

Executive Power Study Guide

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Plot Summary

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Mitch Rapp is a person who never wanted to be in the media spotlight. He is a covert operative for the Central Intelligence Agency and the best counter terrorism agent they have. But his cover was blown during his director, Irene Kennedy's, confirmation hearing and President Hayes acknowledged his role in the fight against terrorism. This made him a well known media figure and a target for the terrorist world. He married Anna and became an advisor for the CIA, having a desk job that is supposed to keep him off of the front lines, but this doesn't last for long.

A security breach leads to the ambush of a Navy SEALs team performing a rescue mission in the Philippines. Other events result in a massive terrorist plan masterminded by a man known as David and financed by the wealthy Saudi Prince Omar. These events pull Rapp away from his desk job and put him back on the front lines, much to the anger of his new wife.

The CIA quickly uncovers the bureaucrats involved in the high level security leak that led to the ambush and death of the Navy SEALs. Rapp and other in the administration are infuriated by the situation, and Rapp flies to the Philippines to handle the situation. While this is taking place, the plans of David and Prince Omar being to play out. Bombs explode at the high level meeting of terrorists in Hebron, moments before an Israeli Apache helicopter missile attack. The Israelis claimed there was a terrorist bomb factory and the attack brings them condemnation from the world. Then the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations and the Saudi ambassador are killed on American soil. All of this is right before a critical vote on a French resolution for a free independent Palestine. The United States is put in a very bad position. It is up to Mitch Rapp and his director, Irene Kennedy, to find out who is behind all of this.

Vince Flynn writes an exciting novel. The fast paced action of the novel will hold the reader's interest. The reader will find it difficult to put the book down once he/she begins reading it. *Executive Power* is well worth the time spent reading.



Prelude, Chapters 1-5

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In chapter one, White House correspondent Anna Reilly is on her Caribbean honeymoon with Mitch Rapp, a CIA operative. They had been married in a ceremony at the White House, and the event was kept out of the papers. They had traveled to the Caribbean in a private jet, using the names Troy and Betsy Harris. They had a deal that Anna would not pry into details about the CIA.

In chapter two, Devolis and his men are heading to Dinagat Island to rescue the Anderson family that had been kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf, a radical Muslim group. Their job is to recon the camp for the men on the USS Belleau Wood, which is fifteen miles off shore. Devolis and his men are fired upon as soon as they reach the beach. Devolis calls the boat to send an evacuation vehicle for them. They have walked into an ambush.

Chapter three takes place in Monte Carlo, with David riding in a launch. He is riding to the yacht of Prince Omar, his partner, and is greeted by the Prince's assistant, Devon LeClair.

Chapter four has Dr. Irene Kennedy, the director of the CIA, working late at her office. She is reading various intelligence reports, including one about the failed mission at Dinagat Island. She is determined to make an example of whomever compromised the mission. She has the names of the two involved bureaucrats. Kennedy already has an assignment for Mitch Rapp when he returns from his honeymoon.

Chapter five has David eating breakfast on the yacht, waiting for the prince to appear. They are in the final stages of preparation for their grand plan and David plans on requesting a large fee. When the prince appears, they discuss the plan and David tells him that it will begin within one week and that he needs ten million dollars. He promises the prince the destruction of Israel.

Prelude, Chapters 1-5 Analysis

Lieutenant Devolis and his men walk into an ambush when they land at Dinagat Island. Their was a secret mission to rescue hostages. The Philippine government didn't even know about the mission, but somehow they were betrayed and waited for. Devolis has no way of knowing where the security leak is.



The marriage of NBC White House correspondent Anna Reilly to CIA covert agent Mitch Rapp takes place in secret. Rapp is widely recognized among the various terrorist groups and is a marked man. At this point, not much is known about the character, but the reader has to wonder how he can effectively function as an operative if he is so widely recognized.

David is a hired assassin working on a plan with his benefactor, Prince Omar. Omar is a wealthy Middle East prince who supports terrorist causes. Not much information is revealed about the plan except that it will begin that week. David promises the destruction of Israel.



Chapters 6-10

Chapters 6-10 Summary

Alan Church is a retired British mechanical engineer. After building hydroelectric power plants around the world, he went to work for the British Secret Service and was placed in a position at one of England's banks, where he could monitor the finances of the House of Saud. He is sitting on a sailboat in Monte Carlo harbor, ostensibly reading the paper. In actuality, he is monitoring the conversation between David and Prince Omar. Allan is friendly with the crew of the prince's yacht. His orders were to follow and monitor the Prince.

Chapter seven finds Mitch on his way to a meeting at the White House. He is not happy with the information he has learned since returning to Washington.

Chapter eight takes place in Amman, Jordan, which is the espionage center of the Middle East. This is where David meets his Iraqi contact for which he is wearing a disguise, as well as a keffiyeh. The bloodshed was supposed to begin that evening. David meets General Hamza, who has two suitcases full of money for Hamas and Hezbollah. This is David's fee. General Hamza wants to cut David's fee.

In chapter nine, Rapp arrives at the White House for his meeting with Kennedy and the president. He is unhappy to find Valerie Jones, a White House staffer there. They begin by discussing the failed mission in the Philippines. Kennedy produces documents showing the security breach in the form of email between the State Department and the embassy in Manila. Kennedy also produces evidence of a phone call from the ambassador to the president of the Philippines. The ambassador then met with the president, after which President Quirino called General Moro, who had promised to track Abu Sayyef and free the hostages. Kennedy says that they think the general has been bribed. They have a heated discussion over how to handle the situation.

In chapter ten, David concludes in meeting with General Hamza. He removes his disguise and changes clothes after the meeting. He knew of the general's penchant for young girls and that one had been abducted earlier that day. This infuriates David. He breaks into Hamza's room and kills his guards. He plans to kill Hamza and free the young girl.

Chapters 6-10 Analysis

Unknown to both Prince Omar and David, their conversation is being monitored and recorded by Alan Church for the British Secret Service. The strange politics of the Middle East has members of the royal family supporting terrorist groups at times, which is why MI6 is monitoring the financial activities of the House of Saud. Church doesn't know who David is.



Kennedy and Rapp have a meeting at the White House. Kennedy has documentation that Cox and Petry in the State Department are responsible for the breach in security that led to the bungled rescue mission and the death of two SEALs. Rapp, who has been on the front lines of the intelligence business, has no use for politics and vows to bring down the people involved in the security breach.

