the living but to find out the secrets of her long-buried past.
New Non-fiction: New Year, New You!

A guide to personal and professional empowerment through civility and social skills, written by two White House Social Secretaries. Pub. 1/9/2018

In Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics, Harris and his friend Jeff Warren, a masterful teacher and “Meditation MacGyver,” embark on a cross-country quest to tackle the myths, misconceptions, and self-deceptions that stop people from meditating. Pub. 12/26/17

Think of a budget as a lifestyle-design blueprint. It’s a working plan for taking your life from where you are now to where you really want to be: Zero debt. Pub. 12/26/2017

Vanessa King, positive psychology expert for Action for Happiness has created 10 key evidence-based actions that have been shown to increase happiness and wellbeing. Pub. 12/26/2017

Winter is coming…great books to take off the chill.

Major fantasy of the decade. Compulsively readable.

Anna Karenina tells of the doomed love affair between the sensuous and rebellious Anna and the dashing officer, Count Vronsky. A novel of family and the harsh wonders of deep winter—set in medieval Russia.

Inspired by a true story: the final days of a young woman accused of murder in Iceland in 1829. A brilliant debut novel.

A captivating novel about war, courage, survival — and a remarkable friendship that ripples across a lifetime set in WWII Russia.

A good psychological thriller— a woman lured back to a past she’s spent a decade trying to escape, and a shocking death.

Norwegian thriller—soon to be in theatres. On the first day of snow, a child wakes up to find his mother has disappeared during the night.

Winter Garden is one woman’s sweeping, heartbreaking story of love, loss, and redemption.

Swedish Lapland, 1717. A family emigrates from Finland to face the harshest winter in history, and a murder.

“Happiness is a cup of your favorite coffee, a good book and the afternoon to enjoy them both.” – Rachel Burkholder
Winter Fiction Preview

A sweeping novel of remarkable ambition and depth, *The Immortalists* probes the line between destiny and choice. If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life? Pub. 1/9/2018

Five women go on a hike. Only four return. Jane Harper, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Dry*, asks: How well do you really know the people you work with? Pub. 2/6/18


The must-read thriller of 2018, this riveting and relentlessly compelling psychological suspense debut will keep readers guessing right up to the shocking ending. Pub. 1/9/18

Vince Tofany Branch
Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm  
Friday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sun: 12 pm - 4 pm (October-April)

Barnard Crossing Branch
585-663-3357  
Monday-Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm  
Wednesday-Friday: 10 am – 5 pm

NOTE: Both library branches will open at 12:00 noon on the first Thursday of each month.

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