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The **Pioneer Press Book Club** this week is reading "I Begin My Life All Over: The Hmong and the American Immigrant Experience." This is a collection of oral histories done by California scholar Lillian Faderman and her Hmong collaborator, Ghia Xiong.

The narrators range in age and outlook, from elders telling about their escapes through the jungles of Laos to American teens of Hmong descent trying to negotiate through both cultures. Faderman, the daughter of a Jewish mother who immigrated from Eastern Europe, finds commonalities between her experiences and those of the Hmong trying now to adapt to American life.

The weekly selections in this **book-club** series parallel the topical reporting on immigrant communities, "The New Face of Minnesota." Rounding out the **book** list for this seven-week series are an overview of human migrations driving immigration, a public-policy argument against widely opening American doors and a collection of Minnesota's classic stories of immigrant experiences.

Read along with the series, save its titles for inclusion later in your **book** group, or start your own list from the rich literature of immigration in America. We include the **Pioneer Press Book Club** list here for your reference. If you'd like copies of the list for a community organization or discussion group, contact **book club** facilitator Glenda Holste at (651) 228-5478 or by e-mail at gholste@pioneerpress.com.

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