David has his meeting in Amman with his Iraqi contact General Hamza. David does not like Hamza or his penchant for young girls. He doesn't like anyone who exploits and abuses the weak. David walks in on Hamza with the young girl and kills his bodyguard. He wants revenge against Hamza and what he is doing to the girl.



Chapters 11-15

Chapters 11-15 Summary

Valerie complains to the president after Rapp leaves, saying that Rapp doesn't see the implications for the presidency that the scandal will cause. It will cause trouble for the president's re-election. Kennedy agrees, but says there is nothing they can do about it. Too many people already know what has happened. Jones loses her battle over keeping a lid on the situation.

In chapter twelve, David knows he should have just killed Hamza and left the little girl for the police to deal with, but he didn't. He ties Hamza to the bed and cuts out his tongue. Then he shoves a handful of counterfeit bills in Hamza's mouth. When Hamza sees the bills, he knows the masked man is David, who then cuts off his genitals. Instead of killing him, David decides to leave him there bleeding.

Chapter thirteen has Mitch Rapp explaining his plan for General Moro to the president and the others. Rapp will visit Moro in the Philippines. They discuss whether or not to eliminate him, and the president says he will give his decision in a few days. Kennedy stays behind to talk to the president.

In chapter fourteen, David is in Jerusalem for a meeting with the Mossad. He is using his name of Jabril Khatabi. He goes to visit Monsignor Lavin at the Vatican Bank branch. The priest leads him to a room where Abe Spielman is. David tells him there will be a meeting the next night and gives him a list of names of the terrorists who will be attending. The Mossad knew that David raised money with the various terrorist groups. He asks for the Mossad to supply him with two attache cases.

In chapter fifteen, Rapp is on his way to the Philippines for his operation on Moro. Anna does not know what his true mission is. Scott Coleman is with him as a freelancer for the CIA. He figures out that the target is Moro.

Chapters 11-15 Analysis

Rapp eventually receives approval for his plan against Moro. Presidential Chief of Staff Valerie Jones loses her battle to try to keep the situation quiet. The others at the meeting want revenge against the people involved in the security breach. It takes Kennedy to talk the president into approving Rapp's plan for dealing with Moro. Rapp doesn't tell Anna any of the details of his assignment. She is more or less under the impression that he has a desk job. It is possible that their careers and his lies by omission could eventually place a strain on their marriage.

David's mother was a doctor who instilled in him a dislike for abuse and exploitation of the weak by taking him to the camps when he was a child. This is why David reacted so violently to Hamza's abuse of little girls. David's professional instincts as a killer told him



to just kill Hamza and leave. But he didn't. His disgust for Hamza's treatment of the girl made him want revenge. He wanted to see Hamza suffer, so he mutilated him and left him tied to the bed in the hotel room. David's meeting with the Mossad agent suggests that he is playing many different angles and makes the reader wonder where his true allegiances are. Is he really trying to protect Prince Omar?



Chapters 16-20

Chapters 16-20 Summary

Rapp's plane lands at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines. A black Continental limousine is waiting for them, along with Lieutenant General Sergio Rizal, who is the head of the Philippines army. Rizal reads the file and concludes that General Moro is a traitor. Rapp suggests they court martial Moro, but the scandal would be bad for the country. Rapp explains his plan to Rizal.

In chapter seventeen, the plane that brought Rapp to Clark Air Force Base flies Coleman and his men to Samar Island, where they land on an airstrip owned by a Japanese businessman who isn't in residence at the time. A helicopter lands to pick them up.

In chapter eighteen, when David returns to Monsignor Lavin's office, David finds that Abe Spielman has Ben Freidman with him. Freidman, the head of Mossad, wanted more information on the meeting of terrorists to be held that evening and wanted to know how David fit in. Freidman gives him the attache case with the C-4 plastique explosive. A digital Casio watch will function as a detonator. David warns the Israelis against following him and trying to detonate the devices on their own. When Spielman asks him why he wants to do it, he says that those men attending the meeting didn't want peace. There will be nothing but hatred and death as long as they are leaders.

Chapter nineteen finds Coleman's men and the helicopter heading for Dinagat Island. They plan to be a mile from the camp by sunup. At the designated spot, the men use ropes to reach the ground, which takes ten seconds.

Rapp travels to General Moro's camp in a Philippine Army helicopter with an aide of General Rizal. McMahon, of the FBI, was in place to arrest Ambassador Cox and Coleman and his team were in place for the rescue of the hostages.

In chapter twenty, David, carrying the two attache cases, follows the directions he was given for the meeting. The participants wanted the cash he was bringing to them. He knew that the Mossad knew that security at the meeting would find the explosives. He also knew that the Mossad wasn't going to trust him with fourteen pounds of C-4. As he is walking, a van pulls over and picks him up.

Chapters 16-20 Analysis

Both Rapp and David's plans are underway in this section. Rapp's exact plans for General Moro are not spelled out, except that they have plans to kill him. He is accompanied to Moro's camp by an aide to Rizal. Rizal is worried about letting Rapp go in alone. It is hoped that Rizal will be able to maintain order among Moro's troops if something goes wrong, although how much could one man do in the case of trouble.



The plan is well coordinated, with FBI agent McMahon standing by to arrest Ambassador Cox and Coleman's team prepared to rescue the hostages.

David is not happy to find Ben Freidman, the head of the Mossad, waiting for him with Abe Spielman. They have provided him with the two attache cases packed with C-4 that he requested. He will not be specific about his plans or where the meeting is. They all know that he can't get the attache cases through their security. David feels that the Mossad will follow him, trying to find the location of the meeting. He also knows that they can detonate the explosives. The reader has to wonder what the plans of each are and why they would trust one another.



Chapters 21-25

Chapters 21-25 Summary

For Coleman's team, the going is slow and Coleman wonders if they would be in position by sunup. Wicker, one of the team, signals that there is something ahead. They find men talking in the remoteness of the jungle. Coleman remembered the SEALs and wonders how this mission could have been compromised. Coleman and Wicker watch as a man in night vision goggles approaches and gives them orders. Coleman has his finger on the trigger of his MP-10 rifle.

In chapter twenty-two, Coleman watches as a family of five Caucasians are marched across the bridge, tied together. Coleman wonders what to do. They are supposed to be at the top of the hill but the hostages they are looking for are right in front of them.

David's journey continues in chapter twenty-three. They travel to different cities, changing cars in each. David only knows that the meeting will be after dark. He doesn't know where. They finally arrive at a place some where on the West Bank, and David recognizes Hassan Rasia from Palestinian General Intelligence as one of the men standing outside. The men know and do not like one another.

