

Ruta Sepetys

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I leapt eagerly into books. The characters' lives were so much more interesting than the lonely heartbeat of my own.

~Ruta Sepetys

I felt as if I were riding a pendulum. Just as I would swing into the abyss of hopelessness, the pendulum would swing back with some small goodness.

~Ruta Sepetys

Sometimes there is such beauty in awkwardness.

~Ruta Sepetys

Andrius, I'm...scared." He stopped and turned to me. "No. Don't be scared. Don't give them anything Lina, not even your fear.

~Ruta Sepetys

He threw his burning cigarette onto our clean living room floor and ground it into the wood with his boot. We were about to become cigarettes.

~Ruta Sepetys

Whether love of friend, love of country, love of God, or even love of enemy—love reveals to us the truly miraculous nature of the human spirit.

~Ruta Sepetys

A wrongdoing doesn't give us the right to do wrong.

~Ruta Sepetys

Decisions, they shape our destiny.

~Ruta Sepetys

Some things just won't go away, no matter how hard you scrub.

~Ruta Sepetys

What do you do with all this bank, Josie? Be a lot easier if you just lifted your skirt.â€• â€œThe only reason I'd lift my skirt is to pull out my pistol and plug you in the head.

~Ruta Sepetys

Tragedy was a big social event, and everyone wanted in on it.

~Ruta Sepetys

Mrs. Rimas cried at the mention of the wafer and the traditional Christmas blessing. "God grant that we are all together again next year.

~Ruta Sepetys

Sometimes we set off down a road thinkin' we're goin' one place and we end up another. But that's okay. The important thing is to start.

~Ruta Sepetys

Sometimes kindness can be delivered in a clumsy way.

~Ruta Sepetys

We'd been trying to touch the sky from the bottom of the ocean. I realized that if we boosted one another, maybe we'd get a little closer.

~Ruta Sepetys

I planted a seed of hatred in my heart. I swore it would grow to be a massive tree whose roots would strangle them all.

~Ruta Sepetys

Sometimes kindness can be delivered in a clumsy way. But it's far more sincere in its clumsiness than those distinguished men you read about in books. Your father was very clumsy.

~Ruta Sepetys

Have you ever wondered what a human life is worth? That morning, my

brother's was worth a pocket watch.

~Ruta Sepetys

You stand for what is right, Lina, without the expectation of gratitude or reward.

~Ruta Sepetys

We'd been trying to touch the sky from the bottom of the ocean.

~Ruta Sepetys

What was life asking of me? How could I respond when I didn't know the question?

~Ruta Sepetys

Sometimes there is such beauty in awkwardness. There's love and emotion trying to express itself, but at the time, it just ends up being awkward.

~Ruta Sepetys

If I poured all the lies I had told into the Mississippi, the river would rise and flood the city.

~Ruta Sepetys

I wasn't certain of anything anymore, except that New Orleans was a faithless friend and I wanted to leave her.

~Ruta Sepetys

Was it harder to die, or harder to be the one who survived?

~Ruta Sepetys

My sister and brother are both writers as well. We are constantly discussing story and plot lines. And I love to discuss story ideas with my husband.

~Ruta Sepetys

I adore themes of hope and courage and the ways we find meaning through suffering.

~Ruta Sepetys

Krasivaya. It means beautiful, but with strength. Unique.

~Ruta Sepetys

I looked down at the little pink face in the bundle. A newborn. The child had been alive only minutes but was already considered a criminal by the Soviets.

~Ruta Sepetys

Somehow I had to turn the salted peanuts in the cigar box into petits fours.

~Ruta Sepetys

I stared at the enormous homes, the landscaping and flower beds immaculate. It was as if dollar bills, instead of leaves, hung from the trees.

~Ruta Sepetys

Good men are often more practical than pretty " said Mother. "Andrius just happens to be both.

~Ruta Sepetys

But wasn't there some sort of rule that said parents had to be smarter than their kids? It didn't seem fair.

~Ruta Sepetys

We all laced togetherâ€”a brothel madam, an English professor, a mute cook, a quadron cabbie, and me, the girl carrying a bucket of lies and throwing them like confetti.

~Ruta Sepetys

Charlie Marlowe never wrote horror, but somehow horror was writing Charlie Marlowe.

~Ruta Sepetys

It amazed me how some people could touch an instrument and create something so beautiful, and when others tried, like me, it just sounded like mangled noise.

~Ruta Sepetys

You like me, Josie Moraine. You just don't know it yet.

~Ruta Sepetys

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