

Double Cross Philip Prowse

Before reading

1. Look at the cover and pages 3, 4 and 5. What is the book about? Who nearly dies? Who are the rock musician and the madman?
2. The book is called *Double Cross*. Look up 'double cross' in your dictionary. What does the title mean? Who is going to double cross who?
3. Chapter 1 begins: 'The woman standing on the wing of the Boeing Stearman biplane was wearing dark glasses' and ends 'Someone has shot Carlsson!' she said quietly. What do you think happens in the chapter?
4. If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

1. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Carlsson explained the problem.
 - b The woman on the wing of the plane waved to the crowd.
 - c Someone shot Carlsson.
 - d Two men in wet suits pulled the fan out of the water.
 - e Monika pushed the fan into the water.
 - f Monika hit the fan in the stomach.
 - g Carlsson started to speak to the journalists.
 - h Carlsson introduced Blom.
 - i The football fan asked Monika for a kiss.
2. Whose hair is it? Monika's, Carlsson's, Blom's or the football fan's?
 blonde no hair long brown short grey

CHAPTER 2

1. Which of these facts about Monika are right?
 - a Monika's parents are dead.
 - b Monika has one brother.
 - c Monika was the best soldier in the year when she finished her training.
 - d She learnt to parachute and scuba-dive in South America.
 - e She speaks four languages.

2. Complete the paragraph.

Monika remained calm. She thinking about the few moments Carlsson fell. The SS Vaxholm stopped near the City Hall. had been a sudden on the boat. Monika hadn't anything like a shot. But she had something just as Carlsson fell. was a loud metal sound, money falling to the ground.

CHAPTER 3

1. Who said what?
 - a 'Does anyone want to play?'
 - b 'There was nothing you could do.'
 - c 'Do you want to dance?'
 - d 'But I should have seen the danger.'
 - e 'Although we did fly when we went to South Africa.'

Monika Blom the guitarist Bruce a player

2. Monika asks herself some questions: who had shot Carlsson, why hadn't she heard a gun, how can you shoot someone without a gun? What are your answers?

CHAPTER 4

1. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Blom said that the metal was a crossbow bolt.
 - b Monika flew back to Stockholm.
 - c Monika found a piece of metal.
 - d Monika refused to give Bruce her phone number.
 - e Monika met Chapman at the airport.
 - f Monika and Chapman dived at the City Hall.
 - g Chapman told Monika to throw the metal away.
 - h Monika refused to have dinner with Chapman.
2. Why was Carlsson shot with a crossbow and not a gun? What was the bright light that Monika had seen on the Vaxholm?

CHAPTER 5

1. Complete the paragraph.

Chapman stayed Stockholm two more days. Blom and Monika showed what they knew 'Nordlandet' and other groups. Chapman talked and but said little. night he asked Monika to have dinner him and night she refused.

CHAPTER 6

1. Match the beginnings and endings.

1 The coach was	a Chapman doing there?
2 It was	b finding out about the football team.
3 The woman was	c next to the window.
4 By one o'clock she was	d in her early twenties.
5 Perhaps he was	e easy to see into the office from the coach roof.
6 And what was	f at the SMI offices.
2. Who is who?
 - a Leader of a South African right-wing party.
 - b Chairman of Millham United.
 - c Member of a Swedish right-wing group.
 - d Manager of Millham United.
 - e Woman with short blonde hair.
 - f Man with shaved head.
 - g Fat man with white hair and beard.
 - h Man about fifty with lots of black hair.
 - i Tall man about thirty in sports clothes.

Harry Dixon Danny Worthington Kent Nyström
 Gunilla Lippich Adolf Vitjord

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CHAPTER 7

- Put the sentences in the right order to make a paragraph.
 - 'And what has all this got to do with the shooting of Carlsson?' she asked herself.
 - The other half wasn't so sure: she had never been to South Africa and she hadn't liked what she had seen of Vitjord.
 - Half of her felt great: Blom trusted her and she was going on an important trip.
 - Monika left the SMI offices and walked back to her flat.
- On page 32 Blom says 'I'm sure you'll think of something to say.' You are Monika and you meet Vitjord. What do you say to him?

CHAPTER 8

- Who said what?
 - 'If there's anything I can do, let me know.'
 - 'There's only one problem.'
 - 'Who's the girl?'
 - 'Send this to Blom, please.'
 - 'Hi!'

Monika Joseph Vitjord one of the men
- You are Joseph. Write a message to Blom telling him what happened to Monika.

CHAPTER 9

- Match the beginnings and endings.
 - The car was
 - She was
 - Vitjord was
 - There was
 - What was
 - The driver was
 - running out of the house.
 - standing right behind her.
 - new, and had dark windows.
 - she doing here?
 - afraid Vitjord would ask her lots of questions.
 - a loud bang.
- Monika thinks 'I wonder what my parents would say if they could see me now.' You are her parents. What do you say?

CHAPTER 10

- Complete the paragraph.

Cabinda smiled and replied. He had to shout of the noise of the chapa. '..... 's a present from the Portuguese,' he said. '..... the Portuguese left my country 1975 they took everything they with them. And they destroyed they couldn't take. That building was to be a hotel. But as they the Portuguese filled the inside with concrete. it's no use to anyone.'

CHAPTER 11

- Put the events in the right order.
 - The men chased her and started shooting.
 - Monika left by plane on Sunday.
 - Monika ran away and got on the Big Wheel.
 - Monika went to the restaurant with Cabinda and Amelia.
 - Monika spent Saturday sightseeing.
 - Vitjord's men came up to her table.
 - Monika got off and left the men high up in the air.

CHAPTER 12

- Who said what?
 - 'We have to find out what is so special about their coach.'
 - 'We found nothing.'
 - 'The best South African gold.'
 - 'I've got an idea.'
 - 'There's someone at that window!'
 - 'I'm dying.'
 - 'Take care of him.'

Monika Blom Dixon Bruce

CHAPTER 13

- Match the beginnings and endings.
 - Lars Nilsson was
 - Her head was
 - Chapman wasn't
 - Suddenly there was
 - Blom was
 - There was
 - a bang as Chapman fired his gun.
 - going to save her.
 - by her bed.
 - waiting for her.
 - banged against the side of the coach.
 - a loud explosion.

After reading

Choose some of these activities.

- Which character do you like the most? Why?
- Think about Monika. What kind of clothes does she wear? What music and films does she like? Where does she go on holiday? What are her favourite foods?
- Write Monika's diary for August 9th.
- You are Chapman. Write a postcard to a friend in London about your stay in Stockholm.
- Look at page 28. Make up the conversation between Chapman and the five people at the Millham United Stadium.
- Write Monika's diary describing her visit to Vitjord's house.
- What happens in room 615? Bruce escapes and Monika follows him. Bruce tries to get away in the coach. What happens next?
- Change the ending of the book. Vitjord says he will use the bomb if the SMI do not let him escape. What happens next?
- Make your own activities for other students to do. e.g. Make a word puzzle or write some True/False questions.

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