

# **Deep Lie: A Novel Study Guide**

## **Deep Lie: A Novel by Stuart Woods**

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# Plot Summary

Deep Lie by Stuart Woods is an espionage thriller about a woman named Katherine Rule and her quest to prove that her intuition is right. Rule believes that the mysterious Majorov is up to something within the Soviet Union, but she is stopped at every turn by her own agency. Is it just Rule's ex husband trying to make her look like a fool, or is there something else going on here? Katherine Rule will do whatever it takes to find out the truth.

The main character of this novel is Katherine Rule, Soviet Office of the Directorate of Intelligence at the CIA. Rule has intelligence about a man named Viktor Majorov. The more she probes into him, the more questions she has. Rule has her team working to find out what Majorov is doing. When they get satellite photos of a training camp that doesn't add up, Rule sends an Italian computer geek named Emilio Appicella into Majorov's camp to see what he can find out.

During this time Majorov is at a training camp, he calls Malibu with a young man named Jan Helder. Helder was captain of a Whiskey submarine, but was pulled off the submarine to report to Majorov at Malibu. While he doesn't know what his actual mission is, he is training with a 'legend maker' named Mr. Jones. Jones quizzes Helder daily on his new identity. One day Helder is told part of his mission is to take a mini sub with a buoy and drop the buoy off the coast of Stockholm. Helder completes this mission, but has to kill his one and only crew member in the process. He is soon taken back to Malibu.

Appicella, while finishing his work on the computers, discovers Majorov's plan to attack the Swedish. He attempts to get a message to Rule, but cannot confirm she receives it. Appicella realizes he is being held at Malibu, when luck throws Will Lee in his path. Lee, who is Rule's boyfriend, happens to get stranded off the coast of Malibu. He is unaware of the nature of Malibu, and enlists the help of Majorov's men to repair his boat. Appicella sneaks aboard the boat. About an hour off the coast, he reveals himself to Lee. Appicella tells Lee, who is unaware that Appicella is Rule's spy, about the pending attack. Lee agrees to travel to Stockholm to stop Majorov.

Once in Stockholm, by a twist of fate, Rule meets up with the Lee and Appicella. Together, they are able to work with the Swedish government to stop the attack. Rule uses the intelligence gathered by Appicella to expose her friend Ed Rawls as the mole in the CIA who has been thwarting her efforts all along.



# Chapter 1-5

## Chapter 1-5 Summary

In chapter one, Oskar Oskarsson and his teenage grandson, Ebbe are fishing in restricted Swedish waters when they get their fishing line hung on something in the ocean. While trying to get unhooked, the object begins to move then breaks the winch and the trawl. The winch hits Ebbe, killing him. While Oskarsson is trying to free his boat from what turns out to be a Soviet submarine, he loses most of his hand. Oskarsson is left holding his dead grandson when the patrol boats arrive asking him to leave the restricted waters.

In chapter two, Second Lieutenant Jan Helder is the Captain of a Whiskey Class submarine 184. Helder is called off the sub and told to report to the Chief Administrative Officer at staff headquarters in Leningrad at once. Helder is then sent to the SPETSNAZ by a man named Majorov to train for some secret mission. When Helder arrives at the camp, he notices that the camp looks more like a sports camp than a training camp. The people do not look military, and he is instructed to always speak in his best English accent. Helder also notices that one of the buildings has a concrete edge around the top with water on the inside to look like part of the island. He believes that from a satellite photo it would appear to be part of the bay. Helder is not told what his mission will be or why he has been chosen for the mission, only that he will be well paid when it is completed. He is introduced to Trina Ragulin, who is there to show Helder around the camp and help make his stay more enjoyable.

In chapter three, Katharine Rule is the Soviet Officer of the Directorate of Intelligence, investigating a Soviet known as Majorov. She has intel about a possible associate of Majorov's, another Soviet named Firsov. Rule wants more information on Firsov, but the CIA has very little intelligence about him. Rule tells her team about a computer whiz by the name of Emilio Appicella who used to do computer work for Majorov. The CIA interviews Appicella about Majorov, hoping that they can find more information about Firsov. When they show Appicella a photo of Firsov, Appicella tells them that the man in the photo is in fact Majorov. Rule now wants her team to find all the Intel they have under either name.

In chapter four, Rule talks to her new boyfriend Will Lee, an assistant to a Senator Carr, about Majorov. Even though Rule has asked all her team to keep the fact that Firsov and Majorov are the same person a secret, she shows Lee a photo of Majorov.

Lee asks Rule if it is too early in their relationship for them to take a trip together. Lee has a friend who needs his boat to be sailed from Finland to England, and Lee wants Rule to go with him. Rule doesn't want to go because she's not comfortable on a boat, but she tells him she'll meet him in Copenhagen.



When Rule leaves the apartment she gets the feeling she's being followed. She sees a man down the street, and when she gets to her house, she is able to catch a glimpse of the man following her before he gets in his car and drives away.

In chapter five, at the secret camp, Helder has not started his training yet. He feels he has been on sort of a vacation. Helder has been sailing and getting familiar with the camp. The people at the camp have nicknamed the camp 'Malibu' because of its resort-like atmosphere. Helder meets with Mr. Jones, who gives him his legend, as they call it, which is a new identity. Helder is instructed to learn his new identity and practice living the new identity while at the training camp.

While on this "vacation", Helder has spent a lot of time with Trina Ragulin and the two have fallen in love.

## Chapter 1-5 Analysis

Rule is a high ranking official in the CIA investigating a Soviet named Majorov. Majorov's rapid advancement through the ranks of the Soviet Army and subsequent disappearance over the past few years raise a red flag with Rule. Rule decides to dig deeper, enlisting the help of an Italian named Emilio Appicella to identify a potential associate of Majorov's named Firsov. Through Appicella, Rule discovers the CIA has faulty information and Majorov and Firsov are the same person. The two identities cause Rule further alarm and strengthen her resolve to find out the truth about Majorov.

Helder, a submarine captain, is ordered to a training camp that looks and feels like a resort. His suspicions are raised by the instructions he is given, the look and feel of the training camp and his lack of knowledge about the mission add to his unease about the mission. However, his actions do not show he is concerned by any of these things. He simply goes about enjoying the various activities, as well as entering into a deepening relationship with Trina. Helder is given a false identity and goes about his mock vacation,

practicing this identity while enjoying camp "Malibu."



# Chapter 6-10

## Chapter 6-10 Summary

In chapter six, Rule looks through photos on her computer at work to identify the man following her, but she does not find him. She debates following procedure and reporting the tail to her boss, Nixon. However, she knows the CIA would put another tail on her to find out who was following her. This would expose Rule's relationship with Lee. With her son Peter spending the summer with her ex-husband, Simon Rule, she does not want to lose his company. Rule is also afraid Nixon will not believe her. She feels overwhelmed and puts the decision off. She spends the rest of her work day combing through reports and other information that might tie into Majorov. She does see her tail that night on her way home.

In chapter seven, Oskarsson is released from the hospital with only a thumb left on his hand. His son, Gunnar, has sold Oskarsson's flat. Gunner has also moved all of his father's things into his house. Oskarsson is not happy with this idea, but he goes along with it. He sits in his room staring at the water and letting the rage of Ebbe's death build.

