

2004 Phoenix Award Winner

White Peak Farm

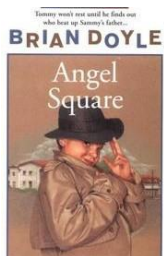
by **Berlie Doherty**

(Methuen, 1984; Orchard, 1984)



In the first of Berlie Doherty's vignettes about a family and a farm in the Derbyshire Hills, Granny tells Jeannie "the only harm you can do to yourself is waste your life, and you can do that if you don't listen to your own voice." Nature, as the cycle of agricultural labor, tests the inner voices of the family members, who must determine, young and old, what they most desire. Jeannie thinks, with a child's acceptance of the way things are, that no change will come to White Peak Farm, and she is predictably wrong. The change is good, however, and the beauty of the land is ultimately not betrayed by human weakness, nor does the land gobble up the family who loves it. Granny's warning ushers in a period of growth and, finally, compromise.

2004 Phoenix Honor Book



Angel Square

by **Brian Doyle**

(Douglas & McIntyre, 1984)