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1. The power of memory is an important theme throughout the story. What are some of the ways in which the different characters find memory playing a large role in their lives?
2. Have you ever had a lucid dream, where you are conscious during the dream? What was the experience like?
Submitted by Reading Between the Wines Book Club (Albany, NY)
3. Would a parent really go that far to protect their children? Were there any differences between what Carl did for James and what Dean did for Michael?
Submitted by Story Sisters (Kansas City, KS)
4. While Paul says that ghost stories make him “imagine white sheets and clanking chains and dark corridors,” Jenny counters that “ghost stories should be sad.” Do you agree with Jenny?
5. What do you make of the Red Hands myth? Why do you think Charlie created it? What value did it hold for him?
6. While Charlie, Billy, Hick, and Foster play sinister roles in the novel, they are also just kids. Were there times when you were able to empathize with any of them? Who did you empathize with the most? Did this change as the story progressed?
7. Which of the book’s twists surprised you the most? What moment did you find

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most shocking or scary?

8. While there is clearly a strong bond between Paul and his mother, they don't always express their connection in words. What scenes did you find most poignant between them? At what moments could you most strongly see Daphne's love for her son?

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