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Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale 2017, *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki

Ruth Ozeki's *A Tale for the Time Being* has been selected as the title for 2017's Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale, a one book/one community program. Lake Forest will celebrate this novel, a Booker Prize finalist and National Book Critics Circle Award winner, with a series of fall events, capped with a visit from Ruth Ozeki on Thursday October 26th at Lake Forest College. The first 20 adults to register for the Summer Reading Program at Lake Forest Library will receive their own copy of *A Tale for the Time Being*.

Title: Two characters narrate a *Tale for the Time Being*; a sixteen-year-old Japanese American girl living back in Tokyo and keeping a diary, and a Japanese American writer living on an island off British Columbia who finds the diary washed up on the shore after the Tsunami in 2011. *The Seattle Times* called it "a terrific novel that explores quantum physics, military applications of computer video games, Internet bullying, and Marcel Proust, all the while creating a vulnerable voice and unique voice for the sixteen-year-old voice at its center. Ozeki has produced a dazzling and humorous work of literary origami."

Author: Ruth Ozeki is a novelist, filmmaker, and Zen Buddhist priest. She is the award-winning author of three novels, *My Year of Meats*, *All Over Creation*, and *A Tale for the Time Being*, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her critically acclaimed independent films, including *Halving the Bones*, have been screened at Sundance and aired on PBS. She is affiliated with the Brooklyn Zen Center and the Everyday Zen Foundation. She lives in British Columbia and New York City.

Events: The committee of Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale is currently planning events and programs throughout September and October to celebrate our chosen title, including book discussions, and events celebrating Japanese culture.

Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale 2017 will culminate on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm with our main event ***A Conversation with Ruth Ozeki***, moderated by Professor of English Davis Schneiderman, Associate Dean of the Faculty, Lake Forest College. This event will be held at Lake Forest College. Visit lakeforestreadsragdale.org to register. This event is free, but reservations are required.

In addition to the main event, Ms. Ozeki will lead two events on Friday, October 27. ***A Tea and Talk at the Ragdale Artists' Community*** at 10:00 am and ***A Reading and Guided Meditation with the author at the Lake Forest Book Store*** from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

About the Program: Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale is a one book/one community program that fosters a culture of reading and a sense of community in our city. Each year a title is selected from the works of writers affiliated with The Ragdale Foundation, the artists' residency that has supported authors and their creative process for over 35 years. Program partners create events to help the community deepen their understanding of the chosen book title and encourage discussions in the community.

Previous Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale Selections include:

2016 Lauren Groff, ***Fates and Furies***

2015: Rebecca Makkai, ***The Hundred-Year House***

2014: Luis Alberto Urrea, ***Into the Beautiful North***

2013: Gail Tsukiyama, ***The Street of a Thousand Blossoms***

Program Partners include the Lake Forest Library, Friends of Lake Forest Library, Lake Forest College, and The Ragdale Foundation. The Lake Forest Book Store is the official bookstore of Lake Forest Reads: Ragdale.

Visit www.lakeforestreadsragdale.org to register for the keynote conversation with the author, to view the full schedule of events, and to discover more information about the book and the author, including a guide for book clubs.

For more information, call the Lake Forest Library at 847-810-4610. All events are open to the public and most are free.