



The Dirty Girls Social Club

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- 1.** Lauren spends much of her time feeling inadequate and like an imposter. What do you think these feelings are rooted in?
- 2.** How do you think Rebecca's husband was raised to view Latinos? How does this impact their marriage? Is his disappointment in her fair, in your opinion?
- 3.** Elizabeth is the only foreign-born of the sucias and yet she spends the least amount of time thinking about her Latin identity. There are two big reasons for this. What do you think they are?
- 4.** Elizabeth does not seem to think her secret and her religion are at odds with one another? Why not? Do you agree?
- 5.** Sara seems to feel some responsibility for what is happening in her home life. Do you agree that she is partly to blame? Why, or why not?
- 6.** How could it be that Sara's home life and the image her friends have of her could be so different? Why do you think she hid the truth for so long?
- 7.** Why does Gato finally stray in his relationship with Amber? How does Amber react? By contrast, how do you think Lauren might have reacted in the same situation?
- 8.** Why does Usnavys think she needs to find a rich man? What in her past makes her believe this? How does this belief impact her happiness?
- 9.** The sucias, like many groups of friends, seem to end up in sets of two. Who do you think these pairs are, and why do you think they are drawn more to each other than to any of the other friends?
- 10.** The sucias are all Latinas, but they are also of different races, religions and backgrounds. How does this compare to images of Latinas you see in the U.S. media?

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