Set during WWII, the historical fiction novel *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys tells the story of Lina as she and her family are dragged from their home in Lithuania by the Soviet secret police, and thrown into a cattle car on its way to Siberia. After being separated from her father, Lina leaves secret clues in the form of drawings hoping they will eventually reach him. But will they be enough to reunite her family and keep her alive?

I wanted to read this book because I love historical fiction books, especially ones about more unknown topics. I had also already read another book by Ruta Sepetys that I really enjoyed. I think if you like historical books or books about surviving against the odds then you would enjoy this. I think the cover is an accurate representation of the story because it shows the dark, harsh, and depressing setting of Siberia. Lina is a great main character as she exhibits perseverance and courage even in the face of death. I rate this book a 9/10 and highly recommend it.

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