

REHOBOTH ROAD



THE INSPIRATION FOR REHOBOTH ROAD

Rehoboth Road is truly a work of fiction with the exception that a fifteen year old, daughter of a minister was raped in the woods behind her parents' home in an actual small town named Rehoboth, a small rural African American, southern community. This incident took place in 1927.



Who was your most memorable character and why? Explain.

Why do you think it took so long for Loretha to stand up to her husband?

Who do you believe hurt Elizabeth the most, her father or Reverend Oliver? Discuss.

Do you agree with Elizabeth for waiting so long to date? Explain your position.

Was Nathaniel Baker's character realistic? Could there be a man who would wait so long to receive the affections a woman?

A reader once asked why MaDear had to die while Johnny was still so young. What do you think?

Sarah had all of the opportunities that Elizabeth didn't have, why did she appear to live such a bland, non-committal life?

Many readers said Reverend Oliver didn't get what he deserved by the time the book ended. Realistically, what do you think should have happened to him?

After the incident on River Road, Malcolm stopped harassing Johnny and wanted to be his friend. But twenty years later, Johnny continued to refuse his friendship and accepting him as his brother seemed to be out of the question. What do you think Johnny should have done?

On pages 376 Johnny spoke with his parents (Elizabeth and Nat) about having a relationship with Reverend Oliver. How do you feel about that?

Although this was a work of fiction, the news is broadcasting that similar scenarios are happening all over the country. We have all heard stories of the soundless cries of innocent children who have been violated. Try to come up with three messages you would want to teach your children and grandchildren as a result of reading *Rehoboth Road*.