



Where Angels Go, Reading Guide

1. Do you believe you've ever had an angel experience—or do you know of anyone else who has? What happened? What convinced you that this experience was beyond ordinary intuition or instinct?
2. Did you notice the play on words in the angels' names? (Psalm 23, verse 6: "Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life.") They're Debbie Macomber's most requested characters—why do you think that is? Does the fact that these angels have names make them more real to you?
3. Comedy provides a release from tension, and laughter allows us to escape, however briefly, from grief and other painful realities. The angels' antics let us laugh for a moment during more solemn scenes (like the incident with the electric carts in the grocery store). Has there ever been a painful time in your life when you've found yourself laughing instead of crying?
4. Angels are typically associated with Christmas, and this is Debbie's sixth Christmas-set story featuring Shirley, Goodness and Mercy. What does Christmas mean to you? Do you have special traditions to help you celebrate? Were any of them handed down in your family or did you create them yourself?
5. Did you find Harry's acceptance of his impending death realistic? Have you ever known anyone who felt that way? Is it something you understand? Did you feel frustrated by Rosalie's resistance to moving into an assisted living facility? Do you understand why she resisted?
6. Carter's desire for a dog becomes the focus of his life. Do you have a dog or other pet? What do you think is the emotional basis of our relationship with animals? What needs do they fulfill?
7. Beth's involvement in the online game, "World of Warcraft," leads to the rekindling of her romance with Peter. Do you think their role-playing is what allowed this to happen? Why or why not?
8. Of the three stories in this book—Harry's, Carter's and Beth's—which one affected you most? Why?