Freidman views the meeting as a chance to get even with men who have killed hundreds of Israelis. He has had homing devices hidden in the attache cases. They transmit their position every five minutes to Freidman and his staff.

In chapter twenty-four, Rapp is greeted by Moro's aide-de-camp, who takes them to the general. Moro knows who Rapp is as soon as they are introduced. Rapp says that he knows things about Moro that the Philippines government doesn't know.

Coleman has decided to split his team, sending two men to track the terrorists. The others go with him to meet Rapp.

Chapter twenty-five has David in Hebron, arriving at the meeting site. He passes the search by opening the suitcases and showing them the money. David knows most of the men at the meeting and is warmly greeted by Mohammed Atwa, head of the Palestinian General Intelligence. Atwa tells David how the money is to be distributed, then he and David go outside to Atwa's Mercedes.

Chapters 21-25 Analysis

Coleman has to make a quick decision when he sees the terrorist marching the Anderson family. Should he and the men try to rescue them, or should he go on to meet Rapp as they had planned? As former SEAL, he was trained to make decisions under pressure. He decides to split his team, sending two men to track the terrorist, and takes the others with him to meet Rapp. Only time will tell if he made the right decision.



David finally arrives at the site of the terrorist meeting in Hebron. He passes the security check by opening the suitcases and showing the guards the money. He doesn't know that the Mossad has homing devices hidden in the suitcase. David is relieved when he and Mohammed Atwa go outside to Atwa's Mercedes to talk. The Israelis could detonate the devices at any time. David does not seem to be worried about Atwa.



Chapters 26-30

Chapters 26-30 Summary

Rapp tells Moro that he wants Abu Sayyef crushed, and if he has to pay someone to do it, he is willing to do so. Rapp says they know about his bank accounts in Hong Kong and Jakarta and that he has been paid by the Chinese and Abu Sayyef. Rapp shows Moro the file they have on him. Moro then wants to know who in the Philippines knows and wants to know if Barboza, the man that Rizal sent along, knows. Rapp says no. The conversation changes to how much money Rapp will pay for the return of the American hostages. As they talk, Rapp decides the murder will have to look like a suicide as Moro tries to push the amount higher. Rapp finally agrees to three hundred thousand dollars. As he is reaching for his gun, he freezes with indecision and Moro notices the change in his demeanor.

In chapter twenty-seven, Coleman reaches the top of the mountain and finds Wicker. They can see Moro's tent. Wicker feels he can make the sniper shot.

In chapter twenty-eight, the Mossad has located the site of the meeting. They are considering how to handle the situation. Using a special reconnaissance plane, they watch David go through the check points.

Two Apache helicopters head toward Hebron.

Chapter twenty-nine opens with Rapp's phone vibrating. Rapp excuses himself to answer the call. Moro relaxes when Rapp tells him the CIA accepted the deal. Rapp and Barboza return to their helicopter with Moro following and yelling at Barboza. Rapp, using his phone, tells Wicker to take the shot. Wicker does and Moro is killed. Rapp tells Barboza to take charge before the situation gets out of control.

Chapter thirty has David in Atwa's car. Atwa says he wants to know what happened to Hassan. David says that he was provoked into hitting him as he pushes the buttons on his watch. The bombs detonate. David kills Atwa with a switchblade knife.

Freidman watches David and Atwa enter the car and says he wants the car targeted. After the explosion, Freidman orders the car destroyed by the Apaches.

David's agreement with Freidman was that he would allow himself to be arrested by the Israelis. He recognizes the sounds of the Apaches and dives for cover.

Chapters 26-30 Analysis

The section is filled with action. Rapp confronts Moro with the information the CIA has on him. He gets Moro to agree to have the Anderson's released for three hundred thousand dollars. When Coleman and Wicker are in position, Wicker takes the shot and



kills Moro. Rapp and Barboza are still in the camp. Rapp tells Barboza to take charge of the men. They still have to get out of the camp.

David also carries out his mission. While he is in Atwa's car, he detonates the bombs then kills a startled Atwa with a switchblade. David doesn't know that he was double-crossed by Freidman, who is watching through the use of spy technology. Freidman orders the car to be destroyed by the Apache helicopters. David's agreement with Freidman called for David to wait for the Israelis to arrest him. He knew nothing about the homing devices or the Apache attack.



Chapters 31-35

Chapters 31-35 Summary

Rapp is flown to the USS Belleau Wood in the Philippine helicopter. Barboza sends the men out to look for the snipers. Rapp hopes they will attack the Abu Sayyaf. Rizal will recommend that the American joining the hunt, and in this way they plan to rescue the Andersons.

Rapp meets with the naval officers and tells them how the early SEAL mission was compromised by a security leak. He explains the situation, including the fact that General Moro was a traitor. Rapp tells them they are going to rescue the American hostages.

In chapter thirty-two, Irene Kennedy is arriving at the White House. Secret Service Agent Watch tells her that Anna is asking all kinds of questions about Rapp. Irene says she will talk with her, and goes on to see the president to tell him about the Andersons. They tell Rapp to put together a plan before they okay a rescue attempt.

In chapter thirty-three, Kennedy, General Flood and the others go downstairs to the White House party. Anna asks Irene where Rapp is. They get drinks and find a quiet place where they can talk. Irene tells her that Mitch is trying to save the lives of a family, and Anna knows she means the Andersons. She tries to reassure Anna.

In chapter thirty-four, Coleman, Wicker, Hackett and Stroble are still on Dinagat Island. Rapp is on board the Belleau preparing for the mission. He had decided that he will take part in the rescue.

There is a storm in the Philippines in chapter thirty-five and Rapp and the SEALs use it for cover. They land on the beach and begin making their way to the camp.

Chapters 31-35 Analysis

Rapp decides that he couldn't live with himself if he didn't try to rescue the Andersons. He doesn't call Anna and tell her anything, even though he knows she won't be happy about the situations. The fact that Coleman's men are in place and have visual contact with the camp makes his decision easier.

Anna and Irene have different opinions of one another after their conversation. Irene tries to ease Anna's concern and tells her that they can always talk off the record when Anna is worried. Anna didn't expect this from Irene.



Chapters 36-40

Chapters 36-40 Summary

David finds himself buried in rubble. There is destruction all around him and he realizes what Freidman has done. He also realizes that he has to get out of the area without being picked up by the Israelis or the Palestinians.

