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While reading

Chapters 1–4

1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Mark and Ricky go to the secret hiding place after school. ☐
- b Mark and Ricky live with their mum and dad in a trailer park. ☐
- c Mark started smoking two years ago. ☐
- d The man sees Mark when Mark pulls the tube away from the tail pipe. ☐
- e Clifford is a lawyer who is working for the Mafia. ☐
- f Clifford wants to kill himself because there is a body in his garage. ☐
- g Ricky saves his brother. ☐
- h Ricky sees Clifford shoot himself. ☐
- i Mark is afraid to give the police his name. ☐
- j Ricky cries without showing any tears. ☐
- k Barry the Blade wears shiny suits and lots of silver. ☐
- l Roy Foltrigg loves flying. ☐
- m Slick Moeller's real name is Alfred. ☐
- n Mark never worries. ☐
- o Roy Foltrigg doesn't enjoy being on television. ☐
- p Clifford was drunk when he died. ☐

2 Match the people with the facts about them.

- a Barry the Blade
 b Jerome Clifford
 c Roy Foltrigg
 d Slick Moeller
 e Jason McThune
 f Larry Trumann
 g Dianne Sway
 h Gill Teal
 1) tells Foltrigg about finding the car.
 2) knows and talks to everyone.
 3) lives in New Orleans.
 4) is Barry's lawyer.
 5) works on the case with McThune.
 6) bites her nails.
 7) wants to prove that Muldanno killed the senator.
 8) has got money from Exxon before.

Chapters 5–8

3 Match the questions with the answers.

- a Why doesn't Ricky wake up?
 b Why doesn't Dianne leave the hospital room?
 c Why does Mark feel sick when he sees the newspaper?
 d Why does Mark know about the Mafia?
 e Why isn't Gill Teal the right lawyer for Mark?
 f Why does Mark go into Reggie Love's office?
 g Why does Reggie Love agree to see Mark?
 h Why did Reggie's husband leave her?
 1) Because she needs to be there when Ricky wakes up.
 2) Because he only takes accident cases.
 3) Because he says that he has to talk to the FBI.
 4) Because all sorts of bad things happened.
 5) Because he sees the word *Mafia* in the article about Clifford.
 6) Because he has seen films about it on TV.
 7) Because he is in shock.
 8) Because he wants to hide from the policeman.

4 Discuss these questions with another student. What do you think?

How is Reggie Love unusual? Do you think she is a good lawyer? Why do you think this? Why do you think Mark likes her?

5 Who says the sentences a–f? Who are they talking to?

- a 'He woke up about two hours ago.'
 to
 b 'Perfect ... Let's go down.'
 to
 c 'Why don't you want to answer the question?'
 to
 d 'We maybe joked about that.'
 to
 e 'Now tell me what you want to know from my client.'
 to
 f 'He's just a kid.'
 to

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Chapters 9–12

6 What happens first? What happens next? Write the numbers, 1–10.

- a Gronke frightens Mark in the lift. ☐
- b Gronke goes to the Tucker Trailer Park. ☐
- c Foltrigg goes to Reggie's office. ☐
- d Mark goes to the cafe for breakfast. ☐
- e Mark stays with Reggie at her mother's house. ☐
- f Dr Greenway tries to question Ricky. ☐
- g Mark sees his and Ricky's photos in the newspaper. ☐
- h Reggie sees that Mark has changed his mind about talking to the FBI. ☐
- i Mark sees someone watching Reggie's mother's house. ☐
- j Mark goes to see Reggie. ☐

7 Match the letters (a–l) with the numbers (1–12) to complete the sentences.

- a Barry Muldanno is very pleased with his
- b Slick Moeller walks around the hospital looking
- c Mark sits down in a quiet corner and begins
- d Ricky's thumb is
- e A nurse tells Mark that
- f Gronke tells Mark that
- g Dr Greenway tells Mark to sit on the bed
- h Momma Love cooks food
- i Dianne is very upset because their trailer
- j Mark agrees to go to prison when Ricky
- k Doreen brings Mark
- l Mark is happy because he has
 - 1) the old way.
 - 2) for people who will talk to him.
 - 3) he will kill his mum and brother.
 - 4) to cry.
 - 5) he is famous.
 - 6) new lawyer.
 - 7) in his mouth.
 - 8) beside Ricky and hold his hand.
 - 9) appears at the door.
 - 10) played a joke on Detective Klickman.
 - 11) burnt down.
 - 12) a phone and a phone book.

