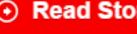
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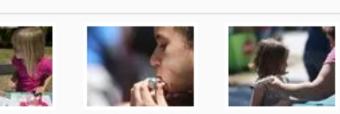
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exposed," said Sara Shepard, the author.

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.



















## Southwest Florida Reading Festival

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival hosted A kids, teen and adult authors on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. The event also included food, readings, crafts and a battle of the bands. Amanda Inscore/The News-Press