Chapter thirty-seven finds Coleman and his men waiting in miserable conditions. Wicker returns from his scouting mission and reports.

Rapp and the SEALs arrive at the opening of chapter thirty-eight. Coleman brings them up to date on the situation and what their surveillance has revealed. They formulate their plans for the attack. Rapp does not want to make too much noise because it might attract attention.

In chapter thirty-nine, the storm is intensifying but they still plan on using helicopters for the extraction, then decide they will go to the beach after the rescue and use boats, saving the helicopters as a back up. They brief the men on their plan and then begin to move toward the camp. Rapp then begins to move toward the camp. Rapp thinks briefly of Anna and then decides that he will deal with the issue when he returns home. They creep into the camp and locate the tent containing the Anderson family.

Chapter forty begins with scream of a child that Rapp had frightened when he looked in the tent. The sound of gunshots followed. Rapp is hit by a bullet.

Chapters 36-40 Analysis

David is upset at the devastation in Hebron because of the Israeli air attack. Many innocent people died. The incident feeds David's hatred and desire for revenge against Freidman and Israel. He decides to avoid both the Palestinians and the Israelis and to get out of the area.

Rapp decides to participate in the rescue mission instead of remaining on the ship. He realizes the he never told Anna what he was doing and wonders if that makes him a dishonest husband. Since the battlefield is not the place for his kind of thinking, he pushes the thoughts from his mind, deciding he will deal with the issues when he is home. He is not being fair with Anna.



Chapters 41-45

Chapters 41-45 Summary

Kennedy finds out that the Philippines operation took place before schedule and was a success. The only injury was to Rapp. Kennedy is angry about them not waiting for approval and that Rapp did not stay on the ship as he was supposed to. Irene calls Anna to tell her that the mission was a success and Rapp is on his way home. Then she goes to the White House for a meeting with the president, who wants to know about the situation in Israel. She says she has a call to Ben Freidman and is waiting. She tells him about the success of the rescue mission, which makes him happy.

In chapter forty-two, David knows that he must leave Israel as soon as possible. Friedman wanted him dead. David is taken to a hospital where he gives a phony name. He changes into some clothes he steals from a locker in the doctor's lounge and takes the car keys. He finds the car and is in Jordan by sunrise. He calls for one of Prince Omar's jets to pick him up in Aqaba. He is in Cannes, France by mid-afternoon.

Prince Omar arrives at his room and they go to dinner. David knows the prince and his family want the complete destruction of Israel. They discuss their plans.

Alan Church is still monitoring the prince and is sitting at the bar. The British are trying to identify David. Church is seated in the dining room after David and the prince.

Chapter forty-three finds Kennedy working on a Saturday. Just as she is about to leave, Ben Freidman calls. He says the Israelis hit a bomb factory. Irene's people had intercepted talk of a high level meeting of terrorists, but she doesn't tell him that. He finally tells her about the meeting but still insists that there was a bomb factory.

In chapter forty-three, Freidman meets with the Prime Minister, who cautions him about world opinion. Freidman takes a harder view of the situation with a Prime Minister, who is rapidly losing support in his country.

In chapter forty-five, Rapp is trying to remember exactly what he said to Anna. He knows that she will be upset at him going in to a situation where he could be shot. When he arrives home, he tells Anna the truth. He also tells her that Irene didn't know that he went with the rescue train and thought that he was on the USS Belleau. They have a quarrel.

Chapters 41-45 Analysis

Irene is upset about the Philippines situation because it makes her appear to have lied to Anna. She had just obtained Anna's trust. Irene lets Anna know that Rapp is on his way home. She figures that she will let him explain his actions and injuries to Anna. That will be punishment enough for him.

David uses his wits and Prince Omar's resources to travel to Cannes, where he meets with the prince. David himself feels that the Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace with one another. He doesn't really seek the destruction of Israel, but he knows that is what the prince wants.

More information is revealed about the plans of David and Prince Omar. They involve an oil embargo against the Americans. They are unaware that they are under surveillance by the British.

Rapp has the expected argument with Anna when he arrives home. What upsets her the most is that he lied to her. Trust is an important part of any relationship and theirs has been damaged.



Chapters 46-50

Chapters 46-50 Summary

Rapp arrives at Irene's office while she is talking to Anna on the phone. Irene is angry with Rapp. She hadn't been told that he'd been shot and tells him that he is one of the best counter terrorist minds in the country and he won't be allowed in situations of danger again.

In chapter forty-six, Rapp is slowly seeing things from Anna's point of view. He is at the White House to meet with the president. The president tells him that there is a press conference scheduled to announce the prosecution of Assistant Secretary of State Petry and Ambassador Cox for the security breach. The talk then turns to the situation in Hebron. Satellite photos indicate that there was an explosion before the Israeli missile attack. The president wants answers from Freidman and Israel. He wants Irene and Mitch to look into the situation.

In chapter forty-eight, Mitch attends a meeting of the National Security Council, which Petry is attending. The president said that he could witness the arrest of Petry.

David is in New York in chapter forty-nine. He does not feel that he is being watched. He is using the name Charles Utrillo. David walks by the home of Hamed Ali, the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations. He enters the armory located across the street. He uses the stairs to reach the roof. He is monitoring the security detail of the ambassador. When they appear on the street, David shoots two of the security guards and then Hamed Ali.

Rapp is at home in chapter fifty. Anna is on her way home and he hopes they don't have another scene. He is cooking dinner while thinking of recent events and the information that has become available. He decides to take Irene's advice and apologize to Anna. Rapp promises Anna that he will not lead anymore commando raids. As they talk, he receives a call from Langley informing him of the assassination of the Palestinian ambassador.

Chapters 46-50 Analysis

Rapp arrives back in the United States to find both Irene and Anna angry with him for taking part in the commando raid. He finally begins to see things from Anna's point of view and takes Irene's advice and apologizes to her. They both tell him that he is done leading commando raids and he promises Anna that he will not lead any more, but there is implied doubt if he will be able to stick to his promise. He married Anna because he wanted to spend the rest of his life with her. He is going to have to make some compromises.

David travels to New York using a phony identity. His purpose is to kill the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations. David keeps reminding himself that he is doing all of this so there can be peace in the Middle East.



Chapters 51-55

Chapters 51-55 Summary

David already has his train ticket to Washington, DC. After leaving the Armory, he returns to his hotel for his belongings. He disposes of the rifle in a garbage dumpster and rides in a taxi to the train station.

