



BOOK CLUB
RESOURCE GUIDE

CRIME FICTION

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CONSIDERING THE DEATHBED
CONFESSIONS FOR YOUR
NEXT BOOK CLUB READ

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When FBI Agent Thomas Quinn is tasked with extracting secrets from the dying criminal mastermind Harry Beech, he uncovers a web of dark truths and unsolved mysteries. As Harry's life ebbs away, so does his reluctance to reveal the chilling details of his past crimes. In a race against time, Thomas must navigate a labyrinth of confessions, each more shocking than the last, to bring closure to long-forgotten cases and peace to grieving families. But as the lines between justice and vengeance blur, Thomas finds himself questioning his own morality. Will he uncover the truth before it's too late, or will Harry's secrets die with him?

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Crime Scene Investigation

Decor: Set up the room like a crime scene with caution tape, evidence markers, and fingerprint decorations.

Activities: Create a mystery game where members solve a fictional crime related to the book's plot.

Food: Serve "evidence" snacks like fingerprint cookies and "blood" punch.

Prison Break

Decor: Use bars, chains, and prison uniforms to set the scene.

Activities: Host a trivia quiz about the book's characters and plot twists.

Food: Offer "prison" food like bread and water, but make it fun with gourmet sandwiches and sparkling water.

Detective's Office

Decor: Set up a detective's office with old files, magnifying glasses, and maps.

Activities: Have a discussion about the book's themes and characters, and let members share their theories.

Food: Serve "detective" snacks like donuts, coffee, and mini sandwiches.

Chicago Noir

Decor: Create a 1920s Chicago vibe with vintage posters, jazz music, and dim lighting.

Activities: Watch a classic noir film after discussing the book.

Food: Serve classic Chicago-style food like deep-dish pizza and hot dogs.

THEMED PARTY SUGGESTIONS

Appetizers

Tom's Tangy Tomato Bruschetta: Fresh tomatoes, basil, and garlic on toasted baguette slices.

Harry's Hot Wings: Spicy buffalo wings served with blue cheese dip.

Main Course

Quinn's Quiche: A savory quiche with spinach, mushrooms, and cheese.

Beech's BBQ Ribs: Slow-cooked ribs with a smoky barbecue sauce.

Sides

Frozen Minutes Salad: A crisp salad with mixed greens, cranberries, and a tangy vinaigrette.

Fortress of Family Fries: Seasoned potato wedges with a garlic aioli dip.

Desserts

Little Black Book Brownies: Rich chocolate brownies with a hint of espresso.

Sipping Whiskey Pudding: A creamy whiskey-infused pudding topped with whipped cream.

Non-Alcoholic Drinks

The Leak Lemonade: Refreshing lemonade with a twist of mint.

Popsicle Diplomacy Punch: A fruity punch with a mix of berries and citrus.

THEMED PARTY MENU



The Confession Cocktail

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Bourbon
- 1 oz Coffee Liqueur
- 1/2 oz Amaretto
- 1/2 oz Fresh Lemon Juice
- 1/4 oz Simple Syrup
- A dash of Angostura Bitters
- Lemon twist for garnish

Instructions:

- **Combine:** In a shaker, combine the bourbon, coffee liqueur, amaretto, lemon juice, simple syrup, and bitters.
- **Shake:** Fill the shaker with ice and shake well until chilled.
- **Strain:** Strain the mixture into a chilled cocktail glass.
- **Garnish:** Garnish with a lemon twist.

SIGNATURE DRINK

Hurt by Johnny Cash

The Sound of Silence by Disturbed

Mad World by Gary Jules

Creep by Radiohead

Everybody Knows by Leonard Cohen

No One Knows by Queens of the Stone Age

Black by Pearl Jam

House of the Rising Sun by The Animals

Paint It Black by The Rolling Stones

Gimme Shelter by The Rolling Stones

Bad Moon Rising by Creedence Clearwater Revival

People Are Strange by The Doors

Riders on the Storm by The Doors

Where Did You Sleep Last Night by Nirvana

The End by The Doors



SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE
SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN
THE DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

- **Character Analysis:** How do the backgrounds of Thomas Quinn and Harry Beech shape their actions and decisions throughout the story?
- **Themes:** What are the central themes of the book? How are they developed through the characters and plot?
- **Moral Ambiguity:** How does the book explore the concept of moral ambiguity, especially through Harry Beech's character?
- **Family Dynamics:** How do family relationships influence the characters, particularly Thomas Quinn's reflections on his family?
- **Justice and Redemption:** How are justice and redemption portrayed in the book? Do you think Harry Beech finds redemption by the end?
- **Narrative Style:** How does the author's narrative style contribute to the overall impact of the story?
- **Symbolism:** What symbols are used in the book, and what do they represent?
- **Plot Twists:** Were there any plot twists that surprised you? How did they affect your understanding of the characters and story?
- **Setting:** How does the setting influence the mood and tone of the book?
- **Personal Reflection:** How did the book resonate with you personally? Were there any particular moments or characters that stood out to you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Prison Conditions:** How do the conditions described in the book compare to what you know about real-life US prisons? What impact do these conditions have on inmates' mental and physical health?
- **Rehabilitation vs. Punishment:** Do you think the US prison system focuses more on punishment or rehabilitation? How does this focus affect the characters in the book?
- **Solitary Confinement:** The book mentions isolation and segregation. What are the psychological effects of solitary confinement, and how are they portrayed in the story?
- **Recidivism:** How does the book address the issue of recidivism? What factors contribute to former inmates reoffending, and how can the system better support their reintegration into society?
- **Justice and Fairness:** Do you think the characters in the book receive fair treatment within the prison system? How does the book highlight issues of justice and fairness in the US legal system?

REFLECTIONS ON THE US PRISON SYSTEM



Michael Deeze's journey is as compelling as the stories he writes. Born on the gritty streets of inner-city Chicago, Deeze's early life was shaped by the resilience and determination of his WWII veteran father. Before finding his calling as a writer, Deeze spent 35 years as a dedicated physician, a career that undoubtedly enriched his storytelling with deep insights into the human condition.

Deeze's passion for historical fiction and crime is evident in his acclaimed series, "The Emmett Casey Chronicles". His debut novel, "Bless Me Father", quickly garnered praise for its gripping narrative and rich historical context. Despite being a late bloomer in the literary world, Deeze's flair for writing has earned him a spot among the most promising independent authors

When he's not crafting his next novel, Deeze enjoys reading works by Lee Child and Tom Clancy, and he draws inspiration from the likes of James Michener. His transition from medicine to writing is a testament to his belief that it's never too late to pursue one's passions.

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