

The Redbreast Study Guide

The Redbreast by Jo Nesbo

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Plot Summary

The Redbreast by Jo Nesbo is a complex story that takes place over many decades. The book begins as two separate stories which seem to have no connection. However, as the stories progress, links between them begin to emerge. By the conclusion of the narrative, they have become one story.

The novel opens in present-day Norway. Harry Hole, a veteran Norwegian police officer, is a member of the Crime Squad. His partner is Ellen who is training under him. Harry quickly observes that Ellen is very bright and intuitive. His ego is healthy enough that he is able to open himself up and learn from her. Harry has had a long-standing problem with alcoholism. But, he has been sober for over a year and wants to stay there. Although his desire to beat his alcoholism is genuine, he must be constantly on the alert for the demons of sabotage – self-doubt, fear of failure, and even fear of success.

Harry and Ellen and other Norwegian police officers are trained by the US Secret Service for the security detail when the US President and other world leaders visit Oslo. The training was specific with no gray areas. When Harry spots a gunman where no one was supposed to be, Harry followed his training and his instincts and shot him. As it turned out, the man was a US Secret Service agent who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He survived without debilitating injuries. The US Secret Service was blamed for the incident but the authorities decided to keep the whole incident quiet. Harry was transferred to a less transparent position in the security or POT unit. He was also promoted to Inspector which he found rather ironic.

The second story takes place in the early 1940s on the Eastern Front during World War II. The story focuses on a unit of young Norwegian men who volunteered to fight against the Allied Forces, specifically Russia, in trench warfare. The men were subjected to the brutality and cruelty of war. Some of the men died, some lived, some deserted and some were injured and sent to the hospital. One of these soldiers became embittered by what he viewed as betrayal. He survived the trenches but he was never able to forgive the abandonment he felt from the Norwegian royal family.

As the years pass, his anger and rage doesn't subside and he begins to believe that there were too many betrayals and he could not let them stand. As he ages, his derangement becomes chronic and more embedded. When he learns he was dying of cancer, it compels him to take action while he could. The man who is old and sick now plots the assassination of the Crown Prince whose father, in his view, turned his back on the Norwegian soldiers after the war. And there are others with whom he has scores to settle on the pathway to the assassination that he plans for Norway's Liberation Day celebration.

The old man leaves a trail of murder and terror and Harry begins to connect the dots and is hot on the trail of the madman. Although there were more questions than answers as the investigation progressed, Inspector Harry Hole does not give up until he uncovers who the mass murderer is and what had caused his madness.



Part One: Earth to Earth

Summary

Chapter 1: Toll Barrier at Alnabru. 1 November 1999.

Harry and Ellen were in their car at the toll booth listening to transmissions on the radio about the President's visit to Oslo, Norway. Ellen heard that a well-known American psychologist thought that the President suffered from MPD – multiple personality disorder. In other words, he was a Jekyll and Hyde. A voice saying "Passed Post 27" came from the walkie-talkie on the dashboard. A short while later, "post 62 to HQ" was to look into an unmarked car parked on the roadside. Ellen spotted a robin redbreast an unusual sight late in the fall. The bird was taking a risk by staying that long.

Ellen confirmed that the gas station and the toll booths had been cleared of all customers and employees. Harry was concerned that Ellen's bullet-proof vest wasn't strong enough. Someone reported on the mobile unit that the car on the side of the road was the Secret Service. There was a steady updating on the progression of the President's motorcade. It would soon pass Harry and Ellen's checkpoint. Through his binoculars, Harry saw the first car in the President's procession topping the rise in front of them. To his left, he saw heat rising from the tarmac even though it was a cool November morning.

Ellen would be glad to get back to her normal duties with the Serious Crime Unit when all this was over. Harry spotted a man in one of the toll booths. The man had a machine gun. Harry tried desperately to determine if the man was from the Secret Service. As the motorcade approached, Harry aimed his revolver at the man.

Chapter 2: Oslo. 5 October 1999

The defendant, Sverre Olsen, was speaking in courtroom 17 in Oslo Crown Court. There had not been one day since 1945 that there wasn't an on-going war in the world. Leaders had let the people down. They'd allowed mosques to be built in their midst, robbed the old, and had children with the women. It was up to Norwegians to protect their race and eliminate the enemy. Herman Groth, the prosecutor asked Olsen if it had been his intention to protect his race when he entered the hamburger bar carrying a baseball bat. Johan Krohn, Olsen's defense counsel, objected to the question which had already been answered. Upon Groth's questioning, Olsen admitted to being a racist.

