

Just Like a Movie

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Before reading

1. Look at the front cover and read the blurb on the back cover. What sort of story is this?
2. Read the list of people in the story on page 4. Match the people to the pictures on pages 5, 11 and 24.
3. Look at the maps of Toronto and Canada on page 4. What do you know about this city and country?

4. Match the chapter titles with the sentences from each chapter.

Chapter 1 Gina
 Chapter 2 Carrie
 Chapter 3 Two lives
 Chapter 4 Lake Ontario
 Chapter 5 Just like a movie

- a I sat down and looked at the water.
 - b She was nice. Really nice. I liked her smile.
 - c 'But Brad,' said Rufino, 'this story could make you millions of dollars in Hollywood.'
 - d One night I went out with Carrie, the next night I went out with Gina.
 - e I like girls with black hair like Gina. But she was rich, this girl.
5. If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

1. Who said what?
 - a 'I want to marry you ... but we need more money.'
 - b 'We're poor but we're happy.'
 - c 'We need a car, clothes, a beautiful house in Paris.'
 - d 'How can I make a lot of money?'
 - e 'It's just a stupid movie.'
2. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Brad got an idea from a movie.
 - b Brad wanted more money.
 - c Brad met Gina at the movies.
 - d Brad started seeing Gina a lot.
 - e Brad asked Gina to marry him.
3. What do you think is going to happen next?

CHAPTER 2

1. Look at the words in *italics*. Who or what is *she*, *it*, *you*, *we*?
 - a *She* had millions.
 - b *It* was expensive. Eighty dollars.
 - c *It* was cheap, but she liked it.
 - d *She* only wanted love.
 - e *You've* got to stay here.
 - f ... but *we* don't need money.

2. Complete the summary.

Brad went to Carrie's house in to fix the roof. She was, pretty and blonde. Brad told her she was really Carrie said she didn't have any and she didn't need to But she helped at a Brad went out with Carrie for months and asked her to him. Brad knew he had to Carrie. Just like the movie He told he had to go to for three months.

3. Do you think Brad's plan will work?

CHAPTER 3

1. Who said what?

- a 'How's Vancouver?'
- b 'Please come and help me on the roof ...'
- c '... stop pushing the ladder. I'll fall!'
- d 'When did you last see your wife?'
- e 'What about her body?'

Brad Carrie a police officer Gina

2. True or false?

- a Brad phoned Gina from Carrie's house.
- b Carrie didn't want to help Brad with the roof.
- c Brad had an idea from the movie *High Drama*.
- d Brad didn't know where Carrie was.
- e Brad was very sad so he cried.

3. On page 20 Brad says: 'Then, before I went to sleep, I saw the answer.'
 Why was Carrie's pen the answer?

CHAPTER 4

1. Complete the summary.

Brad went to the and put Carrie's near the water. The next day, Brad had a telephone call from the They thought Carrie was Then, Brad had an idea from the movie He telephoned and told her he had of dollars. Brad sent Carrie's money to a bank in and bought two

2. Look at the picture on page 23. Is this really the end?

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CHAPTER 5

1. Match the sentences to the pictures on pages 27 and 29.

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| 1 Picture 1, page 27 | a Gina thought it was a good idea to leave you. There were the Rosedale killings so it was easy. |
| 2 Picture 2, page 27 | b Carrie came to help with the children at the school. |
| 3 Picture 3, page 27 | c So I found a small hotel in Toronto for Carrie. |
| 4 Picture 1, page 29 | d We met a few times for coffee or lunch. |
| 5 Picture 2, page 29 | e ... Carrie stayed there. She didn't go out. She waited. |
| 6 Picture 3, page 29 | f Then Carrie showed me a photograph of her husband. It was you! |

2. Match the questions with the answers.

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| 1 'Why are you in prison? What happened to the happy ending?' | a 'We just want to talk to you, Mr Black. Please sit down.' |
| 2 'What ... what's happened?' | b 'Look at this newspaper!' |
| 3 'What ... what, what are you doing here?' | c 'No, Mr Black, but you tried to kill this young woman ...' |
| 4 'But what did I do? I didn't kill anyone.' | d 'So, Mr Black, you know this young woman!' |
| 5 'Too late, what do you mean, too late? This is a good story ...' | e 'Well, everything was like I told you. In the story, I mean. But there's more.' |

After reading

- Which character did you like best in the story?
- Imagine you are a movie director. You are making *Just Like a Movie*. Which actors could play Carrie, Gina, Brad and Rufino?
- What do you think Brad will do when he leaves the prison?
- Look at the questions on page 18. What do you think Brad said to the police?
- Look at the picture on page 21. What is Brad thinking about?
- Look at the picture of the newspaper on page 31. Write the newspaper story.
- Imagine there is another chapter. Write chapter 6 of *Just Like a Movie*.
- What happens in the movies *Dead Money*, *Fat Cats* and *High Drama*? Are the stories the same or different from *Just like a Movie*?
- Word search. There are 10 words from the story in this puzzle. How many can you find?

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D	B	E	A	U	T	I	F	U	L
S	D	A	M	O	N	E	Y	P	O
O	P	C	L	M	T	I	N	U	S
M	O	T	R	I	C	H	O	C	C
E	O	O	H	T	S	C	A	R	A
K	R	R	P	R	I	S	O	N	R

10. Here is the blurb from another book at this level.

John Doe

The man they call John Doe lies in a hospital bed. He watches and thinks but says nothing. The doctor wants to know who he is. But John Doe doesn't answer his questions. Then, after John Doe leaves hospital, the doctor finds out more about him than just his real name.

Do you want to read *John Doe*?