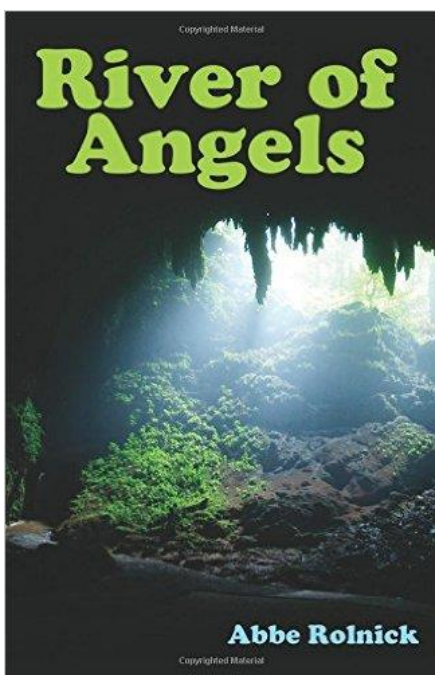


Questions for *River of Angels*

Readers to Ponder:



1. *If you were to name the main characters in River of Angels, who would they be and why? Reflect on those that speak and those who do not.*

2. *“Everything matters Carlos, even a grain of sand.” What does Rosie mean by this? What significance does sand have beyond the obvious?*

3. *Monica carries prejudices within herself, judgments. Who does she judge? How is she similar to Abuelita and Rosie?*

How is she different?

4. *What significance does the cave have in the story? Which world is more real?*
5. *Explore the idea of color, dark and light, black and white, color, passion.*
6. *How are vines used as a metaphor in the story? Think of growth, purpose, negative and positive.*
7. *Rosie is considered a healer as is Abuelita. Who heals or changes in the story and how?*
8. *“Fate is patient”. How does relate to secrets and actions of Abuelita, Monica, Carmen, and Carlos?*
9. *Explore the themes of birth---- Pigeons, Rosie, Carmela, and that of Jesus and Carlos.’*
10. *If this were a religious story how would you use the ideas of healer, faith, voodoo, trust and redemption?*