

Cokie: A Life Well Lived by Stephen Roberts

Discussion Ideas

Choose one of two of these Discussion Ideas that you would like to discuss during Bookies

- Stephen Roberts chose to write this biography of his wife using the different roles he saw Cokie have during her life. He used many stories to provide more information. Do you think that was an interesting and/or effective way to organize the book? Was this an enjoyable way to write (and to read) a biography?
- What did you know about Cokie Roberts before reading this book? What did you find to be the most interesting events in her life? What things surprised you
- Milly selected this book for Bookies. Why do you think she enjoyed reading it (which she did , because she told me so)? Do you see common characteristics that Milly shares with Cokie?
- In the roles in her life and career, which one(s) could you relate to most? Discuss.
- Do you think that Stephen Roberts describes the period of time that Cokie lived accurately? How accurately did Cokie describe the hostile work environment for women? Thinking of your own work experiences during the same time periods, were they similar and/or different?
- Of the roles that Stephen described in Cokie’s life, which one did you feel most connected with? Discuss.
- What personality traits did Cokie Roberts have that helped her during her life? Can any “life lessons” be learned from reading the book.
- What did you like or dislike about the book that hasn’t been discussed already? Are you glad that you read the book? Would you recommend it to a friend?