No one person can do everything, but we can all do something.

Themes for Discussion

- Diversity, racism amongst groups, failure, having nowhere to go back to
- Determination
- Being an outsider
  - How starting something new can be intimidating and scary (ex. starting college, being from out-of-state)
- Not realizing how hard it would be to make it in America as well
- The self-interest that got many involved brought about valuable connections (similar to what volunteering can do)
- Breaking through the familiar- stepping outside of ones’ comfort zone
- Gang violence and its impact on the team
- Empathizing with others

Other Resources

Readers’ guide and questions in the back of the book (“super-diversity” discussion for classes p.184)

- San Diego One Book Study Guide
- Penguin Random House Lesson Plan
- Educator Guide (prepared by Susan Geye, Director of Library Services, Everman ISD, Texas)
- Georgia Tech Lesson Plan
- Mount Prospect Library Discussion Questions
- FGCU Discussion Questions
- Southern Connecticut Discussion Topics
- Southern Connecticut Essay Questions