

Created

Discussion Questions

1. In the novel, *Created*, Travis Perego wrestles with the question “What is truth?” Can you relate to this struggle? What have you seen in your own life that reveals truth to you? Has there ever been a time when you denied something that was true?
2. Most of the stories in the Earth Hunters series center on outdoor adventure. Where have you always wanted to have an adventure? Why?
3. For Travis, it’s almost love at first sight when he catches a glimpse of Lenaia Talavera. There’s more to having a relationship than just chemistry, but have you ever felt an instant attraction to someone? Did the feeling last once you got to know that person?
4. Proving evolution true could be harmful to Travis’s faith, but he’s desperate just to have a definitive answer. Why do you think he is uncomfortable with the uncertainty of faith?
5. In the jungle, Travis refuses to give up the hunt for Rhea even after Nina’s death. Have you ever searched for anything with that kind of intensity? Why was it so important to you?
6. In the midst of Travis’s search for truth, he discovers Lenaia kept her uncle’s identity from him. He questions her motives and whether he can trust her. Has someone kept a secret from you? Were you able to trust that person again?
7. In the end, the truth of the creature comes to light, but it doesn’t silence all of Travis’s doubts. Have you ever entertained similar doubts? How has God shown up for you in those times?
8. Many explorers have hunted for unknown creatures in remote jungles simply for the pleasure of identifying them. How adventurous are you? Would you chase after a creature like Rhea? Why or why not?
9. Professor Haddock is prepared to kill someone to capture Rhea and secure his place in scientific history. Most of us wouldn’t kill to impress others, but when was the last time your pride reared up and caused you to hurt someone? Has prestige or your intellectualism ever been more important to you than other people’s feelings?
10. Travis and Lenaia both search for the creature out of a need to discover the truth, but from very different perspectives (one from a scientific viewpoint and one from a biblical viewpoint). Contrast their two ways of seeking in light of their motives. Which viewpoint primarily drives you? How so?
11. Travis is forced to rely on Lenaia for her tracking ability when he’d much rather go it alone. When was the last time you had to rely on someone else for something you needed? What did you learn during that time?
12. I had so much fun imagining Rhea, the creature that Travis and Lenaia chased. This isn’t a question, but more of a bonus challenge: Using whatever materials you have on hand, create a wild creature that only you could love—describe it to someone as a writer would, like they couldn’t see it with their own eyes.