

## OPERATION HOTEL CHARLIE



### Chapter 1

1. Comment on the way the author captures the reader's attention on the first page.
2. What words are used to indicate that Hadron is feeling rather anxious at the beginning of chapter 1?
3. Why do you think Leera may have needed an escape fund? (page 6)
4. What indications are there that this is not just a holiday that Hadron has planned? (page 8)
5. List the things that have made Hadron uneasy since he entered the house.

### Chapter 2

1. What indicates that Devon knows Hadron well? (page 11)
2. How does Hadron feel when his brother-in-law woke up on page 17?
3. By the end of chapter 2, what are your impressions of Leera's husband?

### Chapter 3

1. What has made it so difficult for Leera to get help for the abuse she has suffered? (page 21)
2. Why do you think Keryn might have been so willing to share so much information with Hadron, who is a total stranger? (page 25)
3. Why do you think that the doctor is keeping Leera in hospital for so long? (page 27)

### Chapter 4

1. When Andrew visit's the Anderson's house in Sydney, how does its condition compare with the way it was when Hadron picked up his sister and the children? (page 35)
2. How hard do you think it will be to locate a police officer on the run?

### Chapter 5

1. What has Scott discovered about Keryn's new friend? (page 39)
2. What has upset Scott's plan to trace Hadron? (page 46)
3. Whose photo does Scott show the nurse on page 47?

### Chapter 6

1. Why does Piper agree to be a hitman for Anderson? (page 49)
2. Explain the phrase *How deep was this hole he was digging for himself?* (page 50)
3. Why do you think HD has threatened Anderson with the knife? (page 53)
4. What do you think HD meant by the question, *Could this case get any more complicated?* (page 54)
5. Write a paragraph describing how Leera would have felt by the end of this chapter.

## **Chapter 7**

1. How has the fact that HD is a SAS medic, helped to keep Leera safe? (page 59)
2. How does HD ensure that the kids and Hadron will actually trust him? (page 60)
3. Why do you think HD may have tossed the cash into Anderson's lap? (page 63)
4. HD uses a coded message on page 65. What is the message and what does it mean?
5. On page 66, why does HD say *Don't trust anyone*?

## **Chapter 8**

1. How does Anderson's police experience help him to find out that Piper is actually double crossing him?
2. Explain how Anderson hides his movements on page 75

## **Chapter 9**

1. Why do you think HD was glad that Hadron *hadn't seen the whole thing*? (page 77)
2. Why do you think Hadron decided to leave all four soldiers outside the hut? (page 79 – 80)
3. What do you think is meant by a *blood sweep* on page 81?

## **Chapter 10**

1. What do you understand by a *rogue cop*? (page 85)
2. How have the drug plantations complicated the mission? (page 86)
3. What do you understand by *No profession is exempt, unfortunately*? (page 88)
4. Using the method the SAS has used to name their officers, what would you want to be known as? What image would you have on your badge? (page 92)
5. What was the only thing Hadron could not have planned for? (page 93)

## **Chapter 11**

1. What is thermal imaging and how does it help HD find out if there is anyone around? (page 96)
2. How does Anderson attempt to find HD? (page 98)
3. Explain why HD is torn between personal and professional duties on pages 99 & 100.

## **Chapter 12**

1. Why was it important that Leera had recognised the locket? Give reasons. (pages 105 – 106)
2. Why do you think they had to wait to give Leera pain killers on pages 107 & 108?
3. On page 113, how has the author used adverbs to add to the drama of the scene? You will need to list the adverbs used.

### **Chapter 13**

1. How has Hadron hindered the operation? (page 115)
2. It would have been terrifying being out in the bush at night, with people you don't know. Write a paragraph describing how you think Hadron was feeling at this time.
3. What has Hadron had to learn through all of this experience? (page 119)
4. Explain what you think is meant by: *The moisture-laden atmosphere acts like an amplifier.* (page 120)
5. Why is it so important that the kids, Mrs Carr and Shaye are safe at this time?

### **Chapter 14**

1. The soldiers' movements are well synchronised. How do you think they have achieved this? (page 125)
2. What things is Hadron to keep quiet about in this chapter?

### **Chapter 15**

1. Why did Hadron feel so guilty and angry with himself on page 136?
2. What do you understand by the term debriefing? (page 139)

### **Chapter 16**

1. Why can't everyone go home now that they are all safe? (page 143)
2. Hadron has had some adventure in the bush that night. Assume you are Hadron, write a diary entry about this night.

### **Chapter 17**

1. Why has HD backed off, given his patient over to Raven and looked for somewhere to rest outside the hut? (page 148)
2. How do you think Hadron feels at the end of this chapter?

### **Chapter 18**

1. Briefly describe the plan to capture Anderson.
2. What do you think is meant by a Kevlar vest? (page 158)
3. What is meant by *the trap is set and the bait is arriving?* (page 159)
4. Explain how Anderson is actually caught? (page 162)

### **Chapter 19**

1. What is meant by *corruption charges?* (page 166)
2. Why does Scott say, *I had better dust off my cape then?* (page 168)
3. What complication is there in Hadron wanting to date Keryn? (page 169)
4. Give a reason why you think Leera and Hadron will need to be questioned separately? (page 169)

### **General Questions:**

1. Where is the novel predominantly set?
2. Briefly outline the plot in around 5 sentences.
3. Who is the protagonist? Antagonist?
4. Write character sketches for Hadron and Piper.
5. Why does Piper accept the assignment to assassinate Leera?
6. What is the SAS? Why are their operations such a big secret?
7. Why does Scott become involved in the police investigation over the disappearance of Leera and the kids?
8. What part does Hadron's boss play in the story line?
9. Comment on the use of the family password.
10. What is the significance of the title *Hotel Charlie*?
11. What are some of the themes found in this novel?
12. Why was it necessary to keep this police operation a secret only shared by a select group of police officers?
13. How was Anderson eventually set up and caught?
14. What are some of the qualities you would need to be an SAS soldier? Give reasons for your answer.
15. What are some of the charges that will be brought against Anderson?

### **Essay Questions.**

1. Discuss how technology is used extensively in this police operation involving Leera and Hadron.
2. Explain fully how Hadron's and Scott's families become so intertwined.
3. Discuss the difficulties involved in attempting to arrest a rogue police officer.
4. One of the themes of the novel is domestic abuse. Discuss how it is so often difficult for the victim to report the abuse or to escape the abuser.