

Discussion Guide: *A Long Way from Home*

1. Why does Abby's mom push her so hard and always emphasize the positive?
2. Why does Abby try to connect with Nora, even when Nora is a little unwelcoming?
3. Why does Abby want to run away to the future so badly? Why does she change her mind?
4. Adam doesn't tell Abby everything that's wrong with his time right away. Why might he have been hesitant to tell her about the bad things in the future?
5. Abby and Juliana's friendship grows over the course of the book. How does Juliana support Abby? How does Abby support Juliana?
6. Abby worries that she can't live up to her mother's high standards. She says, "I'm not special, not compared to my mom." What do you think are Abby's strengths and weaknesses?
7. Nora says that Abby and her mom, Anna, are "so much alike." How do they each respond to their anxieties about life and the future?
8. If you could grab a time-sorter to see the future like Abby, would you do it? Why or why not?
9. How does Abby's anxiety affect how she sees the world and herself? How does her relationship to her anxiety shift over the course of the story?
10. After Adam and Bix leave, Abby makes a list of things that she knows about her new home in Florida. What are some things you know and love about the place where you live? How do you feel after you make your own list?