



The Other Americans

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1. The Other Americans explores themes of immigration, community, and identity. Discuss each of these topics with relation to The Other Americans. How is it a novel of immigration? And community? How do these connect to identity?
2. How is The Other Americans a novel about storytelling and the importance of stories, everyone's stories? And the importance of telling and listening to stories?
3. "How strange the work of memory . . . what some people remembered and others forgot." (p. 138) Comment on this quote in relation to the novel as a whole.
4. Everyone in the novel is an outsider in some way. How? Discuss each of the characters and their place as outsider or "other," whether it is by race, religion, or class.

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STORY