

## **Books to consider for Alpha Xi Delta - Chicago North Shore Alumnae**

### **An American Marriage** (2018) (Current AHML Book Talk)

Story of love, loyalty, race, and justice and what happens when the unthinkable happens to a young African-American golden couple who met on the campus of their historically black college.

### **Educated: A Memoir** (2018) by Tara Westover.

The unforgettable memoir of a young girl who started her education at the age of seventeen years old.

### **Elephant Company** (2014) by Vicki Croke.

Inspiring true story of Lt. Col. Jim Williams, an unlikely hero, and the animals that helped him save lives in World War II.

### **Empty Mansions** (2014) by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr.

A true story about the mysterious life of Huguette Clark and the spending of a great American Fortune.

### **Girl in Translation** (2010) by J. Kwok.

True story of Kimberly Chang, an eleven-year old girl who arrives in Brooklyn from Hong Kong with her widowed mother. Their immigration has been arranged and paid for by her mother's older sister.

### **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis** (2016) by J.D. Vance.

The author tells his story about being raised by the code and Appalachian values of the white-working class and his adjustment to an educated and financially secure life.

### **Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk** (2017) by Kathleen Rooney.

The novel portrays a remarkable woman in the changing face of America as she walks across Manhattan Island in 1984.

### **Little Fires Everywhere** (2017) by Celeste Ng. (Current AHML Book Talk)

The Richardson house has burned down and Izzy Richardson, the youngest of the four Richardson children, is the primary suspect. There were "little fires everywhere" throughout the house.

### **Still Me** (2018) by Jojo Moyes. (AHML Book Talk) #3 in Series (Me Before You and After You)

After the death of Will, the wealthy paraplegic with whom she fell in love while working as his caretaker in *Me Before You* (2012), Lou found the promise of new love with paramedic Sam in *After You* (2015). Now she's ready to take on the kind of adventure Will always encouraged and Sam agrees she needs to experience, even if it means they have a trans-Atlantic relationship for a year.

### **The Broken Girls** (2018) by Simone St. James. (Current AHML Book Talk)

Vermont, 1950 and 2014. Dual timelines with a similar purpose. Idlewild is a boarding school for troublesome girls in a small town. In 1950, four girls become close friends and then one disappears.

### **The Chaperone** (2012) by Laura Moriarty.

The story of two women and how their unlikely relationship changed their lives. The novel contains profound questions about family, sexuality and history.

### **The Gown** (2019) by Jennifer Robson.

A novel about the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip during the time of a world racked by the cost of war.

**The Immortalists** (2018) by Benjamin Chloé

Story about 4 siblings who are Israeli immigrants and go as children to see a woman who can tell the exact date of your death, despite being warned to stay away from her.

**The Rent Collector** (2012) by Cameron Wright.

Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash.

**The Tattooist of Auschwitz** (2018) by Heather Morris.

This is the true story of Lale Sokolov, the tattooist of Auschwitz, and how he found love in the concentration camp.

**The Turn of the Key** (2019) by Ruth Ware.

When she stumbles across the ad, she's looking for something else completely. But it seems like too good an opportunity to miss—a live-in nannying post, with a staggeringly generous salary.

**Where the Crawdads Sing** (2018) by Delia Owens.

A coming of age crime drama about a girl growing up alone in the marshes of North Carolina.