In chapter eight, Rule has previously asked for the other CIA teams to keep an eye out for any expensive sports cars in unlikely places. She hits pay dirt when a team member brings in a satellite photo of an expensive car off the coast of Sweden. The photo also shows a marina, a sports complex and a group of what could be either a group of athletes or a military unit running in formation. Rule's suspicions are aroused when she notices a double perimeter fence and as well as various people in military uniforms. Rule takes the photo to Nixon, and she asks for authorization to get more satellite photos in order to identify the car. She hopes to get a better angle on the license plate to see if the car is registered to Majorov. Nixon agrees to let Rule try for more photos, but he warns her to find substantial proof before requesting any further high tech requests.

In chapter nine, Helder and about fifty other men from the training camp are taken into a small theater at the camp, which contains a small number of weapons lying on a table. Majorov comes in and talks about the weapons that the men are going to be given to use in these missions. No one has been told anything about what they will be doing on this mission. Helder and the other men get a demonstration of the weapons. While the weapons look similar to what they are used to using, the damage they cause is unlike anything they have ever seen before.

In chapter ten, Helder is taken to an underground submarine pen which housed several subs of all classes and types. He is finally told partial details of his mission. He is to sail a two person submarine to the coast of Sweden, drop a buoy near Stockholm and then return to the mother ship. He meets Valerie Sokolov, who will be his crew. Majorov tells Helder that Sokolov is the ideal person to help Helder on this mission due to her experience in technical matters. While she has worked on modifying the sub and adding



new equipment, she has never actually been down in one. Helder is skeptical that Sokolov will be ready for the mission with only three weeks of training. However, Sokolov assures Helder and Majorov she will be ready.

## Chapter 6-10 Analysis

In these chapters, the reader sees Rule's commitment in two ways. One, she is committed to doing her job to the utmost of her ability, without fear. She uses her instinct and knowledge of Majorov to get partial proof of his presence, but she takes a risk when she asks Nixon to authorize more photos based only on her theory. She knows that if she is not correct, she will not only lose Majorov, but also her credibility with Nixon. She also shows her level of commitment in the way she handles the potential stalker. In this case, she decides to ignore her instinct and the rules rather than risk losing her relationship with Lee. Lee works for a Senator who influences funding for Rule's department. If her superiors found out she was dating Lee, it would look like she was influencing the Senator's voting. Rule is not willing to give up Lee's company.

Helder's mission is finally revealed. While he shows resolve and commitment on the outside to Majorov, his internal commitment is still shaky as he deals with his doubts about his ability to pilot the modified submarine and his crew member, Sokolov. Helder does not have confidence in Sokolov's abilities, seeing she has never actually been in a submarine; however, he does not show his concern to Majorov.

The death of Oskarsson's grandson has affected him greatly, and one can only begin to see the depth to which Oskarsson will go to revenge his grandson's death. His mental state appears to be going downhill and it seems this is the reason his son and daughter-in-law have moved him in to live with them so they can keep a close eye on him.



# Chapter 11-15

## Chapter 11-15 Summary

In chapter eleven, when Rule arrives at work, she learns that her old friend Ed Rawls is back. Rule and Rawls had become friends before her marriage to Simon Rule. Rule and Rawls talk about old times. When Rule enters her office she finds Martin sleeping in her office. He has another satellite photo. This one does not give Rule the license plate, but it does show several interesting things; two men in a golf cart heading into an area with a gate and an armed guard. The area the man is guarding looks like a shale beach. The guard looks to be carrying an Uzi or Mac 10. The photo also shows what looks like an attack periscope skimming the water of the beach. Rule gathers all the evidence and goes back to Nixon's office.

In chapter twelve, Helder and Sokolov run through their first test mission. Helder is bothered by the fact that Sokolov has never been in a submarine before, and she does not seem very comfortable being under water. Solokov also has trouble following Helder's orders.

In chapter thirteen, Rule goes to her boss, Nixon, and lays out all her evidence. Nixon is not fully convinced she is right, but he agrees to take the information to his boss, Simon Rule, the Deputy Director of Operations.

In chapter fourteen, Helder is uncomfortable with the level of maneuverability the sub has while carrying the practice buoy. Majorov tells him the actual buoy is going to weigh more. Before Helder can express his concerns, Sokolov interrupts, saying everything will be fine during the actual mission. She tells Majorov that she has taken into account the new weight of the buoy and that everything will work as planned. Helder tells Sokolov and Majorov that Sokolov's technical experience does not qualify her to understand the maneuverability of the sub. Helder asks Majorov to replace her, but Majorov tells Helder

the government wants a national heroine on this mission.

In chapter fifteen, Nixon tells Rule about his meeting. What started as a one-on-one meeting turned complicated when the director of the CIA showed up. Ed Rawls was also called in to the meeting. The Director, a political appointee with no previous CIA experience, throws a fit and orders Nixon to stop Rule's investigation, threatening Nixon's job as well as Rule's. Nixon is embarrassed about being reprimanded in front of Rawls. As a result of the meeting, Rule is put on a lock down of information pertaining to Majorov. When she calls Martin later to get more information about the satellite photos, she finds there is an exclusion order on her. Martin cannot tell her anything about Majorov or he could lose his job too.





## Chapter 11-15 Analysis

In these chapters, the reader sees Rule's struggle to prove herself in this male dominated world. She is reunited with an old friend who could possibly become her ally; however, Nixon and Simon Rule make it clear they will not back her up when push comes to shove. She also continues to show her commitment to the case by refusing to stop looking into Majorov after being told her job was at stake.

Helder is having his own troubles dealing with his crew member's insubordination and fear, as well as the fact that the submarine itself does not maneuver the way it is suppose to. His concerns about the mission only increases when he learns the true reason for Sokolov's place in the mission. Sokolov is not on the mission because she is the most qualified person for the job, but because she is a national hero. Helder remains quiet about his concerns over the mission, hopeful that when the mission is finished he and Trina will be able to begin a life together.



# Chapter 16-20

## Chapter 16-20 Summary

In chapter sixteen, Helder and Sokolov learn more what is expected of them after the mission. If they complete the mission, they are to return to the mother sub. If Helder and Sokolov are captured, they must take a pill that will instantly kill them. If they can make it ashore, they will assume the legends that Mr. Jones has spent the last few months teaching them. They will make contact with people at Malibu to be picked up. However, Helder is taken aside and told that if they cannot make it back to the mother ship, he is to kill Sokolov. She is a nationally recognized figure and will not be able to pull off the false identity. Although Helder despises Sokolov, he questions his ability to kill her. However, he lies to Majorov, saying it will not be a problem.

In chapter seventeen, Ed Rawls calls Rule to come for dinner at his apartment. Rawls had lucked out years earlier when a Russian spy by the name of Malakhov decided to become a double agent. Malakhov had asked specifically for Rawls to be his handler, which was a huge jumpstart to Rawls' career. After that, Rawls moved up the ranks of the CIA pretty quickly. Now Rawls is back at Langley, and Rule is glad to have such a friend here especially now. She talks to Rawls about setting up a meeting for her with Malakhov; she thinks maybe Malakhov knows something about Majorov that would fill in the missing pieces of her case she is trying to build against Majorov. Rawls works out a meeting between Rule and Malakhov. He also gives Rule the name of a man who can help her figure out who's following her.

In chapter eighteen, Helder is nervous about his mission, which is happening the next day. He spends the night with Trina, promising her he will be back for her after the mission is finished. Trina is afraid of what will happen to her if Helder fails to return to Malibu.