In chapter fifty-two, Rapp and others arrive at the White House for a meeting. The president is angry about the assassination of the Palestine ambassador. He says he wants the case solved. Irene says that Freidman says the Mossad doesn't know anything about the killing and that the story about the bomb factory in Hebron is false. They wonder if they can trust Freidman.

Chapter fifty-three reveals that Israeli Prime Minister Goldberg wonders if he will last the week without a vote of no-confidence. He suspects Freidman in the death of the Palestinian ambassador. When Freidman arrives, Goldberg says he blames him for the problems because of the attack in Hebron. He wonders how far Freidman will go to get what he wants. Freidman denies that he and the Mossad had anything to do with Ali's death. Freidman says that Ali was dealing in arms and Goldberg tells him to make all the information available to the Americans.

In chapter fifty-four, the meeting with the president ends with everyone being told not to talk to the press about the recent events. After the meeting, Kennedy gives the president the information on Prince Omar that she has received from England. Included is a photograph of David with a transcript of his conversation with Omar. The British said the man was heading for America. They are then told about three suicide bombs in Israel.

In chapter fifty-five, David is in Washington, DC. He rents a house paying two month's rent in cash and is using the name Jean Racine. David upgrades the electrical wiring and has high speed Internet installed. He installs a variety of electronic equipment and has access to the traffic camera network due to a simple bribe. David is ready for the next step in his plan.

Chapters 51-55 Analysis

David and Omar's plan is in progress. The Hebron massacre has world attention. The assassination of the Palestinian ambassador is causing further problems for Israel. Even Goldberg suspects Freidman. And now David is in Washington, DC for the next part of the plan, which is not yet revealed.

The Americans receive information from British Intelligence about Prince Omar. They know that the target is Israel and that David is in the United States. They have a picture of him but they don't yet know who he is or what his plan is.



Chapters 56-60

Chapters 56-60 Summary

Rapp and his associate Turbes return to the CTC to see what information they can find on Prince Omar and the man in the photograph. They know that David flew into New York from Paris on Sunday using the name Charles Utrillo. They have traced the credit card to a Paris bank. They are checking the Prince's finances looking for the ten million dollars.

In chapter fifty-seven, Rapp is meeting Anna for dinner in Glover Park. They talk about the killing of the Palestinian ambassador and whether or not the Israelis are involved. Rapp doesn't think so; Anna does and says she will report on it in the morning.

Chapter fifty-eight has David with a stripped down van in his garage with the bomb in it. General Hamza had helped him ship the Iraqi Semtex to the United States. He parks the van a few blocks from the White House and walks away. A resolution for Palestinian statehood would be offered by the French in the United Nations later that morning.

In chapter fifty-nine, Rapp is at CIA headquarters where they have tracked David to Washington, DC. Rapp wonders who his target is. They decide not to tell the FBI just them.

At the White House, in chapter sixty, there is a lot of activity related to the coming United Nations vote. Kennedy says there was no bomb factory in Hebron but that the Israelis will probably make it look like there was. The discussion changes to the assassination of the Palestinian ambassador and if could the Israelis have done it. They discuss different views.

Chapters 56-60 Analysis

The CIA is trying to identify and locate David. They have tracked him from New York to Washington, DC. Rapp knows that David is there for a purpose and that he has a target, but they don't know who.

David is setting up the next step of the plan for the bomb. The arrangements were made months in advance, with General Hamza shipping the Semtex to the United States. It is obvious that David and his people engage in very meticulous planning. Omar was of the opinion that attacks on United States soil would force the United States to put pressure on Israel.

There is discussion and dissension in the United States government as to the role of industry in the events of the last week. They are examining different points of view as to the role of Israel in these events. As of yet, nobody really knows what is happening.



Chapters 61-65

Chapters 61-65 Summary

Prince Abdul Bin Aziz arrives at the White House from his embassy. He is there at the request of his cousin, the crown prince.

In chapter sixty-two, there are protest marchers at the Israeli Embassy. Uri Doran, who is in charge of security at the embassy, is worried because the ambassador has a meeting at the White House.

The president greets the Saudi ambassador as chapter sixty-three opens. The ambassador looks like he does not feel comfortable. The Americans tells him they are not happy about the situation in Hebron. The Saudi says they have reports saying that there was no bomb factory and asks Kennedy if she agrees. She says they have no verification yet. When asked about the Palestinian ambassador's death, Irene doesn't mention their suspicions about Prince Omar. Irene says they are checking leads. The ambassador asks if the United States will vote for the French resolution. He says there will be severe repercussions if the United States vetoes the French resolution. They will suspend oil shipments.

In chapter sixty-four, the Saudi ambassador leaves without agreeing to give the Americans more time. They discuss the implications of an oil embargo and how disastrous it would be. They decide to talk to the French about delaying or withdrawing the resolution.

In chapter sixty-five, David is pleased with the way things are going. He feels that after his next action, a free Palestinian state will be a reality. His bomb is armed and he is tracking the movement of the limousine through the city. David presses the red button to detonate the bomb when the limousine is in the proper position.

Chapters 61-65 Analysis

The pressure is on at the White House due to events in Hebron, the killing of the Palestine ambassador and the approaching resolution vote at the United Nations. The Saudi ambassador arrives at the White House to deliver an ultimatum from his crown prince. If the United States vetoes the French resolution, the Saudis will begin an oil embargo against the Americans. This was part of the plan of David and Prince Omar. How far does Omar's influence go with the Saudi government remains a pivotal question.

David is motivated by his desire for a free Palestinian state and feels that his next act of violence will result in the fulfillment of his dreams.



Chapters 66-71

Chapters 66-71 Summary

Rapp gives Irene the latest information on David - that he arrived in Washington, DC. Rapp asks about checking with the Mossad and Irene says the president won't allow it. At this point, even Irene is beginning to suspect the Israelis. She mentions the possibility of David being sent by the Israelis to dupe Prince Omar. Rapp is very doubtful of her theory. Irene says they need to inform the FBI. Then they hear the explosion.

In chapter sixty-seven, Marcus Dumond is at the CTC checking Omar's finances. He is concentrating on Devon LeClair, Omar's assistant in Switzerland. He notices a series of five hundred thousand dollar transfers to a bank in Martinique. He has found one million dollars in transfers to Peter Jousard, the French ambassador to the United Nations.

