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Event: Book of the Year Event- Lecture and Reception for Author Julie Otsuka

Presented by: Cuesta College

Date: April 21 from 3-5 p.m.

Author Julie Otsuka to Visit Cuesta College as Climax to Book of the Year Event

Cuesta College's Book of the Year Event will culminate with a visit by Julie Otsuka, author of "When the Emperor was Divine," on April 21 at the San Luis Obispo Campus.

The theme of this year's Book of the Year Event is Internment: Reflections through Generations and Community, and explored the Japanese internment camps of World War II. Throughout March and April, Cuesta College sponsored several film screenings, historic presentations, lectures, demonstrations and book discussion groups exploring the theme.

The culminating event will include a lecture by the author, followed by a reception held in her honor. Otsuka's first novel explores the day to day realities of a family interned during the war, a fate similar to the one her own grandparents and mother was forced to endure.

Otsuka is a graduate of Yale University and earned her M.F.A. from Columbia, where she first began writing "When the Emperor was Divine." She will travel from her hometown of New York City to address an audience at Cuesta College on April 21 from 3-5 p.m. in room 5401.

Cuesta's Book of the Year Event is a community-wide reading program sponsored by the college's Academic senate, which invites faculty, students, staff and county residents to read and discuss the year's selected book and theme.

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