The next morning when Helder wakes up, Trina is gone. Mr. Jones comes over to help Helder pack his things just in case he has to go ashore. Just as he is getting ready to get in the sub, he notices a man standing by Majorov. Helder realizes he has never seen the man at Malibu before, but he knows the man from somewhere else. Helder finally remembers who the man is; he's the captain of a sub that ran aground back in 1981, which is referred to as Whiskey-on-the-rocks. The man was supposed to be in prison. Helder wonders what is going on with the mission.

In chapter nineteen, Rule is on her way to meet with Rawls and Malakhov. She flies to New York then drives to a Texaco station outside the city where Rawls is waiting. She follows him down a deserted road to an old school house. He asks if she is wearing any kind of recording devices, and he tells her she cannot use any of the information she gets in any kind of reports to the Agency. Then Rawls points Rule to where Malakhov is waiting, telling her she has forty minutes to find out all she can from Malakhov.



In chapter twenty, Helder and Sokolov start their mission with only a few minor problems. Their mission is successful, but before they can return to the mother ship, Helder and Sokolov hear an approaching boat. Helder tells Sokolov to be quiet, and he starts moving the sub away from the mother ship. Sokolov begins to freak out and cry just as they are hit by a depth charge. Sokolov yells, "You'll get us killed" and starts choking Helder. As the sub begins to sink to the bottom of the ocean, Helder hits Sokolov with the only thing he could reach just before he passes out.

## Chapter 16-20 Analysis

Yet again the reader sees the commitment Rule shows in getting to the truth of Majorov. She knows her meeting with Malakhov will get her in more trouble with her superiors if they find out she is still investigating Majorov, but she trusts Rawls to keep her secret.

Helder's loyalty to Majorov is tested when he learns he might have to kill Sokolov. He puts his worries aside and continues with the mission. His recognition of the 1981 submarine operator does not seem to slow his resolve down. It is interesting to compare Helder's internal struggle and external obedience to Rule's internal struggle and external disobedience. Helder questions his mission, but does not have the courage to change his course. Rule questions her orders, but acts in direct defiance of them. Both are forced to act and are then disappointed with the results.



# Chapter 21-25

## Chapter 21-25 Summary

In chapter twenty-one, Malakhov tells Rule Majorov's life history. He confirms what Rule already knew, that Majorov and Firsov are the same person, then he tells Rule about Majorov's family and history. However, Malakhov does not tell her anything about what Majorov's been up to all these years. Malakhov tells Rule that Majorov is a dangerous man and that she should be careful. Malakhov has seen Majorov kill young women while using them sexually. Rule is so intrigued by Malakhov's story she that does not ask him any questions.

In chapter twenty-two, when Helder finally wakes up, he realizes that he has killed Sokolov with a screwdriver. Helder is trapped inside the upside-down submarine. It takes him some time, but he is finally able to get it rolled over enough to climb out of the submarine. When he gets to the surface, he is surprised to see that there are no boats anywhere. Helder swims to shore where he finds a houseboat to hide in, passing out almost immediately

In chapter twenty-three, as soon as Rule gets to the airport, she calls the man Rawls had told her about to debug her house. He says he'll meet Rule at her house later that night. He goes though Rule's house room by room, then he checks all the phone lines. Her phones are bugged, so she takes him to Lee's house which is also bugged. However, the bugs at Lee's house are not working. The man says that whoever is following Rule is not very good at what they are doing. He would suspect it was an ex-husband or some kind of custody dispute, but since she is already divorced, he didn't know who would be behind it. He offers to follow her to figure out who the man is, but she decides to wait.

In chapter twenty-four, when Helder wakes up on the house boat he changes into his dry clothes from the bag that Mr. Jones had helped him pack, takes a bus to Stockholm, finds a hotel and gets something to eat.

In chapter twenty-five, Rule hears that the CIA has satellite photos of a Soviet plane called a WIG (wing-in-ground). The US did not think the idea would ever work, much less that the Soviets were able to build at least two flyable planes. Rule asks how they know there are only two planes when the mile-long building that houses them only shows about two hundred yards of being used to build the two WIGs. She believes they are simply painting the same two numbers on multiple WIGs.

When Rule gets to work, she finds out that Emilio Appicella, the computer guy who first told them that Firsov and Majorov were one in the same, is going to do more computer work for Majorov at his camp. She gets Appicella's phone number, then tells her boss she is not feeling well and will not be in for the next few days. She makes plans to fly to Rome to meet with Appicella.



## Chapter 21-25 Analysis

Things become more dangerous for Rule when she finds out her house has been bugged, as has Lee's. However, she continues to push her investigation of Majorov. She also lies to Nixon in order to fly to Rome to recruit a possible spy who might give her "eyes on" information. The reader can see how important it is for her to bring down Majorov, perhaps even at the expense of her career.

Helder is simply dealing with the emotional fall-out from his mission, and is waiting for someone from Malibu to make contact with him. Helder uses this time to imagine what life could be like after the mission is over and he has the respect and job security Majorov's has promised.



# Chapter 26- 30

## Chapter 26- 30 Summary

In chapter twenty-six, while Helder is waiting for someone from Malibu to make contact with him, he wanders around the town thinking about Trina. Helder believes if he completes this mission, he can return to Trina. He believes they will be married, and he will take care of her. Part of Helder's legend involved drawing, so he spends the day sketching various places, before deciding to get something to eat. The restaurant is starting to fill up, and the hostess asks Helder if he would mind sharing a table with someone. She seats him with Lee, who has been sailing his friend's boat. The two men talk about where they are from, giving Helder the chance to use his legend. When Helder and Lee are leaving, Helder gives Lee one of his drawings. Lee asks him to sign it before they leave.

In chapter twenty-seven, Rule meets with Appicella and asks him to be her spy at Malibu. She asks him to find out as much as he could about the place that Majorov is staying at and what he is doing there. Appicella says he would be glad to, even offering to take photos if she wants. She is afraid that would be too noticeable. Then the two make plans for when they could meet back up and what they would do if Appicella could not contact Rule personally for some reason. He also gives Rule his user id and password to an offsite file storage facility so that he can pass Rule information.

In chapter twenty-eight, when Helder gets off the Stockholm- Helsinki ferry, Mr. Jones is there to meet him, posing as Helder's uncle. Helder is taken to the Soviet embassy where he is told Majorov is waiting to speak to him via computer. He tells Majorov what happened on the mission, including the death of Sokolov. Then he is taken back to Malibu by airplane. Majorov meets Helder there with a limo, and he questions Helder for more details of what happened on the mission and to Sokolov. The limo takes them to Red Square, where Majorov and Helder meet with the Politburo.

In chapter twenty-nine, Lee calls to make sure Rule is going to be able to meet him in Copenhagen like they planned. Rule tells him she hopes so, but she is not sure. She cannot tell him too much more about Majorov until she knows more. He gives her Senator Carr's personal numbers in case she needs help.

In chapter thirty, Helder listens to Majorov tell about his plan to invade the Swedish. Majorov has been planning the attack on Sweden for years. The submarine running aground in '81 was only the beginning. The chairman tells Majorov that they will not allow him to go forward with his attack if it is not a total surprise. If the Swedish have time to gather their troops, then the attacks are off. Majorov assures him that the Swedish government has no idea what he has planned for them.

