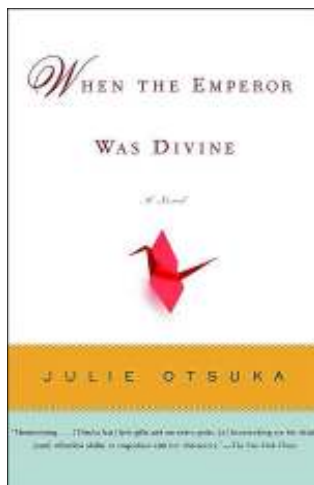




WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS DIVINE

by Julie Otsuka



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Author appearances in Cheshire on October 10 and 11, 2007

When the Emperor Was Divine tells the story of one Japanese American family's internment in a Utah enemy alien camp during World War II

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES

***Time of Fear* - August 1, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

This film is an excellent overview of the impact the internment had on the lives of the 16,000 people who were sent to two camps in southeast Arkansas. Documentary, 2005, 60 minutes

***Unfinished Business* - August 8, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

Here is the story of three men who courageously defied the government and were separately convicted and imprisoned for violating Executive Order 9066. It catches up with them 40 years later as they fight to overturn their original convictions. Documentary, 2005, 58 minutes

***Going for Broke* - August 15, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

With archival footage and interviews with veterans, this film chronicles the achievements and the eventual impact of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated U.S. Army unit comprised mostly of Japanese Americans. Documentary, 2005, 75 minutes

***Go for Broke* - August 22, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

This 1951 movie stars Van Johnson as Mike Grayson, the commanding officer of the 442nd. It depicts the regiment's prowess as soldiers and shows how Grayson's prejudice slowly erodes as his respect for his men grows. Several members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team appear as part of the cast. Feature film, 1951, 92 minutes

***Come See the Paradise* - August 29, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

Set against the backdrop of a dramatic and controversial period in American history, this story follows the romance and eventual marriage of Irish American Jack McGurn and Japanese American Lily Dawanura at the outset of World War II. Feature film, 2006, 133 minutes

LECTURES

***Japanese Americans and World War II* Wednesday, September 19, 2007 - 7:00 pm**

Professor Roger Buckley will illustrate the wartime experiences of Japanese Americans and discuss some of the consequences of those events for all Americans. Professor Buckley is Director of the Asian American Studies Institute at UConn.

The Art of Dialogue

Thursday, September 27, 2007 - 7:00 pm

Our presenter will discuss how to talk about controversial subjects – how to have a discourse on topics such as politics and religion. This timely subject will relate racial issues now and those causing the internment of Japanese Americans.

One Thousand Paper Cranes

Tuesday, October 2 - 7:00 pm

Takeyuki Ishii, the author of *One Thousand Paper Cranes*, will talk about his book and the impact the atomic bomb had on the people of Japan. This program will be appropriate for families. Childcare will be provided for young children. *This program will be held at the Methodist Church on Academy Road.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Japanese Crafts

Thursday, July 19, 2007 - 2:30 pm

Children will have the opportunity to create craft projects similar to those made at the internment camps. Joan Pilarczyk from Artsplace has used the book *The Art of Gaman* as her basis for the craft ideas.

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

Saturday, September 29, 2007 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*This event will take place at Artsplace
1220 Waterbury Road*

Adult programs planned throughout the day include sushi making, ikebana flower arranging, anime art workshop, brush painting, language lessons, bento box art, and origami. From 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm Toyo Sushi will provide food items for sale.

10:30 am – 11:30 am *Motoko - Japanese Storyteller Now and Zen* - Motoko enchants audiences of every age with her weaving of ancient lore, original tales, lyrical movement and traditional music.

Space is limited for some events. Some workshops may be suitable for ages 12 and up. Please call Artsplace at 272-ARTS (272-2787) to register.

OPEN FORUM - BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, October 18 - 7:00 pm

Share your impressions and ask questions about the book, films and lectures.

JULIE OTSUKA - IN PERSON

Author Appearances and Book Signings

Wednesday, October 10

1:00 pm

Cheshire Senior Center
open to all*

7:00 pm

Cheshire Public Library
open to all

Thursday, October 11

Daytime

Cheshire Academy
for student groups

7:00 pm

Cheshire Academy
Gideon Wells Dining Commons
open to all



*Unless noted, programs will be held at the Cheshire Public Library
Please call the Senior Center (272-8286) to pre-register

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