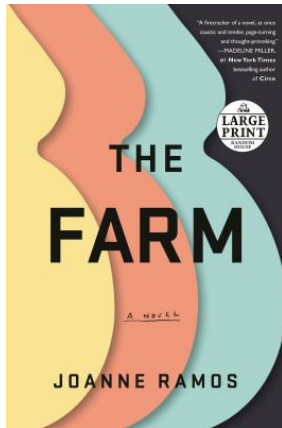


Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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Biography:



Joanne Ramos was born in the Philippines and moved to Wisconsin when she was six. She graduated with a B.A. from Princeton University. After working in investment banking and private-equity investing, she became a staff writer at *The Economist*. She currently serves on the board of *The Moth* and lives in New York City with her family. *The Farm*, her debut novel, is a national bestseller and has been chosen by over 50 media outlets in America and abroad as a "must read" in 2019. *The Farm* was longlisted for the Center of Fiction's 2019 First Novel Prize.

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Discussion Questions:

1. *The Farm* had many themes such as class, family, sacrifices, motherhood, love, assimilation, immigration, gender, race, religion etc. Which theme impacted you the most? Which theme stood out?
2. Out of the main characters, Jane, Ate, Mae, and Reagan, which character did you like the most - why? Which character did you least like - why?
3. Does the idea Golden Oaks seem outrageous? Can you see it happening in the future? Would you ever want to be a Host? Who do you think would apply to be a surrogate?
4. Jane and Reagan become friends even though they come from two very different backgrounds. What did Reagan see in Jane and vice versa?
5. The author mentions that the book is a culmination of many people's experiences that she met from moving here from the Philippines. Did you learn anything new about the Asian American experience?
6. Are there any other books/shows/movies that remind you of *The Farm*? After reading *The Farm*, who would you recommend it to? (Source: arlenesbookclub.com/the-farm-book-club-discussion-questions/)