When Helder finally returns to Malibu, he finds Trina in his bed where he had hoped she would be; only Trina has been beaten. Majorov threw a party while Helder was gone,



and they passed her around. She was beaten almost to the point of needing medical help. Trina was not expecting Helder back that night; she had only stayed at his house to feel safe. If she had known he would have come home she would have stayed at her own house. She did not want Helder to see her like that.

## Chapter 26- 30 Analysis

These chapters are all about plot movement. Key plot points are revealed, and the major players are being brought together. After Helder's meeting with Lee, Helder finds out the truth behind his mission and more about Majorov's plans. He also discovers the cruelty of Majorov when Helder returns to Malibu to find Trina beaten. At this point, Helder is no longer dealing in suspicions. He knows what Majorov is capable of and what he is planning. Now Helder has a choice to make. Does he continue to follow Majorov's orders or take revenge for Trina's beating?

As for Rule, she finds another ally in Appicella, her new spy inside Malibu, and in Senator Carr, Lee's boss. Rule is hopeful that whatever information Appicella finds will be the proof her superiors need to finally take her seriously and stop Majorov.



# Chapter 31-35

## Chapter 31-35 Summary

In chapter thirty-one, when Appicella gets to Malibu, he is given the tour of where he will be working and living. He notices that Malibu looks very Western, which surprises him. Appicella greets Majorov as Firsov, but Majorov quickly informs Appicella that the people there call him Majorov. After a brief discussion of what Appicella's job will be, Majorov and Appicella turn the talk to women. Majorov offers Appicella company for the night. Appicella asks for Trina, but is told she is not well. He goes to his room where he finds another woman, Olga waiting for him.

In chapter thirty-two, back at Langley, the director is going to be speaking to the Senate Intelligence Committee about a request for funds to expand technology in place of human intelligence. He wants to make sure that his team is behind him when he tells the Senate Intelligence Committee they do not need human intelligence to support what they analyze. While some people clearly do not agree with the director, Rule is the only one who stands up. She gives the director two examples in the past month where human intelligence was needed to verify information found in satellite photos. Her first example was the photo of Malibu and what looked like a training camp. The second example was the photo of the WIG planes the Soviets were building. Rule says that both photos require human beings on site to verify the suppositions the department made and to provide more detail. She says that without human intelligence, there is no way of knowing how many planes the Soviets have made. The director ignores her and dismisses the meeting.

Simon Rule stops her after the meeting with the advice that she resign from the Agency. He calls her insubordinate, and he also mentions her brief trip out of the country. Her frustration with the director and her anger at Simon push her to find out more about Snowflower. When Rule gets to her office, she uses Simon's code, which Rawls had given her, and she discovers that Snowflower was a mission Simon was in charge of where they tried to make the Soviets think that the Swedish government was thinking about joining NATO. Simon thought it would cause the Soviets to move the majority of their fleets to the Eastern Baltic area, away from East Germany.

In chapter thirty-three, while Appicella is working on the computers for Majorov, he comes across a file about the invasion of Sweden. Appicella makes a copy of it, hides it in a pen and then finishes his work for Majorov. When Appicella tells Majorov he is finished and ready to leave, Majorov tells him there are no airplanes available. Majorov would notify Appicella as soon as one is available. Appicella knows this is not true; that he is now a prisoner on this island. He needs to get this information to Rule as soon as possible, so Appicella tells Majorov that he needs to call his office. When Majorov allows Appicella to make the phone call to his office, he tells his secretary he will be staying longer than he had planned. He asks her to call Rule as well, although he does not use





Rule's name. Appicella is hoping that Rule will understand he is being held there and help rescue him.

In chapter thirty-four, Lee is back on the boat alone. After having two beers, he falls asleep. When he wakes up, he is off course. The waves start getting rough while he tries to get back on course. To make matters worse, the mast breaks off and he loses the sail. Luckily, the boat has a motor. He gets the motor running and travels for a bit, and then suddenly the engine stops. He quickly realizes a rope from the broken mast is wrapped around the propeller. Lee can do nothing but drift, and by the looks of it, he is drifting into hostile waters.

In chapter thirty-five, Rule is sent an interoffice envelope containing information on Majorov's promotions. She calls Naval Intelligence and learns that Majorov is in charge of the SPETSNAZ forces, and that the Soviets are currently running interservice maneuvers in the Baltic region. Rule makes a point to tell Nixon all she has learned. She also makes a physical copy of all it, just to cover herself.

## Chapter 31-35 Analysis

In these chapters, the reader finds out more about Rule's precarious position within the CIA. She believes in herself. Rule sees the prejudice in her superiors' behavior, so she gives up playing the game and directly vents her frustrations in a public way by contradicting the director in a meeting. She knows her theory about Majorov is a solid one, but she cannot prove it. She sees the pieces coming together, and she tries once more to convince Nixon. Of course, he does not listen. Rule understands this is a turning point. Her superiors have shown their prejudice towards her clouds their judgment of her theories. It is now time to cover her butt. If she proves them wrong, so much the better.

At the same time, Appicella has found the evidence Rule needs, the only problem is he now has to get the information to her. Majorov has locked down Malibu and is not letting anyone leave, including Appicella. Appicella has no way of knowing if Majorov suspects him of anything, but he knows he has to get out of Malibu one way or another.



# Chapter 36-40

## Chapter 36-40 Summary

In chapter thirty-six, Lee has drifted into Soviet waters. He notices the shore and sends up his last flare. Soon a yellow boat with men in foul weather gear came to his rescue. They end up towing Lee to a dock, asking him to wait while they get their boss. Soon two men, Mr. Kramer and Mr. Mintz, come aboard, Lee feels he knows Kramer. It is clear they are concerned about Lee's identity. After over an hour of questioning, Lee realizes where he's seen Kramer... in Rule's photograph. Kramer is Majorov. Finally Kramer takes his leave. He is going to check Lee's story out, but in the meantime, he will also have someone help repair Lee's boat. Majorov asks Lee to remain on the boat. As Majorov leaves, Lee notices two things. One is an armed guard. The second is Carl Swenson, whom Lee met in Stockholm. Of course Swenson is Helder's legend. Lee knows this is a military training camp of some sort that he has stumbled upon. Lee is ready to get his boat fixed and leave so he can get to Rule and tell her about seeing Majorov, but now he's not so sure Majorov and his people are going to allow him to leave the island.

In chapter thirty-seven, at the same time, Appicella takes advantage of Majorov's distraction with Lee and goes to the computer room. He tells the girl working that he has to test the modem connection and asks her to open a phone line. At first she refuses to open the connection without approval from Majorov, but Appicella tells her to listen in on the phone line during the test. She agrees. Appicella uses the open line to save the information he has gathered to The Source where Rule can access it. He also charms the incoming computer line number from the girl before he goes to the beach to find out the details on the strange new boat.

In chapter thirty-eight, Helder, still coldly angry over the physical state of Trina, arrives in Majorov's office to find Jones and Majorov talking about what to do with Lee. After a brief phone call to verify Lee's story, Helder interrupts to explain his meeting with Lee in Stockholm. This, more than anything else, convinces Majorov that Lee is harmless. Majorov says it is a coincidence that Lee is there, and they should let him go so they can get on with their current mission. Majorov makes the decision to help Lee repair his boat and leave the island. Then the discussion turns to the upcoming invasion. Helder forgets his anger over Trina in his excitement about the new mission. He finds out the mission is happening the next day, and he is expected to run his sub aground.

