

## Discussion Questions for Writers or Writing Groups

1. Why do you think the author to share her life story?
2. What is her writing style?
3. How did you respond to the author's voice? Does she convey her story with comedy, self-pity, or something else? Do you believe her? Why?
4. How did she structure the book? What are the roles of the Prologue and Epilogue?
5. Discuss the importance of the first sentence in the Prologue. How does it set the theme for the rest of the book?
6. How would you describe the narrative tension? How does she draw the reader in? What keeps the reader engaged?
7. What does character Becky want? What does she get? Is it what she needs? Why?
8. Discuss the author's use of round (complex characters who change during the course of the book) and flat (two-dimensional characters who do not undergo significant growth or change) characters.
9. What signature facial expressions and gestures does the author use to convey her characters' personality?
10. Discuss the use of quotes to begin each chapter. How does it help shape the tone of the book and its purpose?