



Pie Town

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Questions for Discussion

1. New Mexico is often described as three cultures living together: Native American, Hispanic, and Caucasian. Which characters in the book represent these three cultures, and how?
2. Pie Town is a very small town. What are the advantages to living in a small town? What are the disadvantages?
3. What is the role of the angel, Alice, in this story? Who needs the angel most in Pie Town? Is it Alex or someone else?
4. How would you describe Father George? Were you surprised by his secret?
5. At what point in the story did you think Trina might be pregnant? Do you think she was treated fairly after people found out? Where do you think an unmarried and pregnant girl would get the most support, in a small town or in a more urban setting?
6. Despite its name, there are no pies in Pie Town. What significance does this have in the story? Do you think there will ever be pies in Pie Town?
7. How does Pie Town illustrate the idea of 'community'? How do you define community?
8. What ultimately motivates the townspeople to help Father George rebuild the church? What does the church symbolize to the town? Why did Alex think it was so important for Pie Town to rebuild Holy Family Church?
9. Why does Alex never seem to be mad at his mother for leaving? Do you think children forgive more easily than adults? Why or why not?
10. Do you prefer cake or pie? What's your favorite kind of pie?