

Song

Yet Sung

Crack 'THE CODE': Song Yet Sung Email Quiz

New Game Format: "Teen Talk"

For those of you who have never been put through the trial—I mean, who haven't had the privilege—of raising a teenager, please know that their primary mode of communication (aside from text messaging) is to speak in a *mumble*. They mumble, slur their words, mispronounce things, etc. yet still seem able to understand *each other*. The rest of us, however, are stuck trying to crack the code. Mattel has actually made a game out of this teen talk called Mad Gab®. It's my niece's favorite game! (No wonder...)

And for those who've never raised teens, NOR played Mad Gab, it's an easy game—once you get the hang of it. Here are three examples related to the setting of James McBride's, **Song Yet Sung**. (*Hint*: it helps to say the clues aloud and slur them together a bit. Just pretend you're 16 again—but without the zits!)

Doe Chest Arco Nettie (answer: Dorchester County)

He Stands Whore (Eastern Shore)

Hey Teen Vive Tea (1850)

So that wasn't that hard, right? Now you're ready to try your hand at the following Teen Talk/Mad Gab words representing themes and characters in **Song Yet Sung**.

- 1) A Merry King's Lava Ring
- 2) Bow Net Tea Under
- 3) Cat Hell Leans Alive Ann
- 4) Doe Cotoure Ma Rotten Lute Talking
- 5) Far Reba Licks
- 6) Hunter Crown Ray Lara Ode
- 7) Just a Peek Page Whore Doer Man
- 8) Lease Pole Cat
- 9) Pa Tick Anne None
- 10) Then Would Along
- 11) Voamer Math Nona Aim
- 12) Woa Hold My Hand