In chapter thirty-nine, Rule received the telephone call from Appicella, so she checks The Source and finds the communication Appicella left for her. She runs into Rawls in the parking lot, so she asks his advice. She explains the new information she has received, and she tells Rawls she is almost willing to go over the heads of her superiors, directly to the President or to the newspapers. She also informs Rawls that she has a man on the inside of Majorov's camp. Rawls paints Rule a brief picture about what would happen to her if she is wrong; a picture that includes being painted as a



communist spy. Rawls tells her to go on her vacation. He assures her that if something new comes up, he will notify her immediately. She gives him her travel plans, including the name of the hotel where she will be staying. Rawls is surprised to hear Rule has managed to get someone inside Majorov's camp.

In chapter forty, Oskar Oskarsson spends all his days on the water looking for another periscope and talking to his dead grandson, Ebbe. Oskarsson believes Ebbe is there with him looking for these subs.

## Chapter 36-40 Analysis

At this point, Rule has realized that her position in the CIA is not solid. She realizes her superiors are not going to listen to anything she has to say on Majorov at this point, so she contemplates going over their heads, directly to the President or leaking the story to the press. Her main concern, however, is not keeping her job, but stopping Majorov.

The other main players of this story are being moved into position. The reader can see that Appicella, fully aware of what Majorov is planning, is looking for a way off Malibu. Lee is directly interacting with Majorov and drawing the attention of Appicella as well. Lee also makes a discovery about the identity of Helder. Oskarsson is brought back into the picture, and one finds he is looking for revenge. One can see that Oskarsson's mental state has not improved, if anything it has only gotten worse because he now believes his grandson is not dead but with him looking for the subs.

Helder has decided the only way to protect Trina is to complete his mission and hope that Majorov follows through with his promise that Helder's career would be protected. Then he could take Trina away from the likes of men like Majorov forever.



# Chapter 41-45

## Chapter 41-45 Summary

In chapter forty-one, after Majorov's men finish getting Lee's boat fixed, they allow him to leave. Later Lee falls asleep and wakes up to find a stowaway. Appicella had climbed aboard the boat while Majorov's men had taken Lee off the boat to have him sign for the parts they had given him. Appicella knows that Lee may be his last chance to get off the island and get the information to Rule. Appicella wants Lee to take him to Stockholm to call his contact and let her know of Majorov's plans to attack Sweden.

In chapter forty-two, Rule is certain that the Soviets are going to invade Sweden. Proving her theory is more important than meeting Lee in Copenhagen, so Rule calls Senator Carr, Lee's boss, to ask for help. Senator Carr calls Sven Carlsson, the Head of the Chancery at the Swedish Ministry of Defense in Stockholm, and sets up a meeting with Carlsson. Rule tells Carr to set the meeting up under a false name, Brooke Kirkland. Rule is not sure who she can trust at this point and she does not want her boss to find out what she is up to until she is finished. Maybe by that point she will have stopped whatever it is that Majorov is planning.

In chapter forty-three, Helder learns the final phase of his mission. Helder is to sail the submarine aground at Stockholm, and when the Swedish forces come, Helder and his crew are to try and make the Swedish troops fire first on the Soviet subs. If the Swedish troops do not fire on the sub, then Helder is to deploy the "buoy" he planted on his first mission.

While Helder is going over the mission plan, someone comes in and tells Majorov about Appicella being gone. They think that Appicella is with Lee, and Majorov tells them to find them both and kill them. Majorov knows from one of his moles in the CIA that Rule is on her way to Stockholm, and he orders his men to kill Rule at the airport.

In chapter forty-four, Rule gathers all the information on Majorov before leaving to go to Stockholm to meet with Carlsson. Rule understands that she must make Carlsson believe her in order to stop the attack on his country.

In chapter forty-five, when Helder gets on the sub, he sees a man named Kolchak who is not part of the crew, Kolchak has a gun and seems to always stay near Helder. Helder realizes that Kolchak is there to make sure that he follows orders. If Helder does not follow orders, Kolchak is there to kill him.

Something keeps bothering Helder about the "buoy"; finally it becomes clear the buoy is nuclear device. Majorov has been planning on killing all of them if he has to all along.



## Chapter 41-45 Analysis

In these chapters, one can feel the tightening of the noose. Things are quickly heading to a show down. Rule has made her choice to defy her superiors and stop the attack on her own. Her meeting with Carlsson is her last chance to prove that she is correct. Helder realizes that the mission will not be allowed to fail. If Helder is not able to force Sweden to fire on the sub, then Majorov is willing to set off a nuclear bomb. Helder has decided to go along with what Majorov wants him to do because he thinks this is the only way he can protect Trina. Helder believes that if he is successful at this mission, he will be allowed to marry Trina and take her away from Majorov for good. However, it is clear Majorov has no intention of Helder leading any sort of life once this mission is finished, and most likely Helder will not survive.

The reader also learns that not only is Rule's life on the line, but also are Lee and Appicella's. Majorov has learned that the two men are together and may know what his plans for the Swedish are, and Majorov wants all three dead. Majorov has sent someone to the Swedish Embassy to find and kill Rule, which is where she and Lee are now headed. One also learns that Majorov has not one but two people working for him on the inside, one with in the CIA and one working for the Swedish government as well.



# Chapter 46-50

## Chapter 46-50 Summary

In chapter forty-six, Rule stops by Rawls's apartment and tells him she is going to Stockholm to talk to the Swedish government. Rawls tells Rule her plan is risky and that he'll keep his ears open and let her know if he hears anything.

When Rule gets to the airport she notices the same man following her again. Rule hides from him and hits him with her umbrella and drags him into the ladies room. When he comes to, Rule asks him who has hired him to follow her and he tells her it is her ex-husband, Simon Rule. Simon is trying to get any information on Rule so he can use it against her to force her to quit the Agency. Rule leaves the man tied up in the ladies room and calls the police when she is gone to tell them where to find the man.

Helder grounds the submarine at Stockholm, and waits for the Swedish troops to arrive in chapter forty-seven.

In chapter forty-eight, when Rule gets off the airplane there is a man holding a sign that said ' Kirkland' and' Rule'. Rule is immediately suspicious. She did not use the name Rule when setting up the meeting with Carlsson. Before she can decide what to do, another lady asks the man if he is there for her, saying her name is Eleanor Kirkland. The man takes her bags, and they leave. Just as Rule finishes exchanging her money she hears screams, then Rule sees Eleanor Kirkland lying with her throat cut. Rule knows the man killed the wrong woman. Rule quickly gets her bags and heads to her hotel.

When Rule gets to her room, Lee and Appicella are waiting for her.

In chapter forty-nine, it takes almost forty-five minutes before the Swedish troops finally show up. Helder gives the order to send the code FOX, meaning that the Swedish forces had made contact with them. Now Helder and his crew are suppose to wait for the Swedish troops to fire on the sub.

In chapter fifty, Lee and Appicella tell Rule all that they had heard and seen while with Majorov. Rule tells them she believes the Soviets are getting ready to attack the Swedes, when a waiter comes in and turns on the TV. They see the grounded sub, and they know the attacks have already begun.

## Chapter 46-50 Analysis

The story has become very fast paced at this point. Rule has connected with Lee and Appicella, so she knows her theory is correct, but an innocent woman has died. Helder is completing his mission, but he is also spending a lot of time thinking about what the truth behind the mission is and how it will end.



