

Discussion Questions for *The Gods of the Woods* by Liz Moore

1. How did the structure of the novel, with multiple perspectives and timelines, affect your reading experience? Which perspective and/or timeline were you most drawn to and why? Any that you did not enjoy?
2. Amongst all of the campers, why do you think Barbara formed a friendship with Tracy? Why was Tracy's perspective important to the story?
3. Discuss how the author explores gender roles and the dynamics between men and women through the eyes of the novel's female characters.
4. While reading, what were your theories regarding the disappearance of Bear and Barbara? Were you surprised by the outcome?
5. What was your perspective of Alice as a character, particularly her handling of grief, and did your view change as more of her story unfolded?
6. Vic Hewitt is forced to decide whether to expose the Van Laars, or corroborate their story. Did you understand his decision? In his position, what would you have done?
7. At the end of the novel, Judyta decides not to expose Barbara's secret. Why do you think she made this decision?
8. Imagine you are on your own Survival Trip. What skills would you contribute to the survival of the team? Are you a 'god of the woods' or are you more of a 'glamper'?