

# The Community Read

## Book Club

### April 8 to May 6, 2024

#### Featured Book:

#### *The Woman Warrior:*

#### *Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*

By Maxine Hong Kingston

This national bestseller *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* by award-winning author, Maxine Hong Kingston, is a stimulating blend of memoir, myth, and fiction. First published in 1976, it has become a classic in creative biographical non-fiction with its revolutionary portrayal of the multiple and intersecting identities of heritage and culture.

Kingston was the third of eight children, and the first to be born in the United States. As a girl, she lives in two complex and almost incompatible worlds: the California to which her parents have immigrated and the China of her mother's stories. However, her mother's tales of fierce, wily women warriors, clash with the harsh reality of female oppression from which they came. Kingston's sense of self emerges in these gaps in between the stories and reality, which she learns to fill with stories of her own.

The author is able to achieve a new understanding of her family's past and her own present. Kingston's strength to make her own path, despite her demoralizing upbringing proves that a person can value their family's heritage without internalizing or drowning in it. While at the time it was considered somewhat controversial in its portrayal of the immigration of the Chinese people into American culture. The author turns it into a mesmerizing and positive message that has endured for almost five decades and surely will continue. *The Woman Warrior* is highly recommended.

**Originally published:** 1976

**Reissue edition:** 1989.

**Genres:** Creative Non-Fiction, Narrative, Memoir, Autobiography, Biographies

**Available for Purchase as:** Kindle, Audiobook, Paper Back and Library Binding

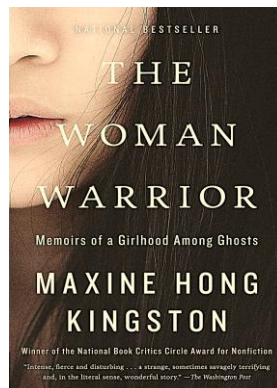
**Pages:** 201/208 Unabridged

**Whispersync:** Ready

**Audio Length:** 7 hours and 28 minutes

**Read by:** Ming-Na.

(Information from Amazon and Goodreads)



#### Book Discussion:

Monday, May 6 at 6 pm

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The Community Read Book Club is for adult readers interested in exploring different genres, writing styles, subjects and getting involved with community literacy. All community members are encouraged to participate!

No Library Card Required.

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