

# Dirty Money

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## Before reading

- The title of the book is *Dirty Money*. What do you think the phrase 'dirty money' means? Choose one answer.
  - The money is dirty and needs cleaning.
  - The money comes from criminals or something bad.
  - The money is old and has been used a lot.
- Look at the cover. What does it tell you about the story?
- Look at *People in the story* on page 4. Write short answers to these questions.
  - Who works for a newspaper?
  - What place name can you find?
  - Which of these are jobs: boss, mayor, neighbour?
- Look at the maps on page 5. Where is Murray?

## Check your reading

### CHAPTER 1

- Which sentence is true?
  - Joe and Sandy live in England.
  - Joe and Sandy want to move to Canada.
  - Joe and Sandy lived in England but now they live in Canada.
- Match the words with the places.  
beautiful small dirty quiet noisy
  - Canada, b England
- Who says or thinks these things?
  - 'Canada is beautiful.'
  - 'Tomorrow we can have lunch by the water.'
  - 'Is it Dan? Is he working on his house?'
  - 'What do you want?'
  - 'There are diamonds under here!'

### CHAPTERS 2 AND 3

- How do Joe's neighbours feel about the mine?
- What do they want Joe to do?
- What does Joe read about on the internet on Monday morning?
- Who does he telephone?
- What does Cameron Grady want Joe to write about?

### CHAPTERS 4 AND 5

- Put these events from Chapter 4 in the right order.
  - Joe drives to the Pan Global mine.
  - Joe drives away from the mine fast.
  - Joe's car goes off the road into the trees.
  - Joe gets up very early.
  - The security car drives into the back of Joe's car.
  - A security man shouts at Joe.
- Where is Joe at the start of Chapter 5?
- Where does he go?
- What does he want to do?
- Grady says, 'It's a good thing.' What is 'It' and why does he say it's 'good'?

### CHAPTERS 6 AND 7

- What does Joe think about Grady?
- Why does Joe need black clothes, a rope and a torch?
- What does Joe see on the big white door?
- What is a nuclear dump?
- Where does Joe go next morning?
- Which is more important for Joe: **a** his job at the *Murray Echo*, **b** the danger of the nuclear dump?

### CHAPTERS 8 AND 9

- True or false?
  - Joe waits outside Grady's house for five nights.
  - He wears a false nose and glasses.
  - On Sunday night Grady leaves his house.
  - Grady drives to a bar called Mulligans.
  - Grady meets three men in the bar.
- Who does Grady meet in the bar?
- What does Johnson give Grady and Reid?
- Why does Joe telephone 911?
- What does the mayor do with his envelope?

### CHAPTER 10

- Who is at home? Who is with the police?
- How much money did Johnson give Reid and Grady?
  - \$50,000, b £500,000, c half a million dollars
- Joe is writing the story for a newspaper. Which one?
  - the *Murray Daily*, b the *Murray Echo*
- What does Ed Bains offer Joe?
- Does Joe accept Ed's offer?
- How does Joe feel at the end of the story?

## After reading

Choose some of these activities.

1. What was the dirty money in this story?
2. Which was important for Joe?
  - a That the nuclear dump was a good newspaper story.
  - b That the nuclear dump was dangerous for the water, the trees, the birds and the people.
3. Joe does some dangerous things in the story. What?
4. What sort of person is Joe? Do you like him? Why/why not?
5. Sandy writes a letter to her mother in England about what happened. What does she say?
6. You are a film director. You are making a film of *Dirty Money*. Which actors would you choose for each of the characters?
7. Write the newspaper story Joe wrote about the events for the *Murray Daily*. Start with the headline from the first line of Chapter 10.
8. Write some sentences of your own using these words:
  - a nuclear dump, b diamond mine, c Canada, d dirty money, e beautiful mountains