Rule is now preparing for her meeting with Carlsson in hopes that he will take her seriously and stop whatever it is that Majorov has planned for the Swedish people. Rule is fairly certain that Majorov's people are still looking for her, but she has no idea that they are also looking for Lee and Appicella.



# Chapter 51-55

## Chapter 51-55 Summary

In chapter fifty-one, Majorov talks to his people who are looking for Rule and they tell Majorov they killed Rule at the airport. Majorov tells them to make sure Rule is dead. They also talk about the transmission from the submarine and that the Swedish troops have finally arrived at the sub. Then Majorov asks about Lee and Appicella and he tells his people to keep a look out for them at the Embassy.

Meanwhile in chapter fifty-two, in Copenhagen, Appicella, Lee and Rule go to one of Appicella's friend's computer shops and Appicella uses a computer to get Rule the information he stole from Majorov about the invasion. Then Appicella begins working on uploading the spy device he has attached to Majorov's computer while Rule and Lee go to see Mr. Carlsson at the Ministry of Defense.

When Rule and Lee get to Mr. Carlsson's office, they show Carlsson the papers Appicella had gotten from Majorov's computer about the attack on Sweden. Carlsson tells Rule and Lee that he will take care of letting the necessary people know and tells them he will have his car take them back to the hotel. When Rule sees the driver of the car Carlsson has called for, she realizes the driver is the same man who killed the woman in the airport earlier that day.

Oskar Oskarsson hears about the grounded sub and takes off in his boat to go to find it in chapter fifty-three.

In chapter fifty-four, Lee asks a man standing by the back door if Carlsson has a car and driver and is told Carlsson does not. Lee and Rule tell the man who they are and why they are there to see Carlsson. Rule tells the man at the door that the man in the chauffeur's uniform is the same man who killed a woman at the airport this morning mistaking thinking the woman was her. Rule and Lee talk to the Captain of the Navy and they show the captain the papers they have about the attack on Sweden. While Rule and Lee are telling the captain all of this and the captain is trying to verify Rule and Lee's story, Carlsson comes in with a gun. After a brief scuffle, they are able to get the gun from Carlsson and tie him up. Then the captain sounds the alarms and lets all the armed forces know what is happening.

In chapter fifty-five, Majorov receives word that the Swedish Army knows what he's up to, and instead of calling off the entire mission like he was told to do, Majorov sends word for Helder to detonate the nuclear device.

## Chapter 51-55 Analysis

After her meeting with Carlsson, Rule and Lee have found out that Carlsson is in fact Majorov's mole in the Swedish government. However, stopping Carlsson will not be





enough to stop the attack. As Rule and Lee are heading to the submarine standoff, Oskarsson is at the same time speeding towards Helder and his crew. Oskarsson's only thought is stopping the subs, and vindicating his dead grandson.

Helder has finally realized there is no way he will be able to protect Trina and fulfill his mission. He is also thinking about how his parents would feel if they knew he was helping take over a country, just like their own country was taken over many years ago by the same government.

Meanwhile, Majorov is watching TV and he sees the Swedish troops pull back and realizes the Swedes know what is going on and Majorov sends word for Helder to activate the nuclear devise.



# Chapter 56-61

## Chapter 56-61 Summary

In chapter fifty-six, Helder realizes that the Swedish troops are backing off, and Majorov and Kolchak order Helder to fire on the Swedish boats, but Helder refuses to give the order. Helder instead orders his crew to send up the white flag. As Helder orders one of his men to send up the white flag, Helder and Kolchak get into an argument about it and Kolchak fires his gun at Helder, grazing the side of Helder's head.

At that exact same time, Rule is watching from a helicopter and she can see Oskarsson in his boat racing toward the sub. Oskarsson hit the sub just as Kolchak's shot grazes Helder's head and Oskarsson is firing his shotgun at the crew as he drives his boat into the side of the sub. Helder was only hit in the side of his neck and face, Kolchak was killed by Oskarsson's shotgun. When everything is over, Helder once again gives the order for his crew to send up the white flag.

In chapter fifty-seven, Majorov is watching all of this at Malibu on the TV as it is happening and sees Helder send up the white flag. Majorov is mad because he thinks Jones failed to send the signal for Helder to activate the nuclear device. Majorov, Jones and Trina all watch as Helder is taken off the sub on a stretcher. Majorov finally realizes that Helder has disobeyed his order to detonate.

In chapter fifty-eight, Helder is taken to a beach house in Hoggarn where Rule and Will are waiting for him. Lee recognizes him as the man he sat with and who gave him the painting. Lee calls Helder by his real name, not by the identity Helder gave him. When Helder asks how Lee knew his name, Lee tells him that when Helder had signed the painting he signed it ' Helder ' instead of his identity name, Carl Swenson. Helder tells them about the bomb, but tells them he doesn't think it can be activated.

In chapter fifty-nine, Trina Ragulin sees Helder being taken off in the stretcher and knows he won't be coming back for her, so she takes a gun and kills Jones then Majorov, and then Trina kills herself.

In chapter sixty, when Rule goes back to the hotel, Appicella has a gift for her. He has been working on Majorov's computer and Appicella has found out who the mole in the CIA is. Appicella hands all the paper work over to Rule. Rule calls the director and tells him she needs to have a meeting with him and Alan Nixon, Ed Rawls, and Simon Rule.

In chapter sixty-one, when Rule arrives in New York for her meeting with the director and the rest of the men, she tells the FBI agents to come with her, that there will be an arrest that needs to be made. When Rule gets into the meeting, she tells them that Ed Rawls has been working with the Soviets all along, and that Rawls is Majorov's mole in the Agency. Then after Rawls is arrested and taken out, Rule tells the other men that she insists that they leave the Agency too. She tells them if they don't she will go the



press and tell them how the men tried to keep her from finding out what Majorov was up to. The men reluctantly agree.

## Chapter 56-61 Analysis

Helder decides that he would rather save this country the same fate that his family's country suffered under the Soviet's, and throws up the white flag. In the heat of all that's happening on board the submarine, no one notices Oskarsson preparing to ram his boat into the sub. As all this happens, Kolchak is killed, allowing Helder to surrender to the Swedish forces.

When Trina sees Helder being carried out of the sub, she knows there is no hope of the life they had planned together. Trina has been Majorov's punching bag long enough, and when she sees the gun left on the table she knows this is her only way out, even if it means she has to die in the process. Trina also knows that Majorov is so mad at Helder that he won't stop until Helder is dead. With this final act, Trina frees both herself and the man she loves from Majorov. This is the last the reader hears of Majorov and Trina, the CIA doesn't know that they are dead.

After everything is settled in Stockholm, Rule returns with the information Appicella had given her on the mole in the CIA. When Rule tells them Ed Rawls was the mole and had been working for Majorov and the Soviets for years now, they are stunned. But even more, she calls for their resignations. The men know they have let their personal feelings get in the way of what Rule has been trying to tell them, and rather than have her go to the press and tell everyone the whole story, the men agree to Rule's conditions.



# Characters

## Katherine Rule

Katherine Rule is a CIA agent in charge of Soviet Office of the Directorate of Intelligence. She was married to Simon Rule who is now her boss's boss and is trying to get her to quit her job with the CIA to stay home and take care of their son.

