

## The Memory Book Discussion Topics:

• Adventure travel: For the romantic, see Europe before the destruction of two World Wars and through the eyes of a young girl in the fading years of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

• European history: *The Memory Book* travels across the Continent, dotted with historical information to help readers understand the last 150 years in Europe.

• Family: *The Memory Book* sparked genealogical research for the roots of a young girl living at the turn of the twentieth century. Even without her last name, much could be found with the help of graphologists. The process created a new extended family in our time.

• Midlife search: The author was 43 at the time she found *The Memory Book*. She was taking stock of her life, as most people do at that age, and found new insights into her life as she learned about the young girl's.

• The power of books: a small brown book, like many unassuming artifacts, lead to new findings and opportunities paving a path into historical estuaries.