

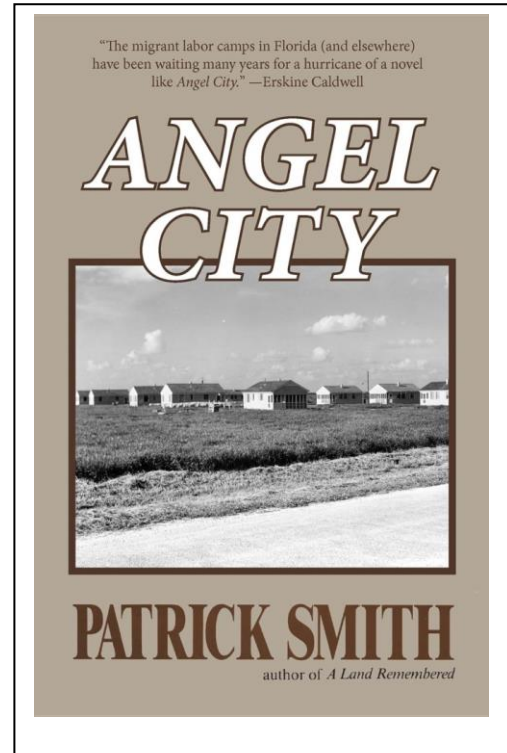
Angel City, from goodreads

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After leaving their failed farm in West Virginia, Jared Teeter and his family make their way to Florida, with dreams of fishing, going to the beach, and running their own roadside produce stand. What they find instead is a nightmare in a migrant labor camp, where they become the indentured servants of a soulless crew chief and his mindless henchmen. Vacillating between hope and despair, Jared must stay alert—and alive—to rescue his own family and the prisoners around him from a life of continued degradation.

In the year before he wrote *Angel City*, Patrick Smith did what he called physical research,” disguising himself and joining migrant crews as they picked whatever vegetable was in season. He mentally recorded the events he encountered and wrote the novel in just a few weeks. His reason for writing *Angel City*? The first step toward eliminating injustice is to expose it,” he said. *Angel City* was made into a TV movie in 1980.



Patrick Smith FROM:

Born and educated in Mississippi, Patrick Smith moved to Florida in 1966. In 1995 he was selected by the Southern Academy of Letters, Arts and Sciences for its highest literary award, the Order of the South. In 1999 he was inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame, the state's highest cultural honor. *A Land Remembered* has been honored with the Tebeau Award by the Florida Historical Society. Four of Mr. Smith's other books, *Forever Island*, *Allapattah*, *The River Is Home*, and *Angel City* [2012], are available from Pineapple Press in two readers. A DVD entitled *Patrick Smith's Florida: A Sense of Place* highlights Mr. Smith's writing and his travels and work around the state.

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