Krohn was upset; the judge and his two associate judges would decide the fate of his client for the next few years. Eight witnesses had testified to seeing Olsen enter the burger bar with the baseball bat and hit the owner, Ho Dai, a Vietnamese man, on the head. Dai's injury had been devastating; he'd never walk again. Krohn was already planning an appeal. Olsen defended his racism by asserting that it was an ongoing



problem for everyone. He claimed that he and his associates did not attack anyone; rather, they defended their own race. Police Officer Harry Hole testified for the prosecution. He was a homicide detective, but he was given the Ho Dai case because they hadn't expected Ho Dai to survive the beating. His skull had been smashed and parts of his brain were on the outside.

Chapter 3: Karl Johans Gate. 5 October 1999.

The doctor had just told the old man that he was going to die. The cancer had spread. He should have a year left. After leaving the doctor he walked down the stairs and heard guitar music rising above the congestion and noise of the busy street. He walked up the hill to see the changing of the guard. They were performing only symbolic actions. He thought back to the days when young Norwegians were dressed as soldiers or "Swedish soldiers" as they were called. They had been frightened and brutal and did not know how to treat a prisoner of war. A violent cough overcame the old man.

Chapter 4: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Viktoria Terrasse. 5 October 1999.

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Bernt Brandhaug, met with Bjarne Moller, Anne Storksen, Chief Constable, and other officials. Moller headed the Crime Squad. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the protection of four of the world's most important men which included the President of the United States, the PLO leader Yasser Arafat, the the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin – getting them in and out of Norwegian safely. Moller added that the President of the United States would be landing at Gardemoen airport in Oslo, unless it was foggy. Over 700 people would be coming with the President. The group had two months to prepare for the visits. Daily coordination was essential.

Kurt Meirik, who was Head of Security (POT), brought copies of the latest threat assessment with him. Brandhaug noticed the woman sitting next to him. He thought her name was Rakel and that she was divorced. He wondered if she was turned on by power. In summary, the POT felt there was risk of an attack or other damage during the visits. They discussed the United States Presidents who had been assassinated and other Presidents on whom assassination attacks had been made. The current President's house was shot at, but it wasn't counted as an actual assassination attempt. There had been many attempts on the lives of Presidents over the years that the media never knew. Publicizing such failed events was considered only stimulation for more attempts.

Eight Secret Service agents would be coming later in the week to begin preparations and planning. The agents would train the Norwegian police who might come in contact with the President. They would mainly have observation duties.

Chapter 5: Palace Gardens. 5 October 1999.

The old man named Daniel was on the ground. He woke up to a voice asking if he was dead. A young Pakistani boy was bending over him as he was lying in the grass. The boy's name was Ali which, he told Daniel, meant "god." Daniel told Ali that his name



meant “God is my judge.” Ali made the next logical step and pointed out that he, Ali, was therefore Daniel’s judge. The boy’s mother shouted to the boy in Urdu. Daniel wanted to explain to Ali’s mother that he wasn’t a bum. He had done everything in his power to shape society. But, he was tired now. It was time others paid.

Chapter 6: Police HQ, Gronland. 9 October 1999.

Ellen Gjeltten watched as an angry Harry Hole came in the office and kicked the waste basket. He was upset that even though Sverre Olsen got the full three and a half year sentence, Krohn, his attorney, was immediately appealing the case on a technicality. Olsen would be a free man for at least eighteen months during the appeal. Furthermore, his sentence could be reduced during the process and he might never return to prison. Olsen’s lawyer always won his cases and could be a Supreme Court judge before he turned forty.

After his return from Bangkok, Harry had only survived as a cop thanks to Ellen who had verified that he had been completely sober on duty. He asked why she had risked her career to support him. She had wanted him to hang on so she could learn from him because he was the best detective on the squad. Inspector Bjarne Moller, Harry’s boss, called him to his office for a meeting.

Chapter 7: Moller’s Office. 9 October 1999.

Moller wanted to discuss the visit by the President of the United States with Harry. Moller’s squad would be responsible for roadside security. Moller questioned Harry about his drinking. Harry responded that he was only drinking lightly. Moller decided to make Harry one of his liaison officers for road security. Instead of being flattered, Harry was insulted. He felt it was just short of going to rehab. Harry said he felt like a pawn to make Moller look like he did the right thing by taking Harry back after Bangkok. Moller pointed out that “we are all pawns.” (39) The truth was that Harry, although on the wagon, didn’t quite trust himself to have that level of responsibility.

