

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Where'd You Go, Bernadette
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1. Are you familiar with TED Talks? What did you think of Elgin's TED Talk?
2. Were there any cultural jabs that rang particularly true for you?
3. What did you think of Bernadette's relationship with Bee? Was she a good mother?
4. Do you think Bernadette was so mean to the 'gnats' because she secretly wanted to be accepted by them?
5. Bernadette walked away from a brilliant career as an architect over a disagreement. Would you allow a humiliating situation to force you to change your life goals? How could she have handled things differently?
6. Were you surprised by Audrey's turnaround? Was it realistic?
7. Did you think Bernadette had died?
8. Did this book make you want to go to Antarctica?
9. Do you think Elgin and Bernadette can have a happy future?