

Discussion Questions Of Women and Salt: Gabriela Garcia

1. Did the book add any new perspectives to your understanding of the U.S. immigration system? If you have read other fiction that focuses on immigration, how does *Of Women and Salt* compare?
2. Which character did you relate to the most? Why?
3. The ending of the book balances a sense of loss with the possibility of new beginnings. What do you imagine Ana's future might look like?
4. How does Jeanette's struggle with addiction mirror or bear similarity to the struggles of the women in her family before her? How do you think her family background contributes to the adult she eventually becomes?
5. What do you think is the significance of the recurring phrase "We are force"?
6. Garcia shows how the decisions women make on their own can have powerful effects on family members and even impact future generations. What do you think this perspective adds to our understanding of politics, history, and immigration?
7. Which mother-daughter relationship did you connect with the most?
8. How do you think loss impacts and informs the decisions the women make in this book?
9. How did you feel about jumping through time and place in this novel? What value can narratives that defy chronological order or sequential order have in telling the story?
10. How do you feel men are portrayed in the story in general? What effects do they seem to have on women's lives?

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