



WE ARE ALL COMPLETELY BESIDE OURSELVES

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1. What does the book title mean? Who is it talking about?
2. Do you believe it was Rosemary's fault that Fern got sent away?
3. How do you feel about Lowell? Did he leave because he hated Rosemary or because he wanted to save Fern?
4. Do you think Rosemary, Fern and Lowell could have all been raised together?
5. "Start in the middle," Rosemary's father says at the beginning of the book. How does the order that Rosemary tells her story affect how we get to know her?
6. Rosemary wonders if she had any friends. Do you think she does? Was Harlow her friend?
7. Does the ending mean Rosemary has atoned for her earlier sins? Does she need to?
8. In parts of the book Rosemary addresses the reader directly, how did you feel about that?

9. Rosemary kept it hidden from everyone that Fern was a monkey - she even kept it hidden from us, the reader, for a bit! Had we had known about Fern, or if her friends had known, do you think this would have changed the way people interacted with her?

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