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AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR LAUNCHES NEW MEMOIR

Award-winning playwright, screenwriter, and novelist [Marcia Cebulka](#) will launch her newest book entitled [Lovers, Dreamers, and Thieves](#), at the [Topeka Shawnee County Public Library on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 pm](#). Introduced by her publisher, Thea Rademacher, Cebulka will read from the book, sign copies, and answer audience questions. The event is free and open to the public.

“Cebulka has written a visceral knockout of a memoir packed with vibrant, unforgettable family members,” commented *New York Times* best-selling author and former Topekan, Harriet Lerner. *Lovers, Dreamers, & Thieves* focuses on the characters of Cebulka’s early years when she was growing up in her family’s bakery in a Polish neighborhood of Chicago. Cebulka herself describes the people who shaped her writing and her life as the “warm, rowdy, lovable, and sometimes criminal characters of my early life, including a grandfather who staged fake Polish weddings, a great-grandmother who was a blacksmith, and a cousin who collects nun dolls. But also, a father taken away in handcuffs, a mother in love with a priest and an uncle in the Mafia.” The result, according to Washburn professor and poet Charles Anthony Silvestri, is “both fun to read and profound.”

Marcia Cebulka’s critically acclaimed plays have been performed at thousands of venues worldwide and her screenwriting aired on PBS. Topekans will be familiar with her plays *Dear John*, *Visions of Right*, and *Now Let Me Fly* which have been performed locally. Her guided journal [Skywriting](#) was published in 2019 and her first novel, [Watching Men Dance](#), in 2020, both by [Flint Hills Publishing](#). Cebulka lives in the Potwin area of Topeka with her husband Tom Prasch, a history professor at Washburn University.

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Copies of *Lovers, Dreamers, & Thieves* are available for review.