



One Book, One Elmhurst 2023

Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood by Dawn Turner Book Discussion Questions for the Elmhurst Community to Consider

- What was your experience reading the book, and then after you finished it?
- Do you find parts of this book memorable? What will stay with you after this year's One Book, One Elmhurst ends?
- How did this book affect you?
- What passages in this memoir struck you as profound, upsetting, inspiring, or even humorous?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What do you think are the book's greatest strengths?
- What do you feel about the author's writing style? How did it affect your reading experience—did it draw you in right away?
- What surprised you in this book?
- Do you appreciate any of the one-liners from adults to children in the book? If so, which ones?
- Do you think it's possible that Dawn's, Kim's, and Debra's lives might have had different outcomes? If so, how?
- How do you feel about urban renewal?
- How do you think inequity in Chicago neighborhoods, including low access to food, should be addressed?
- What are your thoughts about dealing with pain, loss, and deciding whether or not to forgive?
- What types of life stories or memoirs typically appeal to you?
- Would you consider writing your own memoir?
- Would you recommend this title to others? If so, to what kinds of readers?