

# **One Book, One Elmhurst 2022**

## ***American Like Me:***

### ***Reflections on Life Between Cultures***

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#### **Book Discussion Questions**

#### **for the Elmhurst Community to Consider**

- Which essay authors' experiences do you identify with the most?
- What is your reaction to Liza Koshy's statements in her essay about the differences between thinking of the U.S. as a melting pot and a salad bowl?
- Do you find parts of the book memorable? What essays will stay with you after this year's One Book, One Elmhurst ends?
- Did reading any of the essays change your views of the authors?
- What was your experience reading the book, and then after you finished it?
- How did the book affect you?
- What passages in any of the essays struck you as profound, upsetting, inspiring, or humorous?
- What does being American mean to you?
- How do you define yourself? By your country, town, school, profession, role in your family, your talents, faith, ethnic background, race, something else?
- What part in your life does your cultural background play?
- If you or someone in your family grew up between cultures, what experience of yours or theirs would you like to share?
- What other public figures would you like to write essays about their experiences growing up between cultures?
- What do you think are this book's greatest strengths?
- What do you feel about the various authors' writing styles in the book? How did they affect you—did they draw you in right away?
- What surprised you in this book?
- Would you recommend this title to others? If so, to what kind of readers?