Chapter 8: Toll Barrier at Alnabru. 1 November 1999.

Harry increased the pressure on the trigger of his handgun as he continued to aim it at the man in the toll booth. Why didn’t Ellen honk? Surely the man was from the Secret Service. Nevertheless, Harry squeezed the trigger of his gun repeatedly. It was all like a dream.

Analysis

Detective Harry Hole is a homicide detective for the Norwegian Police in Oslo. He is also a recovering alcoholic. He is insulted when given the responsibility of leading a security team with the United States President and other global leaders visit Oslo ostensibly because such duties are beneath him. He is a homicide detective – and known as the best – he is not a guard! But in reality Harry has lost confidence in himself. While he is on the wagon, he obviously doesn’t trust himself to stay there.



Being responsible for others is something he has avoided. He certainly doesn't want to be responsible for the safety of the United States President and the other dignitaries.

Hole doesn't seem to trust anyone with the exception of his young partner, Ellen, who came through for him when he needed support. But he may fear that being too close to her could ruin her chances for a successful career. Hole is down on himself and most of humanity. He alludes to his return from Bangkok which seems to be a turning point in his life and career – more on that later, no doubt.

Part One begins with Harry and Ellen at a toll booth at the Oslo airport. Ellen spots a robin redbreast and notes that it is unusual to see one that late in the season. The bird is taking a risk staying close to winter. The reference could be a metaphor for risk takers who put their lives on the line. The United States President and the other dignitaries have visited and the President is heading to the airport to leave Norway. The security teams have been trained and vetted by the United States Secret Service and no one is supposed to be in any of the airport toll booths. When Harry spots a gunman in one of the toll booths toting a high-powered rifle, he logically thinks that it must be Secret Service. But, his police training and instincts override his Secret Service training. He aims the gun and after the briefest hesitation, he squeezes the trigger and fires repeatedly at the man in the booth.

Part One ends on this cliffhanger. The reader, at this point, doesn't know if the man was an assassin or a Secret Service agent or if Harry killed the man. He has a dreamlike sensation after the shooting. Could the entire thing have been a dream?

At the beginning of Part One, there is an allusion to the passage of time which is picked up again at the conclusion of the section. There is a reference to time passing slowly for children on Christmas Eve before Father Christmas comes. Another comparison of time moving slowly is made when a sentenced man is waiting for his appointment with the electric chair. The first example brings pleasant images to mind while the second has just the opposite effect – although both accurately portray time moving slowly.

What will happen to Detective Hole as a result of his actions? Is he a hero or is he the loser that he thinks he is?

Discussion Question 1

Which dignitaries were scheduled to visit Oslo?

Discussion Question 2

From what condition did Harry suffer?



Discussion Question 3

Why was Harry upset to be given the assignment of security leader?

Vocabulary

Reverence, solemnity, ballistic, tarmac, lectern, genocide, corona, affirmation, liaison, lament.



Part Two: Genesis

Summary

Chapter 9: 1942.

Gudbrand was crouching in a trench holding his gun with both hands and watching the flares light up the dark Russian sky. Gudbrand was shooting where Daniel Gudeson was directing him to shoot. Another soldier, Sindre Fauke, yelled bitterly that the enemy soldier was getting away. Daniel vowed that the soldier would not get away and fired at him. Gudbrand threw himself on the bottom of the trench when a return mortar was fired at them. Daniel had stayed on the perimeter of the trench and had continued to fire on the enemy soldier.

Daniel borrowed Gudbrand's spade and took off into the dark night. The other soldiers didn't know what he was planning to do, but he was taking quite a risk by walking out into the open field. The enemy was all about. Only Gudbrand was sure that Daniel had killed the soldier. After twenty minutes, Gudbrand wanted to go out and look for Daniel but the unit commander ordered him to stay in the trench. Suddenly, he turned to see Daniel wearing a Russian hat. He had buried the Russian. Daniel claimed that he said the Lord's Prayer and sang to him.

Chapter 10: Leningrad. 31 December 1942.

