

DISCUSSION / READING GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Could you relate to the mother? Did you feel that you could connect to the characters?
2. When Alex was ten days old, the parents went to PHIR concerned about his circumcision, which turned out to be fine. The author writes, "Little did I know, he was going to repeat this pattern." Do you believe that in life, there are patterns into which we fall?
3. Do you think that the mother came to help her children because she was in denial or do you think that she was able to help them because she refused to accept the situations?
4. Recalling the incident of the child with a peanut allergy who came to this mother's home, would

you feel comfortable sending your child with allergies to her home?

5. Have you ever disagreed with your doctor's diagnosis? What did you do about it?
6. What do you think about "testing" alternative methods on yourself or your child, which have not been scientifically proven in the United States?
7. What are techniques that you have used to help a child deal with illness?
8. To what extent do you think frame of mind affects the healing process?
9. Do you think that there is a communication gap between patients and doctors? If you do, what do you think is the cause?

10. Are there times when you think questioning doctors and searching for alternative solutions could actually be harmful?

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