

Join Poughkeepsie AAUW for a program in collaboration with the Poughkeepsie Library's Big Read

Leaving Home/Finding Home

November 11, 2021
7 pm on Zoom

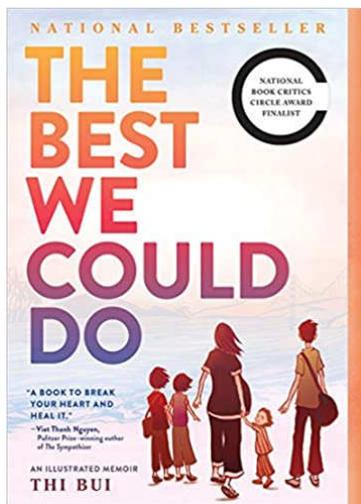


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The November AAUW program, "Leaving Home/Finding Home," will continue our collaboration with the Poughkeepsie Library's Big Read program by featuring the stories of three local women including our own member and facilitator, **Wendy Maragh Taylor**, who will be joined by **Diana Cruz** and **Christine Wang**.



For 2021, the Library has chosen the graphic novel, "**The Best We Could Do**" by Thi Bui, a memoir concerning a family's journey from their war torn home in Vietnam to America. It explores the anguish of immigration and the lasting effect displacement has on a child. Based on this theme, our presenters will share their own impressions and struggles as children coming to a new home. Each unique story will give us insight as to why their families emigrated, what it was like for them to leave their homes, and how their lives have been impacted.

Our facilitator, **Wendy Maragh Taylor**, was born in Jamaica, West Indies. She emigrated with her family to New York when she was 5 years-old and grew up in Brooklyn. Wendy graduated from Brown University, BA, and New York University, MSW, and is currently earning her PhD. She is Associate Dean of Vassar College, Office of Student Growth & Engagement and lives in Poughkeepsie with her husband and their two children.

Diana Cruz is originally from Oaxaca, Mexico and has harnessed her experience as an immigrant woman to assist and elevate marginalized communities. As the Director of Programs and Services of the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, she aims to expand the resources available to immigrants.

Christine Wang Jen Chih, born in Taiwan, is a first generation Asian American who moved to the States at the age of 13. After graduating with B.A. in Communication from University of Maryland in 2000, she moved back to Asia where she worked in International Business and in Public Relations. In 2008, she relocated to New York City to pursue an Arts Administration certificate at NYU. She is a mother, an activist, and a proud resident of the City of Beacon.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the program.

As usual members of AAUW will all receive an invitation to this virtual event and the event will be shared by the Poughkeepsie Library as part of the Big Read program.

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