Skaneateles Library Books by the Stack Discussion Questions

Afterlife by Julia Alvarez

- 1. How is Antonia affected by the death of her husband and her retirement?
- 2. Which character was your favorite? Least favorite? Why?
- 3. Were there any specific quotes from the book that stuck out to you? What was its meaning to you?
- 4. Have you read anything similar to this book? What were the similarities and differences?
- 5. If you could ask Julia Alvarez one question, what would it be?
- 6. What do you think the author's purpose was in writing this book? What ideas was he or she trying to get across?
- 7. What do you think of the book's cover? How well does it convey what the book is about? If the book has been published with different covers, which one do you like best?
- 8. How well do you think the author built the world in the book?
- 9. After reading this book, do you feel you have a better understanding of the lives of Mexican immigrants trying to relocate to the U.S.?
- 10. Would you recommend this book to your friends and family? Why or why not?

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