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Community Book Club Guidelines & Principles

The Taiwanese American Memoir Book Club series is open to all, but all participants are asked to review and, in participating, observe the following guidelines and operating principles.

We welcome additional feedback in the feedback form on how we can make digital spaces as inclusive, respectful, and compassionate as possible.
Direct inquiries can also be addressed to leona@taiwaneseamerican.org.

Guiding Principles

Intent & Impact
We recognize that participants come from many backgrounds and levels of familiarity with Taiwanese, Asian American, and diasporic histories. While we assume good faith, we also ask everyone to remain attentive to the impact of their words.

Content Notice
This year-long reading series brings together memoirs that grapple with identity, power, trauma, joy, politics, and belonging. Some texts may include challenging anecdotes or themes that readers may find uncomfortable; participants are encouraged to care for themselves in whatever ways are needed without judgment.

Critique & Reflection
Memoirs are inherently grounded in lived experiences, and we have selected texts by authors that are part of our community. Regardless of whether they are present in a given discussion, please speak about their work respectfully (as if they are or someone who cares about them are in the room!); avoid dismissive, reductive, or unkind commentary about their motives, credibility, or character.
Avoid speculation about an author's intentions or personal life beyond what they have chosen to share in the text. The same applies to fellow participants.

Accessibility
Our discussions are held in English and in a virtual space, but fluency, familiarity with academic language, or prior knowledge of Taiwan-related history are not prerequisites.

Discussion Format

Contributions & Discussion
Questions, responses, and reflections are welcome in the chat or via audio/video. Depending on attendee count, the moderator (Leona) may announce that the discussion will follow a "Stack"

format, requesting that participants who would like to speak can add themselves to a queue via raising their hand in the Google Meets function bar; the facilitator can call them in order. If applicable, the moderator will review “Stack” rules at the beginning of the discussion.

Privacy

To support candid, respectful conversation, these sessions will not be recorded. While discussion or reflection questions may be shared in community guides, personal stories or comments shared by participants should not be quoted or referenced without their explicit consent.