

Book presentation by Elizabeth Acevedo



We went, with our first semester English course, to a book presentation by Elizabeth Acevedo on the 13th September 2019. Elizabeth Acevedo introduced her new book “The Poet X“. We talked about the book in class and most of us liked the story and were really fascinated, so we decided together with Ms. Schlink to visit the book presentation in Berlin.

At first, the author introduced herself and told us a little bit about herself. The host asked Acevedo questions, e.g. where she got her inspiration from. Elizabeth Acevedo said, she as a high school teacher got it from the students she teaches. Her students, many of which have a migration background, won't read books like Shakespeare. She said they couldn't identify themselves with the stories and the protagonists from the books. So she decides to write a book about a girl called “Xiomara“.

Xiomara is a 15-year-old girl. She is half Dominican and half American. She has a twin brother. Her parents are very strictly religious and forbid her to have a boyfriend. But she fell in love with a boy from her class. Moreover, Xiomara tells the story of how she was doing after her body changed from a girl to a young woman's body. One day, a man suddenly looked at her and harassed her. Some aspects from the book also fit the life of the author as she was bullied once. She writes her thoughts in the book like a poem.

At the end of the presentation you were able to get autograph cards, buy the book or talk with the author.

All in all, I can say that it was really nice to listen to her. It's something you don't usually do. If you are interested in a certain book, you should definitely visit a book presentation of the author. I recommend it to everyone who loves a good book.

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