

A FAMILY DISCUSSION CARD FOR *ALONE IN THE WOODS*

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QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOU READ:

- What does the cover tell you about this book?
- What characters do you think might be in this story?
- What are you curious to find out from reading this book?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ:

- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- What would you have done if you were Jocelyn or Alex?
- How would you have felt if you were in their situation?
- Can you predict how this story will end?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AFTER READING:

- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- What was your favorite part of the story?
- Did any parts of the story relate to your friendships or to our family?

CONNECTING TO CURRENT EVENTS:

- What details about survival preparedness did you learn from this book?
- After reading this story, are there any actions you think our family should take when we are out in nature?



ABOUT THE BOOK

Jocelyn and Alex have always been best friends...until they aren't. Jocelyn's not sure what happened, but she hopes their annual joint-family vacation in the isolated Northwoods will be the perfect spot to rekindle their friendship.

But Alex still isn't herself when they get to the cabin, and Jocelyn reaches a breaking point during a rafting trip that goes horribly wrong. When the girls' inner tube tears, it leaves them stranded and alone on the banks of the Wolf River.

BEFORE THEY KNOW IT, THE TWO ARE HOPELESSLY LOST IN A NATIONAL FOREST.

Wearing swimsuits and water shoes and with only the contents of their wet bags, the girls face threats from biting blackflies to black bears, poison ivy to hypothermia. Both Jocelyn and Alex will have to use strengths they didn't know they had in their desperate trek home. But beyond battling the elements during the days and nights they spend lost in the wilderness, they'll have to overcome their fractured friendship—if they want to make it out of the woods alive.

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