

No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row

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DISCUSS

Talk through your thoughts.

- Do you think that juveniles who commit capital crimes should be tried as adults? Why or why not?
- Bill Jenkins was against the death penalty. Do you think that the death penalty is ever justified?

CREATE

Make an experience of your own.

- Nanon states "the id runs rampant." Research the term psychoanalysis. Who founded it? What is the id? What does Nanon mean in his statement about the id running rampant in prisons?
- Roy Burgess Jr. enjoyed listening to Shakespeare's *Hamlet* on NPR and reading the play. Look up *Hamlet* in Shakespeare. What themes do you think Roy most likely associates with his own life circumstances?

IMAGINE

Use your imagination to explore.

- Imagine you were writing this book. How would you go about informing yourself of the situations of these teenagers? Do you think the experience would change your perspective?
- This book begins with the quote "Are you the sum total of your worst acts?" What does this quote mean to you? How would you answer the question about yourself?

EXPLORE

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