

## SEIZED Reader Questions

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1. How does race play a role in the story? How does the mindset of the cultists play into the possible external threat? Is all hate the same?
2. How does identity play a part in the story? How does the fact that Evelyn recently solved the case she joined the FBI for and her uncertainty about where she belongs now impact her actions inside the compound? How is identity shaped in a cult, and does being inside one amplify Evelyn's own identity struggle?
3. How do weather and landscape impact the story? What do the stark, remote locations represent? Can they be both good and bad?
4. What part does Rolfe Shephard play? Are his actions selfless or self-serving inside the compound, or both? Does the fact that he saves Evelyn's life change anything?
5. How do Jen Martinez's actions influence the story, both her personal life and her professional decisions? Were her actions justifiable? Does she deserve a happy ending?
6. How does history impact the present story? Might the characters have acted differently if their personal histories were different?
7. How do the actions of law enforcement both hinder and help the development of the threat? How do the characters' different past interactions with law enforcement influence their view of the law and society now?
8. What is the difference between perception and reality? How do those things overlap and how do various characters manipulate perception to skew others' view of reality?
9. How is profiling a person from their actions different than profiling what someone will do based on who they are? Which characters profile others in this story? Is Evelyn being profiled even as she tries to profile others?
10. How does Evelyn Baine change throughout the story? At the end, do you feel she is substantially different than she was at the beginning?