

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA ALUMNAE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
OCTOBER 2021 – “THE YEAR OF THE WITCHING” BY ALEXIS HENDERSON

1. What was your overall impression of “The Year of the Witching”? Why?
2. What did you think of Immanuelle’s relationship with Ezra? Were you surprised to see how much Ezra supported Immanuelle? How did their relationship help each other?
3. How does Immanuelle’s desire to know more about her mother drive the narrative, and how does what she learns change her? What did you think about Immanuelle’s decision to burn the cabin?
4. What was your reaction to the Prophet’s action and the Church’s beliefs? What surprised you the most? Did anything remind you of religious practices still in place today?
5. Was the violence of the witches justified? Do you think that there was a way for them to achieve retribution without bloodshed?
6. Do you see Ezra as being responsible for (or complicit in) the sins of the Prophet and Church?
7. What was your reaction upon learning that Martha had betrayed Immanuelle, letting the Prophet’s guards know where to find her? If you were in Immanuelle’s shoes, would you forgive Martha?
8. The witch/demon Lilith is mentioned in many different books, movies and television shows throughout history. What did you think of Lilith’s portrayal in “The Year of the Witching”?
9. What do you think the Darkwood represents? Is it evil, good, or neutral?
10. Were you satisfied with the ending of “The Year of the Witching”? What is something that you wish had a different outcome?