Gudbrand was wearing all the clothes he owned, but he was still shivering in the icy trench. It was twenty-five below zero. At least the lice were less active in the cold. He was starving, especially for meat. The Russians didn't have any meat either. Daniel, who was still wearing the Russian hat, told him to stop thinking about food. They could hear the sound of machine guns off in the distance. He and Daniel were surprised to see a fox nearby. There were hares and foxes spotted sometimes; but, they feared the Russians had released them in hopes of luring the soldiers out.

Gudbrand and his family had moved back from the United States because of the stock market crash. When they won the war, Hitler would have a little surprise for everyone. Daniel encouraged Gudbrand to join the Nasjonal Samling. Gudbrand didn't like to contradict Daniel and told him that he was concentrating on having no Russians in Norway. Daniel said that democracies had outlived their usefulness. The only two world leaders strong enough to stop the chaos in the rest of the world were Stalin and Hitler. Gudbrand ducked down into the trench when the night suddenly lit up with flares. Daniel laughed. It wasn't an assault. It was the New Year. Daniel had somehow saved some brandy for the occasion. They said a toast to Leningrad which they vowed to occupy and then return home. Gudbrand always wondered if the light reflecting off their brandy glasses had revealed their hiding place. Daniel was machine-gunned and killed instantly. Gudbrand was devastated. He repeated to himself that it wasn't supposed to be like this.



Chapter 11: Leningrad. 1 January 1943.

Several soldiers carried Daniel's body away. Sindre came to stand guard with Gudbrand. He told him that Cologne had been badly bombed and that Stalingrad was going down. They became embroiled in an argument about their loyalties. Gudbrand proclaimed that he was no traitor. Sindre pointed out that their superiors would never believe that he would desert. There were rumors that Gudbrand and Gudeson had thoughts of fleeing to America while Sindre was a party member. Gudbrand had disassembled his rifle and couldn't get it back together. All he had to defend himself with was his bayonet.

Chapter 12: Leningrad. 2 January 1943.

It was snowing as the captain stood before the four men in the trench asking about Sindre. After the Captain left, the men were surprised by the apparent lack of investigation into Sindre's disappearance. Gudbrand responded that there were many deserters and not all of them could be thoroughly investigated. Edvard Mosken, the unit leader, was suspicious and accused Gudbrand of killing Sindre. But Gudbrand swore the Sindre just took off in the dark of night.

Despite the fact that word was reaching the soldiers that Hitler was not triumphant in all fronts, young Norwegian men continued to volunteer. It was time for Gudbrand's break from trench duty. Edvard told him to go but to keep his head down. A machine gun's fire was heard in the distance as he left.

Chapter 13: Leningrad. 3 January 1943.

Gudbrand woke in his bunk with a start. It was that same dream he had repeatedly – a horrid beast was attacking him. Had he screamed in his sleep? His screams no longer kept the others awake. He scratched his side; the lice burrowing into it never slept. In his dream, the beast was always killed by a gunman. But there was a difference; this time there was a huge hole in the gunman's forehead. Edvard entered and told him to get up – Daniel was back! Gudbrand was bewildered.

Daniel's dead body had been brought back to the trench. It was shrouded but Gudbrand recognized the insignia and his boots. Edvard said that his body had been collected the day before by the corpse-bearers. He assumed that someone took it from the mass grave before it was burned. Edvard suspected that it was Gudbrand who dragged his body back; Gudbrand denied it. Edvard ordered Dale to open the shroud. He asked to borrow Gudbrand's bayonet but he had lost it. Dale used his own bayonet and ripped open the sacking. It was unquestionably Daniel who was staring back at them.

Chapter 14: Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 4 November 1999.

Brent Brandhaug met with the security team. He reminded the group of the confidential nature of their meeting. His words were meant for Rakel since everyone else present was a seasoned veteran. Brandhaug asked the Chief Constable how Hole was doing. He was shaken but was not a leak risk. He had spoken with the American ambassador



and they have come to agreement on the most important issues in the tragedy. The Secret Service agent was in stable condition, badly wounded but off the danger list. Brandhaug told Moller that it was okay for him to tell Hole that the agent would live. Everything had to stay under the radar.

Brandhaug and the American ambassador had agreed that Moller and the Oslo police had reacted quickly to the incident. Hole and Ellen had even driven the agent to the hospital. There was no threat that any charges would be forthcoming from the Americans. They also agreed that blame for the incident fell upon the Americans. There were not supposed to be any agents in the toll booths. They would all be naïve to think that news of the shooting wouldn't eventually leak out – there too were many witnesses to the incident.

