



Before We Say Goodbye

B O O K C L U B Q U E S T I O N S

1. Have you read other books in the Red Mountain series? How does this story fit and compare with them? Do similar themes run through the other books?
2. Throughout Otis's journey, he has trouble getting out of his own way. Discuss his struggles. Could you show the same patience as Rebecca?
3. Looking at Otis's and Bec's parents, how did they affect their children? How do your parents affect you? (I know, that's a big one! Everyone grab their wine.)
4. What did Woodstock mean to you? Who were your favorite musicians of the sixties and seventies?
5. Did you know anyone who went to Vietnam? How did the war change them? How did it affect you?
6. Has this book altered how you feel about wine? Have you ever traveled to wine country?
7. Who were your favorite and least favorite characters? Discuss.
8. Otis learned a great deal from Carmine and then passed those skills to Vance and Brooks, among others. Discuss the importance of mentorship. Did you have a mentor?
9. How did you feel about Boo's employment of Bec's ghost as a narrator in the story?
10. Coyotes are a recurring symbol throughout the book. What do they symbolize? What other symbols did you notice?
11. Rebecca believed heavily in manifestation, the idea that you have a hand in creating your reality. What's your take on it? How much do you think Otis's and Bec's success was due to manifestation and how much to hard work?
12. Do you believe that we have a soulmate? Or soulmates? Does love transcend the grave?