Katherine has just started dating Will Lee, an assistant to Senator Carr, a Democrat from Georgia. She is trying to find out more information on a Roy Firsov, a Soviet who they had little intel on. She believed that he was up to something big, but just couldn't prove it. Once while they were interviewing an Italian who worked on Majorov computers, they asked him to look at some photos. They didn't have any photos of Majorov, but when this Italian saw a photo of Firsov, he identified him as Majorov. This made Rule even more convinced that there was something worth looking into where Majorov was concerned.

Rule follows leads and her gut from New York to Rome and then to Stockholm, only to find that she has been betrayed by one of her oldest and closest friends. The one person she was leaning on the most during this whole time, Ed Rawls. But thanks to her boyfriend Will and the Italian, Emilio Appicella, she is able to alert the Swedish government just in time to stop this attack from happening.

## Jan Helder

Jan Helder is a Soviet soldier who is training under Majorov to launch the attack on the Swedish government. Helder is sent to a training camp called Malibu for some sort of mission he isn't given the details of. He is given a new identity he is supposed to learn.

Helder falls in love with a woman who is also on the base called Malibu. She is a gymnast, and is there for the men who come and go from the training camp. Helder is trying to find some way that the two of them can be together after this mission is over. He believes that if he completes it that Majorov will give him whatever he wants, and he wants Trina.

When he does learn part of his mission, he learns it involves working with an inexperienced woman who thinks she knows more than she does. Helder is not sure why she is part of his mission, but asks that she is removed from it. He is told no, and the mission goes on as planned with her as his only crew on a two-man submarine. When the submarine is hit with a depth charge, the woman flips out and tries to kill Helder and he is forced to kill her. Helder finishes this mission, but there is still one more to go.

When Helder finally realizes what his final mission is, it's almost too late to back out. He is suppose to run his submarine aground and force the Swedish army to fire on him. If



he cannot do this he is suppose to fire the mine that he planted on his first mission, and it will make a tidal wave and destroy most of the coast and make it easier for the Soviets to invade. It will also kill all on the submarine. Will thinks back to his own family and what his mother would think if she knew what he were doing. He raises the white flag and surrenders.

Once he is in custody, he tells Will and Rule about the mine, and he tells them he will do what he has to do not to go back to the Soviet Union.

## **Viktor Majorov**

Majorov is the head of the training camp called Malibu. He is also known as Roy Firsov. He is the man Rule is looking for; she has a lot of information about him but nothing that ties him to anything big because he is always changing his name.

## **Emilio Appicella**

Emilio is an Italian computer whiz who is helping Kate get information on Majorov. While finding the info she asked for, he is detained. He makes his escape on a boat which, as it turns out, is being sailed by Kate's boyfriend Will Lee. Emilio not only gets the information to convince the Swedish government that Kate is telling the truth but he also hacks into Majorov's computers so that the U S can see everything he does.

## **Will Lee**

Will Lee is an assistant to Senator Carr, and is also Kate's boyfriend. While Will is sailing a boat for a friend, he is stranded and ends up on the island where Majorov is training his soldiers and is keeping Emilio. Emilio hides out on Will's boat and Will takes him to Stockholm where they meet up with Kate and help her tell the Swedish government all that is going on.

## **Alan Nixon**

Alan Nixon is Kate's boss and he also answers to her ex-husband Simon.

## **Simon Rule**

Simon Rule is Kate Rule's ex-husband and also the Deputy Director for Operations.



## **Ed Rawls**

Ed Rawls is an old friend of Kate's and is helping her get the information she needs to convince the higher ups that she is right about her intel. He is also the mole that is helping the Soviets.

## **Sven Carlsson**

Sven Carlsson is the man that Kate goes to see in Stockholm. He is the Head of Chancery at the Swedish Ministry of Defense. Senator Carr set up the meeting. He is the mole in the Swedish government for the Soviets.

## **Trina Ragulin**

She is one of the girls at the training camp known as Malibu. She is also the girlfriend of Jan Helder, and the one who kills Majorov.

## **Oskar Oskarsson**

Oskarsson is an old fisherman who loses most of his hand and his grandson in the first chapter of the book to a Soviet submarine. He spends the rest of the book looking for the subs. He is also the one who runs his boat into the grounded sub to help capture Helder and his crew.

## **Valerie Sokolov**

Valerie Sokolov is Helder's one and only crewmate in his mission to plant the missile off the shore of Stockholm. Helder kills her when she flips out and tries to strangle him when their mission takes a turn for the worse.

## **Mr. Jones**

Mr. Jones is the legend maker for the Soviet army. He is also the man Trina shoots along with Majorov.



# Objects/Places

## Malibu

Malibu is where Majorov is training for the attack on the Swedish. It is where Helder is stationed and where he meets Trina. This also where Emilio gets on the boat with Will.

## CIA Headquarters Langley, Virginia

CIA Headquarters is where Kate, Simon, Alan Nixon, and Ed Rawls work.

## Stockholm

Stockholm is where Kate meets Will and Emilio and she goes to tell Sven about the plan to attack the Swedish government.

## Rome

Rome is where Kate goes to meet with Emilio Appicella about getting information on Majorov.

## The Airport Bathroom

The airport bathroom is where she beat up the guy who had been following her. He was a private eye working for her ex-husband, Simon.

## New York

Some where close to New York is where Kate Rule met with Malakhov about Majorov.

## Houseboat

The houseboat is where Helder slept and hid out after his first mission when he had to kill Sokolov.

## The Lady Hamilton

The Lady Hamilton is the hotel Helder stayed at the first night after his first mission while he was waiting to be brought back to Malibu.



## **Beach House in Hoggarn**

This is where Lee and Rule were brought after Helder was taken off the submarine. This is where Helder told them about the mine he had put off the shore earlier.

## **The Soviet Union**

The Soviet Union is who is launching the attack on the Swedish government.





# Themes

## Betrayal

Betrayal is a key component of the spy genre. The author of this novel keeps up the tradition with the character of Ed Rawls. Rawls uses his friendship with Rule to undermine her in two significant ways. In a more direct way, Rawls betrays Rule by passing critical information about the investigation directly to Majorov.

In a more ruthless manner, Rawls betrays Rule by undermining her position and influence within the CIA. He shows support directly to Rule by helping her with computer access and setting up an interview, in secret, with a double agent. However, in doing these things, he is actually setting her up. He tells her superiors about her unauthorized meeting with the double agent, and also says her theories about Majorov are unsupported by facts, and that she should not be allowed to continue the investigation. Rawls is doing everything he can behind her back to get her fired, but then as far as she knows, he's the only one she can trust with all her secrets. Betrayal is a cruel thing and happens often in life. The author portrays it very well in this book through the character of Rawls. This sensitive issue is turned into a very prominent point in this stunning look into the lives of spies.

## Respect

Respect plays an important part in Rule's relationship with the other characters in this novel. Her desire to prove herself to her superiors, against her ex-husband's manipulation and the undermining of Rawls, force her to make decisions against orders. She is willing to risk her career to prove her theories are correct, thus gaining the respect of her superiors and peers.

There are various other displays of respect or lack of respect scattered throughout the book. Some have little or no consequences, such as the lack of military rank within the SPETSNAZ camp, or "Malibu." Others play a more important role in understanding the characters. Take, for example, the relationship between Helder and Sokolov. When they are on land, she is disrespectful, constantly contradicting Helder to his superiors and never acknowledging his rank. However, once in the mini-sub, she becomes respectful and refers to him as Captain. This causes Helder to rethink his order to kill her if their mission fails. Showing respect is a huge and very important thing. It takes a very big person to show the kind of respect portrayed in this book. Also, the representation of lack of respect is huge. Not respecting someone who deserves it is a large mistake in even the smallest instances. It shows how very little character a person can have.