Moller asked why it was so essential that word not get out. Brandhaug responded that America was not only an ally, it had saved a poverty-stricken Norway after WWII. It wouldn't sit well with Norwegian politicians to learn about the danger that the American president had been placed in. Rakel spoke up. They didn't need a Norwegian scapegoat, she said; rather, they needed a Norwegian hero. Brandhaug was stunned by her perceptiveness. Hole would be touted as a hero because he followed the Secret Service training and acted accordingly. For all he knew, the agent could have been an assassin. Hole performed a heroic deed at least as far as the press and politicians would be concerned.

Brandhaug rejected Rakel's suggestion that Hole be given a medal. Hole should be promoted to the rank of Inspector. A promotion for shooting a Secret Service agent! Brandhaug told the group to think it over. But Hole would have to fulfill the duties of an inspector. It couldn't be just window-dressing or other officers would grow suspicious. But Hole should be transferred to a screened operation—perhaps he should join Meirik's Security organization.

Chapter 15: Sanksthanshaugen. 4 November 1999.

Ellen was putting up with Tom Waaler who was temporarily assigned as her new partner. The partnership wouldn't endure much longer since he was expected to be promoted to inspector soon. Moller had sent them out that morning to find Harry. They tried his flat. He was either not home or didn't want to answer – or perhaps couldn't answer. They went to Schroder's tavern. Tom waited in the car while Ellen went inside. She spotted Tom at a table by himself and sat down across from him. She told him that the agent was going to live. He had already heard but was worried about the severity of his injuries. He feared the agent would be paralyzed.

Ellen encouraged Harry to come back. His sick leave was over. She reminded him that even the Secret Service took blame for the incident and confirmed that Harry had acted properly. When Harry showed no intention of returning, Ellen told him that he was being promoted to Inspector of Security. Harry could only laugh and didn't take her seriously. But when she persisted, Harry pointed out that he had no license for a gun and hadn't passed his shooting exam. But she refuted his claims. Moller had checked it all out. He



had passed his exam and had just temporarily lost his license. Harry was bewildered by the turn of events.

Chapter 16: Radisson SAS, Holsbergs Plass. 5 November 1999.

An old man, dripping wet from the rain, spoke with Betty Andresen at the registration desk of the Radisson Hotel. He wanted a room that faced southwest. The best room, he was told, was the Palace suite where he could view the entire city. He asked to see the suite. Betty took him to the suite and pointed out all its fine features. But the old man stood at the window and gazed out at the city. The windows only opened a little to prevent anyone from jumping. She told him it was a lovely room to rent in the spring. To her surprise, he took the room. It was quite expensive – 7,000 kroner notes per night – and he insisted on paying in advance. He would follow her advice and reserve it for one day in the spring.

Chapter 17: Police HQ. 5 November 1999.

Moller was explaining to Harry why a move to POT (security) would be good for him. Harry didn't consider himself to be "surveillance" material. There would be no more night shifts. But, Harry liked them. Moller grew frustrated. Harry was being offered a promotion. His new salary was five notches up on the pay scale. Harry knew that this was no normal promotion. His shooting score now indicated that he was one of the department's best shooters. He was sure it was all connected to the incident with the Secret Service agent. Moller finally told him he had no choice but to accept the promotion.

Chapter 18: Palace Gardens. 10 November 1999.

The old man emerged from the Metro station and was struck by how many people were still in the street. There was a gang of dark young men who spoke in a foreign tongue. He guessed they were Pakistani or Arab. God only knew what all these young people were up to that late at night. The old man was trying to find the huge oak tree he rested his head against the day he learned he was dying. Everything died – the King of Norway and even the tree that was probably two or three hundred years old.

The old man had purchased three bottles of glyphosate solution and a large horse syringe. He filled the syringe with the solution and struggled to inject the syringe's needle deep into the tree. He had to reach its cambium, the tree's life giving layer. Finally, the stubborn needle slid in. Within a short time he had injected two bottles of the solution and was working on the third when he heard voices. He stood to hide the syringe which was still stuck deeply into the tree. It was the police, Ellen and Tom. They asked him what he was doing out in the middle of the night. He responded that he was just taking a late stroll. Tom was suspicious that the old man was up to more than a walk in the garden. Ellen explained that there had been some attacks. A young boy was beaten there. The partners walked off much to the old man's relief. But Tom returned and warned him to stay away from little boys.

Chapter 19: Herbert's Pizza, Youngstorget. 12 November 1999.



