

PREFACE: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program 2007
Reading Questions Guide

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As you read *All Over Creation*, consider these questions in preparation for your lively discussion of the book (as part of WOW) on September 12, 2007.

1. Think about the numerous relationships between characters in the novel. Which one stands out for you; how do the characters interact; and how does the relationship evolve over time?
2. What is needed to forge a bond between two different generations? How do the Seeds bond with Lloyd Fuller?
3. How does Yumi's relationship with her children change over the course of the novel? What were some of the key turning points?
4. Compare Yumi's father's and mother's styles in terms of cultural differences. How does Yumi navigate both cultures?
5. What role does Momoko's garden play in the novel – what do you think it symbolizes?
6. In what ways does “fertility” operate in the novel?
7. Farming has become increasingly complex over the years; what makes “organic” or “genetically engineered crops” political?
8. When is civil disobedience a legitimate political tool?

