

PWR Launch Party June 2016 - Celeste Leon

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Celeste Leon will celebrate the publication of her book, "Luck Is Just the Beginning," with a book-signing party, sponsored by the Published Writers of Rossmoor (PWR), on June 18 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. Wine and appetizers will be served. All interested Rossmoor residents are welcome to attend, but should RSVP by June 15.



The historical novel was inspired by a true story of the author's father, Ramon Leon. When the 19-year-old Ramon won the Puerto Rican lottery in 1944, he believed that his dream of opening the first medical and dental clinic in his village could be achieved. But a series of catastrophic events intervened. Those attending the launch party will not only hear the story of the joys and sorrows of a family, but the saga of one man's determination to see his dream come true.

Since her novel was published by Florican Press in November of 2015, Leon was named one of Ten Latina Authors to watch and read by the Latina Book Club in New York in honor of Women's History Month. The Book Club also posted an interview with Leon on its website in March, calling her "an exciting new author with a great family tale." In May, Leon was the guest of Beth Ruyak during her show, "Insight," on Capital Public Radio in Sacramento.

Leon's book has also received several laudatory reviews. "Emotionally pitch-perfect and skillfully written, this historical novel transports the reader on an unforgettable journey to a time and place most of us have never known," writes author Desiree Zamorano. "'Luck Is Just the Beginning' announces the arrival of a gifted and intuitive writer whose heart, grace and compassion will surely win her a devoted readership," writes author Alex Espinoza. "Leon's debut novel places her among the most exciting Latina writers working today."

To read more reviews or an excerpt of the novel, visit www.celesteleon.com.