

*Farewell to South Shore* by Charlene Wexler is a novel that depicts the exodus of Jewish families from the South side Chicago to the Northern suburbs. Sherrie Paul is 15 in 1959 when her story begins. She lives in a South Shore apartment with her parents in the family building. Sherrie loves living near her relatives. Sherrie's father runs the family business-the neighborhood grocery store. Sherrie becomes the first female college graduate in her family and goes to law school. By 1968 most of her relatives abandon the South Shore for Skokie and beyond. Sherrie's favorite cousin David is an interior designer and invests in real estate. Sherrie moves into one of his apartments in the changing neighborhood of Lincoln Park. Eventually Sherrie marries the man of her dreams, they move to Glencoe and have two children. Unfortunately, Sherrie's dream unravels. One of my favorite parts of this novel is a description of a conservative synagogue in Northbrook with "stunning floor-to ceiling stain glass windows in the main sanctuary." *Farewell to South Shore* is more than an entertaining trip down memory lane. Wexler does an excellent job of conveying the changing times for women, religion, and the beginning of AIDS.