

## September Meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, September 7

**Time:** Noon -1:30 p.m. with light lunch provided

### Two Locations:

**Kalamazoo County**  
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Kalamazoo, MI

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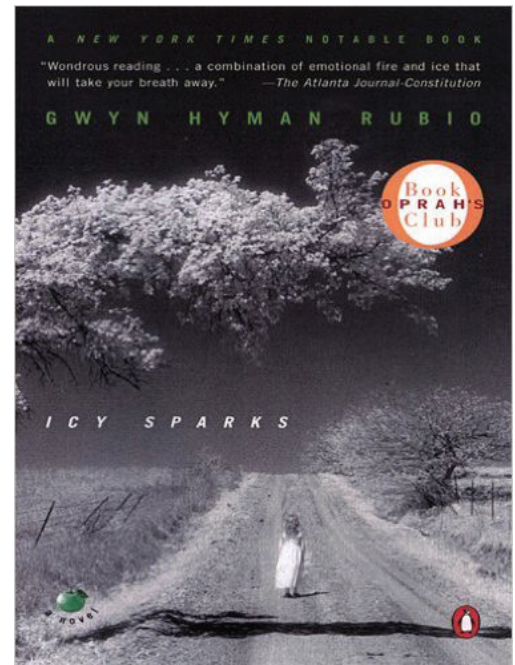
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**Book: Icy Sparks**  
**By: Gwyn Hyman Rubio**

Icy Sparks is only 10 years old the first time it happens. The sudden itching, the pressure squeezing her skull, and the "little invisible rubber bands" attached to her eyelids are all symptoms of Tourette's syndrome. Whenever the impulses become too much to resist, she goes to her grandparents' root cellar, and gives in, croaking, jerking, cursing, and popping her eyes. Icy soon becomes "a little girl who had to keep all of her compulsions inside." Only a brief confinement at the Bluegrass State Hospital persuades her that there are actually children more "different" than she.

**Available Formats:** This book is available in print, Kindle, audible; talking book from the National Library for the Blind; and digital book, large print, and cassette from the Michigan Library for the Blind.

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