Sverre Olsen waved to the young group of men in the corner of the pizzeria. He sat in his usual spot which had been his since he beat the Vietnamese man. The young men had formed a new party with slight ideological differences from his own. He spotted a young man and woman. They didn't look like cops or reporters. He wondered if they were from the anti-fascist newspaper, the Monitor. Olsen had exposed a young man who was working for the Monitor and wearing a wire the year before.

Suddenly, the old man was standing before Olsen's table. He asked if he could sit down. He explained that he was one of them – a national socialist. He asked Olsen if he could get him a gun. He handed him a paper and told him to look on page twenty-eight where there was an article about neo-Nazis in Spain. He showed Olsen a thousand-kroner note and promised that there would be nine-thousand more for him. Olsen noticed another old man wander into the restaurant.

The old man wanted a Marklin rifle and didn't want to play any games. Could Olsen help him? Olsen said he could and to meet him at the pizzeria again in three days. The old man told Olsen that if he just took his money without delivering he'd kill him. Later, in the phone booth outside, Olsen called his contact. He needed a Marklin in three days. Olsen was terrified of the dangerous man he contacted but he knew he was the only man who could deliver for him. The source asked about the potential buyer. He told Olsen that he'd pay him ten thousand kroner to keep his mouth shut if the deal worked out.

Chapter 20: Herbert's Pizza, Youngstorget. 15 November 1999.

Olsen remained inside as the old man emerged. The deal was set: 750,000 kroner, five weeks, Pier 4 at the container port. He didn't trust Olsen and his source. Would they rip him off at the port? He had tried to appeal to the younger man by telling him he had fought on the Eastern Front during the war. Inside, the same old man who'd been there before staggered toward the door. Outside, the old drunk claimed to recognize the other old man claiming that they had fought together on the same side. The old man didn't recognize him. The old drunk said he thought he was dead. The old man led the drunk into an alley next to the pizzeria. He said that he didn't like spectators. The old man confirmed that the drunk hadn't told anyone that he'd seen him. He would pay him for his silence.

Olsen needed new boots and could now afford them. He hurried to a shop and bought the boots. On his way back to the pizzeria, he dashed down the alley to throw his old boots away. He saw human legs sticking out from behind a bin. The man sitting against the wall was dead; his throat cut. Olsen was overtaken with nausea. He threw up on his new boots.

Chapter 21: Leningrad. 17 January 1944.

Edvard Mosken ran hunched over along the length of the trench as a Russian YAK flew over him. The Russians had run out of bombs. The pilots were being ordered to fly low and throw grenades into the trenches. Mosken had just returned from the Northern



sector with mail for his men and updates on the war which was not going well for Hitler who had redirected his forces to the Western Front. The Russians had recaptured Kiev. German positions were under constant bombardment. Mosken visited one of his men who had lost a foot in a land mine explosion. He learned that the company commander had also been wounded and was hospitalized. He would spare his men that piece of news.

Mosken spotted Hallgrim Dale. He called to him, but Dale didn't respond. He was nearly deaf from a previous shelling that had knocked him unconscious. Not knowing that it was Mosken approaching him, Dale aimed at him and told him to halt. Mosken finally realized that he was giving Dale the wrong password. Gudbrand stepped in and stopped Dale from firing on Mosken. Dale should be sent home. He had gone mad. He didn't even react when they showed him a letter from home.

Under different circumstances, Gudbrand and Dale may have been friends. But they had not recovered from the events of the previous winter – Sindre's desertion and Daniel's reappearing corpse. There had been an increase in explosions and machine gun fire. They might have to retreat a bit but would come back. But all Gudbrand could think of was going home. Sindre reminded Gudbrand of the road sign with a sun cross painted on it by the field hospital. One arrow pointed to Leningrad five kilometers away; the other arm pointed to Oslo 2,611 kilometers away. A grenade was thrown into the trench and exploded on Dale. Another grenade was thrown in. Mosken screamed for Gudbrand to take cover but he was mesmerized and couldn't move. He kept staring at the spinning grenade.

Chapter 22: Doctor Buer's Surgery. 22 December 1999.

The old man sat in Dr. Buer's office. He usually didn't have to wait this long. It irritated him to see that a dark-skinned African man was apparently reading about the Norwegian royal family. How absurd, he thought. He thought back to the night before. He had met a courier at the container pier who provided the accurate password: "Voice of an Angel". But the courier didn't have the rifle with him for security reasons. They would have to drive to get it. The old man was leery but he had no choice.

