

Chapters 1-3

• Before you read

1 Look at the picture on the front of the book.

a. What do you think is the relationship between the three people?

Mark(the young boy), Mc Thune(the FBI detective) and Reggie(the lawyer).

b. How would you describe each person mood, from this picture?

Mark: cruel, dangerous and nasty.

Reggie: pleasant, happy.

Mc Thune: bored, angry, anxious and sad.

2 Check these words in your dictionary.

- Client: cliente.
- Evidence: prueba.
- Fingerprints: huella.
- Trial: prueba.
- Trust: prueba.

Choose the best words to complete these sentences:

a. The murder **trial** was reported in all the newspapers.

b. The police had **evidence** that the woman was driving the car.

c. She **trusted** her best friend with the secret.

d. They took her **fingerprints** off the door handle.

e. She was a very good lawyer, so her **clients** were happy to pay her a lot of money.

3 Now check these words:

- Crawl: arrastrar.
- Grab: arrebatar.
- Tail pipe: tubo de escape.
- Trailer: remolque.

Which word is

a. Trailer a house on wheels?

b. Crawl a way of moving on your stomach so people won't see you?

- c. Grab a way of taking something from another person quickly and rudely?
- d. Tail pipe part of a car. It is at the back and it takes gas away from the car engine.

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4 Answer these questions:

- a. How does Romey try to kill himself?

With a tube in the tail pipe and the other end through the window.

- b. Where is the body of the senator?

Maybe in Memphis.

- c. Who is Barry Muldano?

The client of Jerome Cifford.

5 Work with two other students. Dianne comes home from work and finds Ricky in shock. What do you think happens when the doctor arrives? Act out the scene between Dianne, the doctor and Mark.

Student A: You are Diane. Student B: You are Mark.

Student C: You are the doctor.

- Grenway: Hello. How are you?
- Diane. Hello doctor.
- Mark: Hello I'm worried about my brother. Can you do something to help him?
- Grenway: Oh this body is in shock. No reaction at all.

Chapters 4–6

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6 Do you think Mark will tell the FBI men the truth when they check his fingerprints?

No he won't.

7 Will Slick become a friend to Mark? How could he help Mark?

No he won't. Telling the things he knows about.

8 What do you think Barry will do next?

He would run away.

9 Find the word truth in your dictionary. Now write a sentence with truth in it, to show the meaning clearly.

Truth: verdad.

If you don't tell me lies you tell the truth.

- **After you read**

10 Answer these questions.

a. Why is Gill Teal talking to the man in the wheelchair?

He was talking about a road accident of the other man.

b. What do the FBI tell Foltrigg about Mark?

Mark was in the moment of the death and there were fingerprints of Mark in the bottle of whisky and in the tail pipe.

c. How does Mark find Reggie?

When he went to Gill Teal's office, he was so busy, Mark decided to go 2nd floor and saw in a door Reggie Love – lawyer, then he went in.

11 Work with two other students. McThune and Trumann need Dr Greenway's permission before they can talk to Ricky. What do you think they will say to each other when they ask for permission? Act out the conversation between them.

Student A: You are McThune. Student B: You are Trumann.

Student C: You are Dr Greenway.

- Mc Thune: All right Truman. Let's see if we can get more information from Ricky than we've now.
- Truman: Ok. Let's go.
- Greenway: Can I help you men?

Chapter 7–9

- **Before you read**

12 What do you think will happen at twelve when Mark talks to the FBI?

He will get nervous and he will not answer the questions.

13 What do you think will happen next at the hospital?

The FBI will go to the hospital.

14 Check the word rights in your dictionary.

Rights: derechos

Put the words interviewed/police/rights in the spaces in this sentence:

In most countries, people have certain rights when they are interviewed by the police.

- **After you read**

15 Answer these questions:

a. What does Mark tell Reggie about his family?

His father left his mother and she was hit when he was drunk.

b. What does Mark tell Reggie about his Romey?

He told everything about his dead, except that he said about the body of the senator.

c. What doesn't Mark tell Reggie?

That he had said about the body of the senator.

16 Why doesn't Dianne go to talk to the FBI with Mark?

Because she was with Ricky in the hospital.

17 What does Reggie do to stop the FBI's questions?

They told her things to know about him and they'll meet in her office.

18 Who does Barry Muldano go to for help?

His uncle Johnny

19 Whose idea is to send Gronke to Memphis?

Os Johnny (the uncle of Muldano).