In chapter sixty-eight, the White House is in lockdown because of the explosion. There was a lot of confusion at the bomb scene. They realized who the target was when the Saudi Embassy called to inquire about the ambassador's whereabouts. They couldn't contact him. The ambassador was dead.

The only reason why Rapp wasn't suspicious of Israel was because of the British intelligence reports on David. He also has a fax with the information Dumond found on the payments to Jousard.

Chapter sixty-nine has President Hays on the phone with the Saudi crown prince. When the president's call ends, he tells his staff that the United States will vote for the French resolution. They tell him they will try to have the French delay the vote.

In chapter seventy, Kennedy is reading the fax shown to her by Rapp. Irene presents the information they have at a meeting with the president and top people. Rapp wants twenty-four hours before they bring in the FBI. The president says they don't have that kind of time. He says to let him try to have the vote delayed.

Chapter seventy-one has the Israeli ambassador waiting to meet with the president. When the president arrives, he tells him he wants the Israeli security forces pulled out of Hebron in exchange for a delay of the United Nations vote. The president says the United States will support the French resolution if the Israelis do not pull out their troops.

Chapters 66-71 Analysis

The CIA uncovers the transfer of one million dollars from Prince Omar to Peter Jousard and are trying to confirm that the account is owned by the French ambassador to the United Nations.

The explosion has the White House in lockdown. It takes a while to confirm that the target was the Saudi ambassador. David's plan is working. After a conversation with the Saudi crown prince, the president announces that the United States will support the French resolution if they can't have the vote delayed.

The Americans are trying to stall for time. They tell the Israeli ambassador to have the Israeli troops withdrawn from Hebron or they won't even try to delay the vote. They are hoping to have more information before the time of the vote and some kind of bargaining chip they can use with the French.



Chapters 72 - Epilogue

Chapters 72 - Epilogue Summary

Rapp and Kennedy have a plan that they want the president to approve since the French were refusing to delay the vote. Turbes of the CIA calls the United Nation and says they believe there will be an attack against their headquarters. Rapp receives a call saying that David is at the Baltimore Airport. He is using the name Don Martin and flying to Paris and then to Nice. Rapp does not notify the police but tells them to monitor David until they are sure he is on the Paris flight. He tells the CIA station to get him a plane and then calls Coleman to tell him that he and his team are going to the south of France.

Kennedy calls Freidman and says the president wants the Israelis to withdraw from Hebron and wants him to resign as head of the Mossad. She tells him that they know about the Apache helicopters and missiles and he admits that there was no bomb factory. He says the Mossad had an informant. She demands all of the information they have on the informant. He agrees to send the information since he thinks that David is dead.

In chapter seventy-three, Rapp tells Kennedy that David is on a flight to Paris. Rapp says that he and his team will fly to Nice. The president wants to inform the French and Rapp doesn't want him to. Omar will be tipped off and flee. Rapp asks for and is given twelve hours.

Chapter seventy-four has David relaxing on his flight. When he arrives in Nice he sees a news report that the vote had not occurred. He knows the bomb threat was phony. He gets into Omar's waiting limousine, unaware that he is being watched.

Before leaving, Rapp told Anna of his trip and that it had something to do with the car bomb. In France, he meets the British surveillance team. Coleman places additional listening devices on the yacht. Kennedy has received the file from Freidman and they know the man's name is Jabril Khatabi. Dumond found he had assets in excess of five million dollars.

In chapter seventy-five, David arrives at the pier. He isn't looking forward to meeting with the Prince Omar, who greets him warmly and congratulates him on his success. David wants to know about the delay at the United Nations and Omar tells him not to worry about it. Once has been told by his brother, the crown prince, that the resolution will be voted on and passed in the morning. Omar plays tapes of the bombing, which David does not want to watch.

Chung, Omar's bodyguard, comes up behind David and chokes him until he is dead. As David is dying, Omar says that David should have known better than to have trusted him.



Rapp listens to the scene of the yacht. The team packs their gear and cleans any evidence of their existence.

In chapter seventy-six, Omar is leaving for an evening at the casino. Rapp watches as Chung is shot as he gets into the car. Omar becomes aware that something is not right. Rapp is in the car with them. He tells Omar that he is going to kill him as a favor to his brother, the crown prince. Rapp kills Prince Omar.

In the Epilogue, there is a peace summit in Paris. Ambassador Jousard has been arrested for taking a bribe. The body of a Palestinian terrorist has been discovered on Prince Omar's yacht. The story becomes known about Omar's support of terrorism. The crown prince disassociates from Omar. There is speculation about Prince Omar's death. All of the evidence is in a safe in Langley.

Chapters 72 - Epilogue Analysis

Rapp does not have David arrested when the CIA cameras spot him at the Baltimore airport. Rapp didn't want to let the FBI in the case. He wanted to handle it in a way without the police or the FBI. The president let him because they want information which they wouldn't get if they arrested David at the airport.

The file on the case and what happened on the yacht was placed in a safe at CIA. The French were forced to arrest Jousard or have the story made public. At the peace conference in Paris, the Saudi crown prince is given an envelope by Rapp. Afterward, Rapp tells the president that he probably won't have to worry about another oil embargo. There was a lot of arm twisting as the story became known.



Characters

David

David is the name assumed by an assassin. He is of Middle Eastern descent and is thirty-four years of age. He adopted the name of David during his studies at the University of California at Berkeley. David is working on a big plan which is being financed by Prince Omar and he promises Prince the destruction of Israel for his ten million dollar investment. David had been born and raised in Jerusalem. His father was a lawyer and his mother was a doctor. Both had been educated in England. All three of his sisters were doctors. David did not believe that women should be treated as property which is why he killed his Iraqi contact, General Hamza. As part of his plan, David meets with the Mossad and obtains two attache cases with C-4 plastique explosive. He detonates it at a meeting of terrorists in Hebron, not knowing that he was double-crossed by Ben Freidman, head of the Mossad. David makes it to France with the help of Prince Omar. He travels to New York using the name of Charles Utrillo and kills the Palestinian Ambassador to the United Nations, then goes to Washington DC. He doesn't know that the British have Prince Omar under surveillance and that his photograph has been supplied to the Americans by the British. In the end, David, whose real name is Jabril Khatabi, is killed by Chung, Prince Omar's bodyguard.