## Protection

Two main types of protection are illustrated in this novel; personal protection and national protection. Both types are found in the story of Helder. He falls in love with Trina who relies on him to protect her from Majorov. Yet in the critical moments of the story, he chooses to protect the rights of a nation to be free over the protection he promised Trina. When Helder realizes what Majorov's plan is, he remembers his family was once from a country not unlike Sweden before the Soviets invaded it. Helder knew at that moment he could not be a part of this act and made a choice to save this country even though it would mean he could not protect the one he loved. This choice saves Sweden, and also saves other countries from being taken over by Majorov, because Trina sees the choice Helder makes. She knows her love cannot save her, so she protects herself the only way she knows how, by killing Majorov and then herself. The characters in this book show so much passion for the people and things that they love. One's life or status seems so unimportant to them when the safety of the things and people they love is at stake. Complete selflessness is hard to come by, but some of the characters in this book portray it in a fantastic way. Helder eventually agreed to help the CIA and the Swedish troops find the nuclear device he had planted with Sokolov in return for never having to return to the Soviet Union again.



# Style

## Point of View

The point of view of this novel is third person. This point of view makes the novel easier to read because the reader not only knows what the characters are saying but also what they are thinking and feeling. It also helps to make the novel flow easier between the two characters even though the events are happening in different countries. The point of view helps the reader unravel the details as the main character is also doing the same thing.

The story is mostly told from the narrator's point of view, with a little conversation scattered through. This helps the reader because the author moves between chapters telling the story from each person's point of view. Where one chapter focuses on Rule and her investigation into what Majorov is up to now and what the new satellite photos mean, the next chapter will tell about Helder's training and working with Mr. Jones; meanwhile, the next chapter may talk about Oskarsson and why he is so obsessed with looking for the periscopes. If not for this point of view, the reader could not move so quickly and fluidly from chapter to chapter with no need for back stories to keep the reader up to date.

## Setting

One of the settings of this novel is a training camp run by Majorov called 'Malibu'. It is a military training camp for the SPETSNAZ, the naval special forces. Helder is brought there for training for a mission is not told what that mission is. Malibu is made to look like a sports training camp from any kind of aerial view, or if someone was to come across it by mistake. The soldiers are to wear civilian clothes when outside, or sports clothing.

Helder spends all of his time here while learning his new identity and waiting to find out what his mission will be. This is also where Will's boat ends up when he gets stranded and Majorov and his men help him. Emilio is here at the same time, working on Majorov's computers and hiding out on Will's boat while no one is looking.

Langley, Virginia is also another setting in this novel. Langley is where Katherine Rule, the main character of this novel lives and works, as do her ex-husband Simon Rule and her co-workers Ed Rawls, and Alan Nixon. It is the CIA Headquarters.

## Language and Meaning

The language of this novel is not exceptional in and of itself. It is written in a very modern, very unexceptional style, which allows the reader to focus on the action and the flow of the story, not the words themselves. Readers are not overwhelmed with



deciphering or translating the language. This brings out the strength of the characterization and the plot movement.

Woods does not use unnecessary accents or spy jargon in his text, which can force readers to focus on the sounds of the accents or struggle to understand the words themselves. This is a frequent characteristic of spy novels, and it is a refreshing change. Woods also tends to focus on action, not scenery. He does not provide multiple descriptions of places or things that are secondary to the story itself, allowing the reader to get caught up in the plot and the characters themselves.

Woods reinforces this modern style of language by interjecting events in the text, such as the "Whiskey-on-the-rocks incident in 1981" or the references to the characters' pasts, which gives the reader a time frame of the story without a specific statement as to the time line of the novel. By referencing the past with general dates and events, Woods allows the reader to pay attention to the story itself without being bogged down by too many details and facts.

## Structure

This novel is comprised of sixty-one chapters; each chapter is about eight to ten pages long. However, some chapters are only one page in length. Each chapter has only a number instead of a name. The chapters are devoted to a character in the novel and what is happening to that person. The events happen very quickly.

The plot of this novel is how the main character Katherine Rule is trying to find the proof that the Soviets are planning to attack Sweden. The more information she gets to prove the theory the more flack she gets from within her own agency. Rule isn't sure if this is just her ex-husband trying to make her look foolish so she'll quit her job and stay home with their son, like he wants, or if there is more to it.

As Rule turns to an old friend for help, she learns that all her suspicions are not only true, but that the Soviets have moles in the Swedish government and in her own CIA. Now, with the help of her new boyfriend and a handsome Italian named Emilio, she will prove that her old friend is helping the Soviets and put a stop to the attack against the Swedes.

This novel is a very quick read due to the author's ability to keep the reader interested in the novel. The novel is very easy to read and very easy to follow due to fact that one can get the point of view of different people's lives that are all happening at the same time. The novel is has no flashbacks or back-stories to make it difficult to understand.



## Quotes

"Then all was suddenly, impossibly quiet. The boat came immediately to a stop and bobbed in the light sea." Chap. 1, p. 7

"What had fooled him was that the entire shelter had raised edges and the roof held a foot or two of water. Bloody clever. Helder thought. In a satellite photograph, the building would appear to be part of the bay." Chap. 2, p. 15

"Really Mr. Lee, do you think you can tempt me into an illicit relationship with delicacies?" Chap. 3, p. 39

"Once the opposition has seen these new weapons used, they will fear you as they have never feared anything else in their lives." Chap. 9, p. 83

"In the sub, under water, Sokolov was afraid, and she did not seem to be overcoming it as the training progressed. Helder was afraid of her fear." Chap. 14, p. 111

"We liked both of them, but, apart from bumping into him at a couple of diplomatic cocktail parties, we never really saw anything of them. Soviet diplomats don't mix much, as you know." Chap. 17, p. 128

"He is the sort of man who will either achieve everything, or destroy himself trying. He is not without his faults, if the rumors mean anything." Chap. 21, p. 164

"He was a caricature of everything Hollywood believed about Italian men, and she wished forlornly that she was having lunch with him, instead of some half-baked computer pirate, who, she knew would turn up in a wrinkled polyester suit with a lot of pens stuck in the jacket pocket." Chap. 27, p. 200

"You are digging your own grave here. Get out while you can still do it with some remaining shred of an honorable career. You owe your son that much." Chap. 32, p. 233

"To admit that the Soviets are about to act would be to admit that the Agency may have provoked their action." Chap. 42, p. 293

"Senator, I am thirty-five years old, and I hold the Soviet Office of the Directorate of Intelligence. I am the youngest person to do so, and I am a woman. Does that answer your question?" Chap. 42, p. 294

"I still have Ferret in Washington, and I have run him personally. Ferret alone, with his high position in the CIA, would be enough to guarantee any man's career. I will survive and prosper, Jones, and I will take you with me, fear not." Chap. 59, p. 383



## Topics for Discussion

What was SPETSNAZ?

Why was the training camp called Malibu? And why was that important?

Who was following Rule, and why?

Why does Rule go to Stockholm to meet Will? And who set up the meeting there?

Why did Oskarsson drive his boat into the submarine?

What lead Trina Ragulin to take the action she did in chapter fifty-nine? Why did she feel she had no other choose?

Who was code name Ferret, and who was Seal? And what was their purpose?