20 At the hospital. Mark tells his mother about what he and Ricky has seen. Why does he decide to tell her then?

Because the situation was very complicated.

21 Reggie doesn't go to the interview with Mark. Instead, she puts the recorder on him. What are the advantages of doing this? Can you think of another plan she could have tried? Discuss with other students.

Advantages: the non-presence of the boy.

Disadvantages: if there isn't the lawyer there isn't evidence.

Chapters 10–13

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22 Look at the picture on page 34. Who do you think the man is? What do you think he is saying to Mark?

He is Gronke. That he will kill him his brother and his mother if he says anything about the body of the senator.

23 If you were Mark, what would you say now to Slick Moeller? Or would you say nothing?

I would say nothing and if I tell hi something I would tell a lie.

24 Check the word custody in your dictionary.

Make a sentence using this group of words: Police/thief/custody/prison

Custody: custodia.

Sentence: the police ran after the thief for custody in prison.

• After you read

25 Answer these questions

a. What does Gronke do to Mark?

He threatened the boy.

b. What does Reggie think the FBI will try to do?

They wanted to know where is the body of the senator

c. What do you know about Reggie's family?

He explained that she was married with a doctor and he left her and she became a lawyer. Then now she's living with his mother.

d. How does Mark know they were followed to Momma Love's house?

Because she saw red light out in the street from a cigarette trough the window.

e. What is a witness protection programme?

It's protection for those people present at one action, as an evidence of the facts.

26 With another student, act the conversation at the police station between Detective Klickman and the pizza deliveryman.

Student A: you are Detective Klickman.

Student B: you are the pizza deliveryman.

- Klickman: Detective Klickman here. I need 40 pizzas for a surprise party.
- Deliveryman: all right immediately.
- Klickman: thank you very match.
- Deliveryman: oh no matter.

Chapters 14–17

• Before you read

27 How do you think Mark can help his family? What do you think his plan is?

Telling the truth. His plan is helping the police.

28 Do you think Dianne will agree to the witness protection programme? Why, or why not?

No. Because she was feared.

29 What will happen if Mark is called to the courts in New Orleans?

He could be killed.

• After you read

30 Answer these questions:

a How does Mark escape from prison?

With Dooren's help, the guards signed the papers and went to hospital, because Dooren said that Mark was in shock. Then, when he was in the hospital he got up from the bed, went into an office and phoned Reggie. Then Reggie arrived to the hospital and they met at the Car Park.

b Why does Mark want to go to New Orleans?

To tell the truth in court to the judge.

c Why does Reggie keep the secret until Mark has gone?

Because she wanted to protect the boy until the end.

31 Who says these things:

a The Mafia never forgets, Reggie.

Slick Moeller.

b I'll give you two men, but don't get caught'.

Uncle Johnny.

c No more films for you Mark.

Diane.

• Writing

32 After the Sways go to Australia, Mark writes a secret letter to Reggie. What does he say? Write his letter.

Dear Reggie,

I miss you a lot and I would like to be with you and tell you about what is happening to me here. I remember my successful co-operation with the police to resolve the garage secret. What did Truman think about that? What happened to Muldano and Gronke? Have they been put in prison now or are they still free? Does Momma Love continue cooking very well?

My mother is happy now because she has found a job; a good one. Ricky is at school like me and we have good marks and we're happy for that.

Living in Australia sometimes is not easy, but I manage very well.

I will tell you more things next time. I will send you any post card, regarding Australia country. For Christmas I'm going to travel to Memphis. Hope you are well and sincerely yours.

Mark.

33 There were three main people or groups of people interested in the senator's body: the Mafia in New Orleans, the US Government lawyer from New Orleans and the FBI in Memphis. Explain why each one was interested. Who had most to win and had most to lose by finding the body?

- Mafia was interested in the senator's body because they didn't want to be discovered by the FBI. They had most to lose.
- US Government: was interested in the senator's body because they had to protect the boy. They had most to win.
- FBI: was interested in the senator's body because they wanted to have a success and discover the killer. They had most to win.

34 Which parts of this story do you find most exciting and why? Is there any part of the story that you would like to change? How would you change it?

The last three chapters have been the most exciting part of the book for me, because they come to the conclusion of the story.

I would change from chapter eight until chapter thirteen because it is boring. I would change it making that parts of the story shorter, giving a small number of details but more effective.

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