Chapters 13–17

8 Match the letters (a–l) with the numbers (1–12) to complete the sentences.

- a Reggie can't advise Mark
- b Slick Moeller pays one of the court guards
- c Mark can't lie in court so
- d Foltrigg thinks that
- e The FBI wants to offer the Sways a new life if
- f Mark is afraid that
- g Gronke takes the first plane to New Orleans and
- h Benny the Blade tells Gronke that
- i Reggie's eyes open wide when
- j Mark tells Reggie that they need
- k Mark and Reggie discover that the lock on the garage door
- l Trumann says that Mark
 - 1) to give him secret information.
 - 2) is a brave kid.
 - 3) to lie in court.
 - 4) is broken.
 - 5) calls Benny the Blade.
 - 6) the court in New Orleans can make Mark talk.
 - 7) he decides to say nothing.
 - 8) his little brother is going to die.
 - 9) she hears Muldanno speak of killing her.
 - 10) to go to New Orleans.
 - 11) he hates lawyers.
 - 12) Mark agrees to give evidence against the Mafia.

9 Finish these sentences.

- a Muldanno must wait before he can try to move again.
- b Foltrigg is because Mark has disappeared.
- c Dianne agrees to the papers.
- d Reggie is because Mark is going.
- e Mark because he knows that he will never see Reggie again.

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Chapters 1–4

1 Are these sentences facts (F) or possibilities (P)?

- a The man in the wheel chair broke his legs in a road accident. ☐
- b Gill Teal might be able to get more than \$600,000 dollars from Exxon for the man in the wheel chair. ☐
- c Mark takes Gill Teal's card because he thinks it might be useful to him. ☐
- d Clifford bought his gun in Memphis. ☐
- e Clifford takes drugs before he kills himself. ☐
- f Clifford wants to die in Memphis because he was born there. ☐
- g Clifford didn't write the first note in the car. ☐
- h Clifford writes a note to Mark because he wants Mark to help him. ☐
- i Mark realises that Clifford has told him a dangerous secret. ☐

Chapters 5–8

2 Who says the sentences a–l?

- a 'Dr Greenway is here, and he wants to see you.'
- b 'He'll wake up, and when he does it's very important that you are in this room.'
- c 'Have you seen cases like this before?'
- d 'Yes, but I'm having some problems. Are you Mr Love?'
- e 'You need to tell me a little bit about it, or Reggie won't talk to you.'
- f 'What we say is secret, and held in trust.'
- g 'My brother and I were really happy about it.'
- h 'We're not cops. We're FBI.'
- i 'That's why I'm nervous. Maybe I do need a lawyer.'
- j 'Mark, was Jerome Clifford already dead when you and Ricky found him?'
- k 'Did you try to talk to my client when his mother wasn't with him?'
- l 'We were just having a friendly talk while we waited for her.'

Chapters 9–12

3 Who or what are the people or things in *italics*?

- a When the lawyer showed *him* a copy of the Memphis newspaper, Barry went to see his uncle Johnny.
- b Then Barry explained about the two boys who found *him*.
- c '*He's* doing great,' said Mark.
- d *They* were a year old, but they were the best Slick could find.
- e *It* was empty. It was still early.
- f 'I've just read *it*,' she said. 'Does it worry you?'
- g 'And I haven't told *you* everything – not where the body is.'
- h But she was a lawyer and she could not advise *him* to lie.
- i 'I think *they*'ll try to make you talk,' she said at last.
- j *He* didn't speak another word for twenty-four hours.
- k Momma Love was half Italian, and *she* cooked food the old way.
- l '*He* didn't like to do it, but he agreed to hear Mark in court, and to take him into custody until then.'

Chapters 13–17

4 Write the right words in the spaces to complete the paragraph.

Barry Muldanno is wild with (a) when he hears the news. He goes to his uncle and tells him that he wants to move the (b) Although Johnny tells Barry that he is (c), he gives Barry (d) men to help him. On Saturday, Reggie and Mark hide in the tall grass (e) Clifford's house until midnight. As they are (f) through the grass, they see a (g) turn on in the garage. It is Muldanno and his men digging up the (h) Reggie crawls towards the house next door and breaks the (i) with her shoe. Muldanno and his men run out of the garage and (j) When everything is (k) again, Reggie and Mark go to look in the garage, and they find the dead senator staring up at them from a (l) bag.