

Book Club Discussion Guide – *Been Searching for You*

1. What motivates Annabeth throughout the book and how do her motivations change?
2. Discuss how Annabeth's romantic notion of love both helps and hinders her in her quest for Mr. Right.
3. What was your favorite part of Annabeth's dating experience before she got together with Alex? Why? Alternatively, what was your favorite date Alex took her on and why?
4. What bothered you about this book or its characters?
5. Who were your favorite characters and why?
6. What do you think makes Mia act the way she does (caring one minute, backstabbing the next)?
7. Why do you think Miles stays with Mia, despite the way she treats him?
8. Do you think Annabeth is justified in holding on to the hurt Nick caused her? Why or why not?
9. How does *Been Searching for You* differ from other romances you've read?
10. Because the book is told in first person, how do Annabeth's personality and judgements color your view of other characters?
11. What do you think are the main themes of the book beyond being a love story?
12. Discuss the role of hope in the story. How/when have you had similar experiences in life?
13. What do you think of Alex's teaching methods? Do you think they would work in real life? What about the PR campaign? Does it seem realistic to you?
14. How is the city of Chicago a character in this book? Have you ever been to any of the places mentioned or are you planning to visit them after reading?
15. When have you done something outrageous for love like writing love letters to someone you can't prove exists? What did you do? Why? How did it work out?
16. Are there other characters you would like to hear more from? Should any of them tell their own story?