

Sigma Chapter News

Sigma Chapter (Ohio State Organization), Delta Kappa Gamma

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April 9 Sonia Virant

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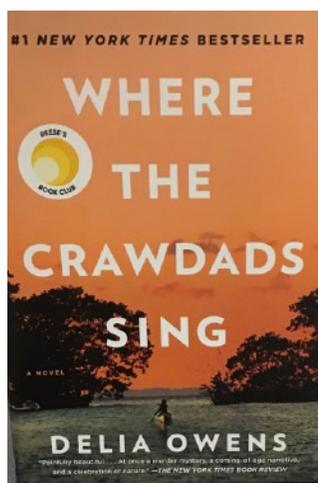
April 19 Sally Gillmore

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May 30 Mary R. Powell

BOOK DISCUSSION MEETING GREAT SUCCESS MARCH 14, 2020



After a lovely home-cooked lunch of beef stroganoff or chicken a la king by our caterer, our group of fifteen enjoyed a lively book discussion of “Where the Crawdads Sing” led by Sigma member Lori Guerrini.

Some of the questions asked by Lori were :

The North Carolina marsh where Kya lives is a sanctuary for outsiders. How does this setting shape the novel? How does growing up in this isolation affect Kya?

Why does Kya choose not to go back to school?

After Jodie and Pa leave Kya alone, she becomes close to Jumpin’ and Mable. Why are these two adults drawn to Kya? What do they teach her about the world?

How is womanhood explored throughout the novel?

Discuss Kya’s relationship with Tate. How does Tate’s understanding of Kya change over time?

How does poetry help Kya throughout the novel?

Were you surprised by the verdict in the Chase’s murder trial? What about by the end of the novel? Do you agree with Tate’s final decision?

Brenda Armstrong, Sigma President, conducted a short business meeting before we adjourned.

**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS SIGMA HAS CANCELLED OUR
LAST TWO MEETINGS OF THIS BIENNIUM 🙁
WATCH FOR OUR FALL SCHEDULE!**

Members of Sigma Chapter:

Please share with the chapter members books you have been reading. Send name and author of book by email to the newsletter editor, along with a short description of the book. Send this info to sallygillmore@hotmail.com, editor. We will start the member list with some titles recommended by Lori and/or Sally. Watch for the May newsletter!

Lori's Book List

Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alex E. Harrow. Not my typical adult genre, but I heard rave reviews. reminded me of why I loved reading books as a kid. An exquisite fairy tale, magical, fantasy of secret doorways and passages and a young girls' exploration and discovery. Could be a great escape in these difficult times.

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. Nonfiction. Really enjoyed this book - provided me with such a vivid picture of life in South Africa during apartheid. It's funny, serious, and really well written.

The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes. Just a good read! Historical fiction about a group of women/librarians who take to horseback to deliver books to people living in rural areas of Kentucky during the Great Depression era. (Loved this book! Sally)

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri. Fiction. Nuri is a beekeeper and his wife, Afra, is an artist. As a result of war, they become refugees from Syria. This book follows their uncertain and dangerous journey to a safer ground, and a new home. Great book for a glimpse into this International crisis.

Sally's Book List

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. There seems to be a lot of controversy about this book since Oprah made it one of her choices. A Mexican bookstore owner and her young son flee the country after the massacre of the rest of their family by a drug cartel. As fugitives, their escape into the USA is expensive and dangerous. I read the story for what it is (fiction adventure with social issues) and loved it.

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeywell. I really enjoyed this book and Eleanor as well. She is a misfit with a lot to learn. I found the book intriguing, sad, funny and worth talking about. Scottish setting.

The Pioneers, by David McCullough. "The heroic story of the settlers who brought the American Ideal West." Non-fiction. The story of the settlement of southern Ohio told from the archives of five of the originals, including Putnam. A read for all Ohioans!

A Single Thread: a novel by Tracy Chevalier. Set in 1932 Britain with the ravages of WWI still in the forefront, Violet Speedwell moves to Winchester and learns to embroider covers for cathedral benches and kneeler while finding companionship. This was new ground for me.

The Gown by Jennifer Robson. Historical fiction about the design and assembly of Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown when she married Philip Mountbatten in 1947. The three main characters, from different backgrounds, are working as embroiderers in London at a time when the struggles of World War II, such as food shortages and rationing, are still disrupting lives. Great for the basic story and for the historical reminders.

The Apple Orchard by Susan Wiggs. Tess Delaney makes her living returning treasures to their owners. She is surprised by her own unknown heritage when she is notified that she has been willed a half ownership of an apple orchard along with a half-sister she never knew she had. Great read.

The Beekeepers Ball by Susan Wiggs. The second book of the trilogy. The story of Isabel, the half sister of Tess, who did not know of Tess, but had lived with her grandfather on the apple orchard. Another great read, but the books are not new, and we are waiting for the third in the proposed trilogy.

COMING NEXT MONTH: Information on 2020-21 dues collection.

Election of 2020-21 Sigma officers.

Books suggested by fellow members for our reading pleasure.