

Race Consciousness: A Personal and Political Journey by Carol E. Leutner

Cuenca Book Club Questions: 6 January 2025

1. What do you think motivated Carol to dedicate 15 years to writing this book? How do her intentions come through in the themes and storytelling?
2. How might different audiences in the United States connect with this story, especially considering the social and political landscape before and after the 2024 election?
3. What are your interpretations of the title *Race Consciousness*? How does it frame your understanding of the book's themes?
4. Which moments or themes in the book resonated with you the most, and what made them meaningful?
5. How does the book explore the concept of the "American dream" in the latter half of the 20th century? How do Carol's experiences reflect or challenge this idea?
6. In what ways did this book shape or shift your perspective on racial and ethnic divisions in America?
7. How do you view Carol's role as a mother within the context of her personal, professional, and political life? What complexities did you notice in her relationships with her children?
8. Reflecting on Carol's life experiences in the US and Rome, what qualities or circumstances—such as luck, resilience, hard work, or something else—do you think played the biggest role in her ability to adapt and thrive?

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