Mitch Rapp

Mitch Rapp has been a covert operative for the CIA since he was twenty-two years of age. He became famous for leading a team of commandos into Iraq. He is in his mid-thirties and has just married NBC White House correspondent Anna Reilly. He is marked by every terrorist in the world and worries about Anna's safety. Because of the publicity he received during Irene Kennedy's confirmation hearings, he has a new job as the special assistant to the director of Central Intelligence on counter terrorism. He is also supposed to study the counter terrorism capabilities of the nation and develop a plan to streamline operations and improve defenses. He had been a member of the elite Orion Team that had been formed by Stansfield Turner.

Despite his promise to his wife, he undertakes a covert mission to the Philippines to kill General Moro. He becomes involved in the mission to rescue the Andersons and is shot. He has to explain the situation to an angry Anna and promises that he won't lead any more commando attacks. After the assassination of the Palestinian Ambassador to the United Nations and the car bombing of the Saudi Amgassador, Rapp becomes involved and goes off on another mission to France, where he kills Prince Omar. This time, Anna knew where he was going and that it was related to the car bomb.



Ben Freidman

Ben Freidman is the director general of Mossad. He was born in Jerusalem in 1949 and distinguished himself in the Six Day War, then joined military intelligence. Freidman basically functioned as an assassin, hunting members of Yasser Arafat's Force 17. He had also hunted and killed the Black September terrorist responsible for the Munich Olympics.

Dr. Irene Kennedy

Dr. Irene Kennedy is the director of the CIA. She is viewed as an alarmist by many in Washington but is determined to make an example of those who leaked information that led to the failure of the Dinagat Island rescue mission.

Prince Omar

Prince Omar is the wealthy benefactor of David. He is an international playboy who is in his fifties, known for his parties. He and his family want the destruction of Israel, and he finances and helps plan David's activities. He is killed by Rapp in Cannes, France.

Scott Coleman

Scott Coleman is the former commander of SEAL Team 6. When he left the service, he opened the SEAL Demolition and Salvage Corporation. His company performs freelance work for the CIA.

Alan Church

Alan Church is a British agent who has Prince Omar under surveillance. He was a mechanical engineer who went to work for the British Secret Service.

Anna Reilly

Anna Reilly is originally from Chicago. She is a White House correspondent for NBC and is on her honeymoon in the Caribbean with her husband, Mitch Rapp.

General Moro

General Moro is the Filipino general who is in charge of tracking the Abu Sayyef. Kennedy believes that he is receiving bribery money from the Chinese and the Abu Sayyef. He is killed by sniper fire arranged by Rapp.

President Robert Hayes

President Robert Hayes is the president of the United States.



Objects/Places

Caribbean Island

Caribbean Island is unnamed, but it is where Mitch and Anna spend their honeymoon.

Dinagat Island

Dinagat Island is an island in the Philippines where the Navy SEALs operation, led by Lieutenant Devolis, takes place.

Monte Carlo

Monte Carlo is a city in Monaco, a nation located on the Mediterranean Sea.

Langley, Virginia

Langley, Virginia is a suburb of Washington DC and the location of CIA headquarters.

Amman

Amman is the capital of Jordan, a Middle Eastern country bordered by Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Israel.

Washington DC

Washington DC is the capitol of the United States.

Jerusalem

Jerusalem is a city in Israel and is known as the Old City.

Hebron

Hebron is an Israeli city twenty miles south of Jerusalem.

Cannes

Cannes is a French city located on the Mediterranean.

New York City

New York City is the nation's largest city, located on the East Coast.



Themes

Belief in a Cause

Belief in a cause is the dominant theme of the book and this applies mainly to David. David's real name is Jabril Khatabi. He is a Palestinian from the West Bank who's father was a lawyer and mother was a doctor. He was educated at the University of California at Berkeley. David grew up with the violence of the Middle East, and he didn't like the abuses there. He dreamed of a free and independent Palestinian state that would coexist in peace with Israel. He did not seek the destruction of Israel. This free state is what motivated him. David helped to devise the plan that Prince Omar financed. He was basically an assassin, but before each act, he reminded himself of his cause and that there often had to be war before there could be peace. He was prepared to go to any lengths in his fight for his cause. When he saw Palestinian women and children hurt and killed in the violence, that fueled his motivation to succeed. He bombed the terrorist meeting in Hebron because he viewed the terrorists as obstacles to the peace that he desired. They were motivated by hatred and wanted to perpetuate the violence. David believed that his actions would bring about the peaceful independent Palestinian state that he wanted. He did not view himself as the killer or terrorist that the others were because he did not want the destruction of Israel.

Hatred

Hatred is another theme of the novel. It is hatred of Israel that basically motivated Prince Omar. The prince was a member of the wealthy Saudi Royal family and the brother of the crown prince. Prince Omar spent his time on his yacht sailing the Mediterranean, visiting the wealthy playgrounds of Monte Carlo and Cannes. His greatest desire was the destruction of Israel, which is how he became involved with David. He was not as interested in the establishment of a free independent Palestine as he was in the destruction of Israel. He was so twisted by hatred that he took delight in the murder of his cousin, the Saudi Ambassador, because it would turn the world against Israel. He financed the bribe of the French Ambassador to the United Nations to sponsor the resolution for a free Palestinian state, then convinced his brother, the crown prince, to threaten the United States with an oil embargo if they vetoed the resolution. The wealthy prince was so twisted by hatred that he didn't care who was hurt or how many were killed in his play to destroy Israel. He didn't care who was used or manipulated. To him, the ends justified the means. The end result is where he differed from the man he employed because David did not want the destruction of Israel.

Relationships

Relationship is another theme of the novel. Mitch, a covert CIA operative, marries Anna Reilly, the NBC White House correspondent. She has a natural desire to ask questions



and find out about various situations. He has a need for secrecy and an aversion to questions. The reader watches the couple try to work out their relationship. Mitch is supposed to be an advisor to CIA Director Irene Kennedy and kept away from the front lines of action, and this is the understanding that his wife has of his job. Mitch, who isn't used to telling people where he is going and what he is doing, goes to the Philippines on a mission and leads the attack on a terrorist attack to rescue hostages. During the attack, he is shot and comes home with an injury. Anna feels that she has been lied to. She found out from Irene where he was and was told he wasn't in any danger. She is hurt by his lying to her. She doesn't want him on the front lines where he can be killed. When he goes to France, she asks if his trip is related to the car bomb, and he says yes. They each have to learn to accept and respect each other's personalities and jobs, which is difficult for both of them. But they have to do this in order to make their marriage work.

