

Discussion Questions for *Angel's Rest* by Charles Davis

(Some questions taken from the back of the book.)

1. Did you like the book? If so, what was your favorite part of the book? If not, why not?
2. Did you like the characters? Did you find them believable?
3. Who was the most likeable character in the book? Who was the least likeable? Who was the most interesting?
4. What did you think of the plot line development? How credible did the author make the plot? Did the plot take turns you did not expect, or did you find it predictable?
5. Why do you think Lacy gave so much and risked so much to help Charlie and his mother?
6. Lacy told his moral stories to local churches in the area before he was threatened and almost killed for “stirring up” black people. Once he was an old man, what motivated Lacy to retell his stories about the music of living and dying, but to only one person? Why did he pick Charlie to hear them?
7. What forces changed Charlie’s mother from a depressed, terrified young widow into the woman she came to be by the end of the story? What was her primary motivation throughout the story?
8. Once arrested, why was it so important to Charlie’s mother that she not allow her son to be taken into the custody of her husband’s extended family?
9. In the end, Charlie must feel that he owes Lacy a great debt. In what ways could he ever try to repay him?
10. What do you think would have happened to Charlie and his mother if his mother had eventually told the police the truth?
11. Charlie tells his wife about his past after his mother dies. Why would he keep this a secret until then?
12. Why was it important to the plot that the book be set in the late 1960s? Did the author convey the era well? Did it feel like the author did his homework?
13. Why do you think the author chose the title *Angel's Rest*?
14. Has anyone here ever been to the area in which the book is set? Tell us about it.
15. Any comments about the way the book ended?
16. Are there any questions you would like to ask?