

Your CHS summer 2016 read is by Ruta Sepetys

guilt is a hunter.

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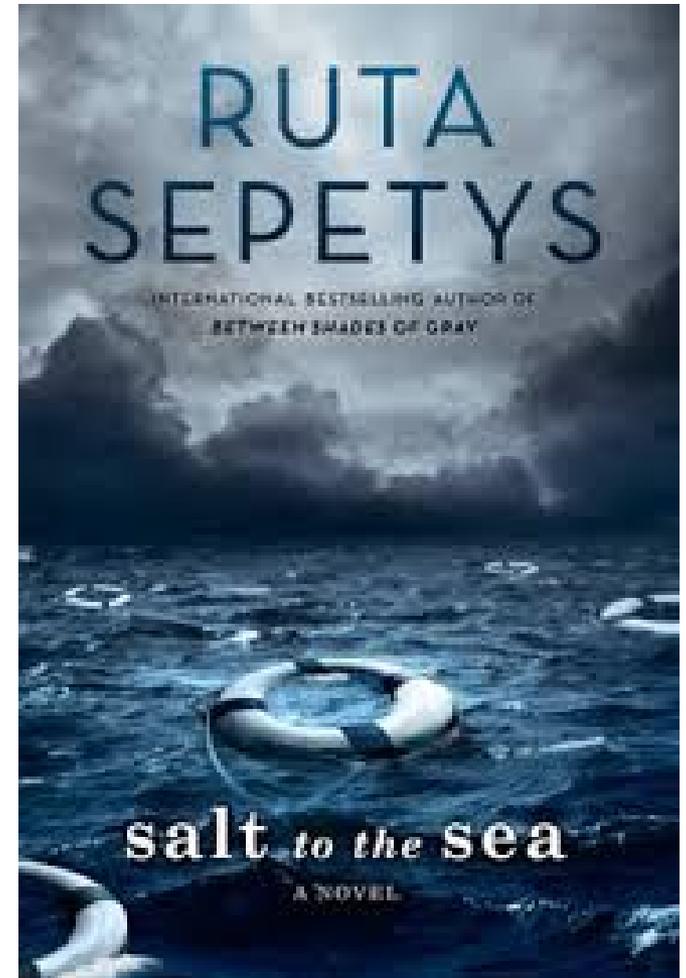
fear is a hunter.

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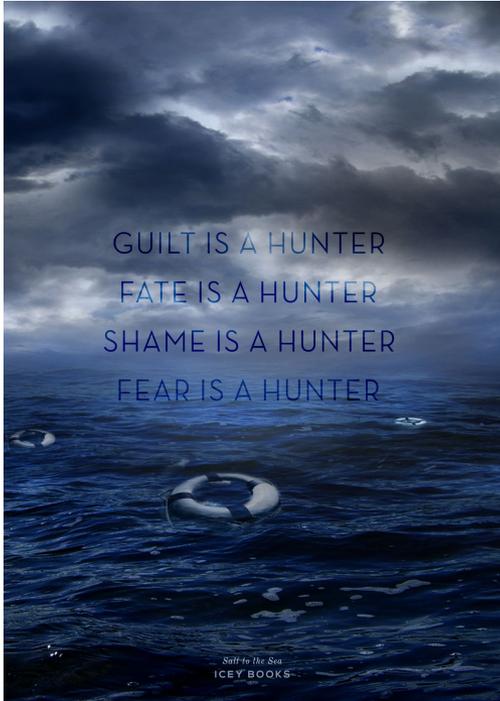
shame is a hunter.

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fate is a hunter.



# Dive into a Great Book!



- All CHS students will read ONE REQUIRED book during the summer break.  
**Grades 9 through 12 have been assigned the same text.**
- If possible, purchasing the book is preferable. Local libraries are also a good source to find the book.
- Reading this summer is a good way to spend some time and can improve your English grade in quarter one!
- Scoring a 75 or better on the assessment will earn you two points on your quarter one average in English.

# About the Book



- ★ [VIEW the Book Trailer](#)
- ★ World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide.
- ★ Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the *Wilhelm Gustloff*. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other.
- ★ Just when it seems freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes. Not country, nor culture, nor status matter as all ten thousand people—adults and children alike—aboard must fight for the same thing: survival.
- ★ Told in alternating points of view, this work of historical fiction is inspired by the real-life tragedy that was the sinking of the *Wilhelm Gustloff*—the greatest maritime disaster in history.

**Wilhelm Gustloff and S-13**  
JANUARY 1945  
(note that all routes are approximate)

Soviet Sub S-13  
departs Hangö on  
January 11.

Originally, the *Gustloff*  
was to unload naval  
personnel in Kiel, then  
carry on to Flensburg  
to drop off refugees.

On January 26, the S-13  
joins two other submarines  
to patrol off the coast of  
Memel.

*Wilhelm Gustloff* torpedoed  
January 30, 1945 9:16PM  
55.07N 17.41E

Before dawn on  
January 30, Marinesko  
heads to the Danzig  
without informing  
superiors.

The *Gustloff* leaves  
Gotenhafen around  
12:30PM on January 30.  
The S-13 begins tracking  
it sometime between  
7PM and 8PM.

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# Tools to Help You Understand the Message



Use the [bookmark “accordion”](#) provided to keep track of character details

[View the author’s introduction to the book](#)

View Youtube clips on the history of the doomed Wilhelm Gustloff and/or [informal book reviews](#)

[Read the \*New York Times\* Book Review](#)

Utilize the [study guide](#) to prepare for the test