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exposed," said Sara Shepard, the author.

The big themes: "Friendship, making the right choices, and figuring out who you are," Shepard added.

Shepard, 39, a Pittsburgh resident and the mother of two young sons, was one of more than a dozen featured writers at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival on Saturday in downtown Fort Myers' Centennial Park.



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### Southwest Florida Reading Festival

Chloe Xikes, 7, left, and Claire Lane, 8, paint together at the Cape Coral Library booth at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Centennial Park in Fort Myers. *Amanda Inscore/The News-Press*

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The 18th annual event was organized by the Lee County Library System to promote reading and the library.