

**Fallen Angels  
Group Discussion  
Chapters 1 and 2**

<p>Who starts out talking in the beginning of the book?</p>	<p>Why is Peewee and Richie arguing over whether or not the lady is a “cong?”</p>	<p>At this point in the book, why do you think the men started to get scared or nervous?</p>	<p>Why, do you think, men wanted to fight in Vietnam?</p>
<p>Why does Peewee seems like a fool with his attitude about this war?</p>	<p>Why didn't Richie go to college instead of the war?</p>	<p>Why would it make Richie feel better seeing Jenkins cry?</p>	<p>Why does Richie say, “Vietnam may have been a different place, but the army hadn't changed.”</p>
<p>“I had figured out that 2 months I had spent in the army, four of them I had been standing around waiting for something to happen” (8).</p>	<p>I thought when Peewee and the other man got into an argument because the other man called Peewee a “boy.” I thought that was interesting because they are supposed to be a team. Why did they do that?</p>	<p>Judy Duncan tells everyone she's from Dallas, but where is she really from?</p>	<p>What is a hooch?</p>
<p>Why did Peewee think that the woman cleaning the room was a “cong?” What does this say about Peewee?</p>	<p>What would you have done if one of your own soldiers pulled a knife on you during a fight? At the end of chapter 1 where the men just messing around or were they being serious?</p>	<p>Why did Lieutenant Wilson have the soldiers stand out in the sun for as long as they had to?</p>	<p>Why are they in Vietnam anyway?</p>

<p>How do you think Perry feels about Gates? Why?</p>	<p>If you were Perry, how would you act if you were supposed to have a medical profile and were going into the war because of a clerical error?</p>	<p>“I can’t trust no whitey to watch my back when the deal go down” (16). What does this say about racial relations at the time?</p>	<p>What is the significance of them spitting on their hands and giving high fives? Or Pee wee wanting to be “blood brothers”—what does it matter?</p>
<p>“A rumbling noise off to my left sounded like distant thunder. We knew it was artillery. My stomach felt queasy. Guys started looking at the ground. This was Nam.” What is the sound? Why are they looking at the ground?</p>	<p>Is Pee wee black? How do you know?</p>	<p>“I hadn’t been too worried about going to Nam. From what I had heard, the fighting was almost over anyway.” Considering this is at the beginning of the book, what does this tell you about the truth of Perry’s statement?</p>	<p>Why does Pee wee act so tough?</p>
<p>Why could Richie Perry only think of the date when he took out his paper to write to mom?</p>	<p>“My pal brought some smoke from Saigon, and we all got stoned.” <i>Who Said It?</i></p>	<p>An interesting quote is “You faggots can’t even line up straight, how you gonna fight?” Why would the sergeant talk to his men like this?</p>	<p>You can obviously tell that Pee wee has a sense of humor. What was he talking about—saving your bullets?</p>