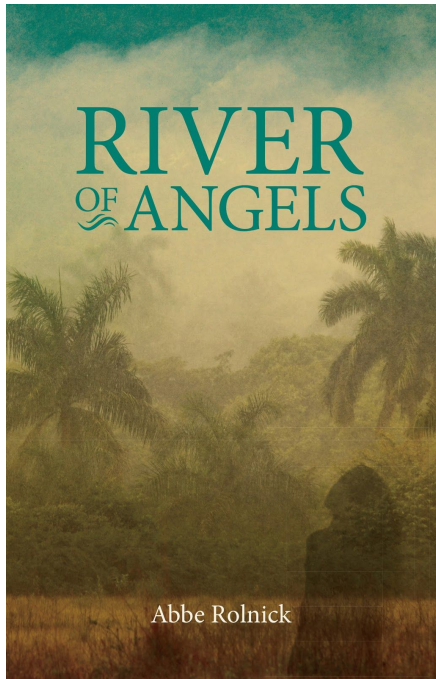


Reading Group Question and Topics for Discussion

River of Angels



1. Which character can you identify with and why?
 2. Pide, a minor character, plays an important role. What does he bring to the story?
 3. “Everything matters, Carlos, even a grain of sand.” What does Rosie mean by this? What significance does sand have beyond the obvious?
 4. Monica carries prejudices within herself. Whom does she judge? What are her strengths and weaknesses?
 5. What significance does the cave have in the story? How is this situation similar to other historical events?
 6. Explore the idea of color—dark and light, black and white, red and purple.
 7. How are vines used as a metaphor in the story?
8. Rosie is considered a healer, as is Abuelita. Who else heals or changes in the story, and how?
 9. “Fate is patient.” How does fate relate to secrets and actions of Abuelita, Monica, Carmen, and Carlos?
 10. Explore the theme of birth—with various characters and the island.
 11. If this were a religious story, how would you use the ideas of healer, faith, voodoo, trust, and redemption?
 12. The political standing of a territory has implications that affect its people. What place does history have in the development of an individual, culture, and society?