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Promote an atmosphere of discussion for groups Assist in the study of the book, either individually or corporately Explore unseen realms of the book as never seen before

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Introducing We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves

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HIS BOOK IS AN ENGAGING NOVEL INVESTIGATING THE dysfunctional American family. The heroine is Rosemary; a girl who has suffered many heart-breaking incidents in her life. According to the guardian (online,) the novel deals with “animal rights, sibling loyalty, parental subterfuge, self-delusion, guilt and the notion of ownership.” The writing style is experimental and the novel is rich in its core. The story line is intellectually challenging and unusual. The beautiful scenarios sketched by the writer and the luscious prose makes this novel a superb read!

Rosemary was very talkative in her childhood but events as she grew up made her less communicative and inward looking. Actually, when she was born she had a twin sister named Fern. Unfortunately her twin was a chimpanzee – a bizarre sociological experiment inflicted on his family by her father who was a psychology professor at Indiana University. Rosemary lived a different life. When every other child was in playgrounds playing with their friends she lived an “observed life” in a five year household experiment with an adopted Chimpanzee. Rosemary was close to her sister, Fern, and knew everything about her. Fern learned a competent sign language vocabulary but made little use of it, because Rosemary always spoke up for both of them.

Anticipating Fern’s every impulse, she was always the first to know that her sister wanted ice cream

or a hat. As a result of this experiment she became such a talker that her endless stories wore out her parents. At the age of five, she was sent to her Grandparent's house, not for the usual visit but for a deceptive reason. On her return, she found that Fern was no longer part of the household. Unexpectedly she had lost her sibling. The father becomes a taciturn drunk, his great experiment a debacle. Subsequently Rosemary was sent to a kindergarten, just like a normal child despite her obviously different parenting and suddenly she became quite. Her classmates used to call her "the monkey girl".

Having survived a friendless childhood she headed off to the University of California. There, the 22 year old Rosemary who has lost her twin and her only brother, was a fugitive living a very complex life. This book received the 2014 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and was also shortlisted for 2014 Man Booker Prize.

Discussion Questions

"Get Ready to Enter a New World"

Tip: Begin with questions dealing with broader issues to ensure ample time for quality discussions. Read through all discussion questions before engaging.

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question 1

How many hardships did the chimpanzee face during the five year experiment? Describe some of them.

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question 2

What was the main goal of Rosemary's father in the experiment of raising his own child with a chimpanzee? What role did her mother play in the experiment?

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question 3

How did Rosemary react when she noticed that Fern was advancing rapidly? What was Rosemary's reaction to the experiment?

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