BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GILDED

- 1. Consider the cultural elements of the story and the setting in Korea. Have you ever visited Korea/Asia? What parts about Korea/Asia intrigued you?
- 2. Describe a time when you were out of your comfort zone. How did you feel in that situation? How did you react to others?
- 3. If you were faced with a difficult decision, who would you seek for advice and why?
- 4. Discuss the symbolism used in the story. Reflect over characters, objects and settings and how their symbolism impacts the story.
- 5. How do the relationships change in the story? What hinders some of the relationships and what pulls others closer?
- 6. One of the book's major themes is choices, and how our choices have consequences. Think about some of the choices you've made in your life. How have those choices panned out? Would you change those choices or keep them?
- 7. The Tiger of Shinshi tells Jae Hwa, "You know that no dream comes without a price." Have you ever had to face this kind of decision?