Style

Point of View

Executive Power is written in the third person point of view with the author, Vince Flynn, acting as the narrator. This allows him to provide the necessary background details that the reader needs. It also allows the author to develop and tell the story of the novel and it is the best approach that the author can take in a novel of this type. This approach avoids the limitations of the first person approach where the knowledge of the reader is limited to the knowledge of the story teller. The use of the third person allows the author to provide the reader with much more information about events that involve the different characters. There is plenty of dialogue and interaction between the characters for the reader to become familiar with them, and the third person approach allows the reader to form their own opinions regarding the characters and events. The third person point of view is the appropriate one for this novel and is basically the only approach that would work for a novel of this type.

Setting

There are numerous settings for the action of Executive Power as the characters move around the world. The book opens in the Philippines with the ambush of the Navy SEALs. The action returns the Philippines when Rapp travels there to deal with the Moro situation and rescue the hostages. The Rapps' honeymoon is located on an unnamed Caribbean island. There are numerous scenes in the Washington, DC area, especially at the White House. The Rapps live in a Maryland suburb of Washington, DC. There are also numerous scenes at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia. New York City is the setting for the assassination of the Palestinian Ambassador to the United Nations. There are numerous scenes in the Middle East. David meets and kills General Hamza in Amman, Jordan. He meets the Mossad agents in Jerusalem and moves around the West Bank until he arrives in Hebron for the meeting. There are numerous scenes on Price Omar's yacht, usually in Monte Carlo or Cannes harbor. There are also scenes at different places in these locations.

Language and Meaning

The language used in the novel is clear, everyday language. There are no difficult passages that the reader will have problems understanding and no hidden meanings. The language of the novel results in easy and fast reading for the reader. There is nothing to slow the reader down, which is what the reader wants in a novel of this kind. The language and writing style lend themselves to faster reading. In a suspense filled novel, the reader does not want anything that slows down the pace of reading. The reader wants the action to unfold quickly because he/she wants to know what happens next. This is the kind of writing the author provides. There are no foreign language terms



or sentences with broken or accepted English. The reader can read as quickly as he/she wants. The language and meaning are appropriate to the novel and contribute to the enjoyment of reading the novel.

Structure

The structure of the novel is very simple. There is a prelude, which begins with the ambush of the Navy SEALs in the Philippines. This sets the pace for the action of the novel since it introduces the role of terrorism and sets the scene for the involvement of Mitch Rapp.

The action of the novel is told in seventy-six chapters. The chapters are numbered but not titled. However, no titles are necessary. The chapters vary in length, with some only one and one half pages long. Each chapter usually takes place in a different setting, but not all.

There is a several page epilogue which tells of the aftermath of the events of the novel. It shows how each of the participants dealt with the events of the novel.

There is no Table of Contents, Preface or Index, but none is needed. There is an Acknowledgments section in which the author thanks the various people involved in his writing of the novel.

The structure of the novel contributes to the fast reading of the novel by not detracting from the rapid pace of the action.



Quotes

"They eagerly looked forward to carrying out their mission. Unfortunately, they were unaware that thousands of miles away they'd already been fatally compromised by someone from their own country." Prelude, p. 4

"The whole reason he had this new position was that his cover as a covert counterterrorism operative had been blown during his boss's confirmation hearing by a congressman who had no admiration for the Agency, and now every piece of crap from Boston to Baghdad knew who he was and what he looked like. His face had been broadcast across the airwaves. He was called American's first line of defense against terrorism." Chap. 6, p. 44

"The camps were a breeding ground for discontent, corruption and anti-Semitism. The Jews were blamed for everything, both real and imagined, consequential and inconsequential." Chap. 12, p. 86

"The pilot nodded. Neither warrior attempted an introduction. All parties involved understood there would be no official record of what they were doing. The pilot punched the coordinates into the bird's advanced Pave Hawk avionics computer and Coleman buckled himself in for what he was sure would be a wild ride." Chap. 17, p. 122

"Freidman understood better than anyone the draconian measures his enemy employed to keep their activities secret. He, in fact, was the reason for much of their paranoia. He had hunted and killed them in such a wild variety of ways that he had now been several years since he had gotten anyone close enough to take real action against them." Chap. 23, p. 153

"Moro was a traitor to his country, his uniform and to the best ally his country had ever known. He had spilled American blood to suit his own selfish desires, and now he was lying in an expanding pool of his own. He alone had chosen his treacherous path." Chap. 29, p. 191

"Rapp knew if he didn't do everything in his power to save that family he'd never forgive himself. Anna would never understand that, but she didn't have to know." Chap. 34, p. 222

"Peace did not come without a price, he told himself. He continued saying this over and over as he hobbled away from the scene of devastation. Ben Freidman would someday answer for his callous brutality. It didn't have to happen this way." Chap. 36, p. 234

"David never wanted to get rid of Israel. He wanted Palestine to coexist with the Zionist state, but that would never be enough for Omar and the majority of his relatives. They wanted the complete destruction of the Israeli state and the annihilation of the Jewish people." Chap. 42, p. 274



"You're not some buck private storming the beaches. You have one of the best counterterrorism minds in this entire town, and we can't afford to lose you over some macho need to be right in the thick of it." Chap. 46, p. 311

"The easy part was over. Now he had to go to Washington and execute the most difficult aspect of his plan." Chap. 51, p. 344

"Everything was going according to plan. Now all he needed to do was make one last grand statement. An act of pure violence that would force Israel to concede." Chap. 58, pp. 385-386

"Aziz took a deep breath and announced, 'The crown price will suspend all oil shipments to America immediately, and he has been given assurances by the other OPEC Gulf States that they will do the same.'" Chap. 63, p. 406

"The president shook his head vigorously. 'If the troops aren't pulled out immediately, we will make no effort to delay the vote. In fact, if the troops aren't pulled out immediately we will back the French resolution.'" Chap. 71, p. 438

"Rapp held his gun up in the palm of his hand for the president to see, and said, 'This is the only thing the zealots understand, sir. If you want peace in the Middle East they need to be dealt with. Only then will Israelis and Palestinians be able to live side by side.'" Epilogue, p. 482



Topics for Discussion

Why did the mission of the SEALs on Dinagat Island fail? What happened? Who was involved?

What is David's relationship with Prince Omar?

What does the Mossad provide David with? Why? Do they trust one another?

How does Ben Freidman double-cross David? Why does he do it?

What is the plan that David and Prince Omar have? How do they plan to carry out the plan?

Does David really want the destruction of Israel? How does he justify his involvement?

What is the different between the goals of David and Prince Omar?