The old man was taken to the Radisson Hotel. As they walked in the old man spotted Betty but she didn't notice them. Inside a hotel room, the courier, who called the old man "Herr Uriah," counted the money that was in the suitcase the old man gave him. The appearance of the Marklin was anti-climactic to the old man after all he'd read about it. It was just a little larger than a normal hunting rifle. He disassembled the Marklin and put the parts in a large shoulder bag.

Dr. Buer called the old man into his office. He had received the results of his latest tests which confirmed that the cancer had spread. Without chemotherapy, the old man had only months to live. He would not last past the summer. More than pain, the old man was worried about his ability to think and function. Outside in front of the office, the old man looked to the sky. How he missed her! But they would soon be together again.



Analysis

The story reverts back to 1942 when Norwegian soldiers were fighting against the Russians. Some were supporters of Hitler while others just wanted the Russians out of Norway. How this story relates to the current story of Harry Hole and his errant shooting of the Secret Service agent and his subsequent and unexpected promotion to Inspector is not at all clear at this point but the stories are sure to have a crossroads deeper into the story. The only name among the Norwegian soldiers that has appeared in the present-day story is “Daniel”, the old man who the Pakistani boy found asleep in the grass. But the Daniel in the 1942 episode is killed by the enemy. But there was a question about why his body had been moved about and showed up again in the trench. There was a mystique about Daniel Gudeson, the Norwegian soldier. Could he have somehow duped the other soldiers, convincing them that he died while he actually deserted? And could that Daniel be the Daniel that appears in the current-day story?

The other featured soldier is Gudbrand who does not want to join the Nazis, although his friend Daniel Gudeson was a party member and urged him to join. Gudbrand stood out from the other soldiers in that he was a kind and caring man. This story of the young Norwegian soldiers ends in a cliffhanger. A grenade is thrown into the trench immediately killing one of the soldiers. Another grenade is thrown in the trench. Instead of immediately taking cover, Gudbrand is mesmerized and allows the grenade to tick on. He is so desperate to leave the war that the ticking grenade makes little difference to him. If he were injured he would be sent home. Of course, the blast could kill him which would also earn him a ticket out of the war, too.

Before Gudeson’s departure – either through death or desertion – he had claimed that democracies had run their courts and touted the strength of Stalin and Hitler – the only two men on earth who could end the chaos of war not owning up to the reality that Hitler had started it all. There was also a mystery about the disappearance of another soldier, Sindre. Did he desert like Gudbrand claimed or did Gudbrand kill him like Mosken suspected? When Dale asked to borrow Gudbrand’s bayonet, he said he had lost it. His bayonet was the weapon that Gudbrand pulled on Sindre when they argued.

As Part Two reverts to current day, there are two old soldiers who meet again in Oslo. They are not named but apparently are two of the Norwegian soldiers that we met in the trenches in 1942 and 1943. One is dying and has turned into a bitter murderer seeking revenge. The reason for his anger has not yet been made clear. If he is the old man in the grass, he is through with trying to save society. It is high time that someone else “paid.”

When the old man who purchased the Marklin high-powered rifle realizes that another old soldier is surprised to see him because he thought he was “dead”, perhaps Daniel Gudeson somehow did escape the trenches by convincing the others that he was dead. Since the old drunk is the only person who knows the other old man’s identity and that he did cheat death, he kills him. In the doctor’s office, he thinks to himself how he had changed names many times in his life. A soldier who deserted and needed to keep a



low profile would have the impetus to change his identity – further reason to think that Daniel Gudeson may not have died in the trenches.

He is lonely old dying man who misses his wife who died some time before. He looks to the sky and tells her that they will soon be together. He injected the solution into a large oak tree and rented a suite with a window that overlooks a certain section of the city. The tree and the hotel room play an important part in the man's plot but what that is has not yet been revealed. He also has ordered a Marklin which is apparently a high-powered rifle – an assassin's tool. But he is weak and old. Will he be able to carry out his diabolical plan and to what end?

When he pays off the courier for the Marklin rifle, the courier calls him Herr Uriah. The next section is entitled "Uriah" so there promises to be more explanations about the old man's motivations for his violent plans of revenge for a real or perceived injustice. His cancer is spreading and he will not last longer than the next summer. He doesn't care about pain as the doctor assumed he would be. Rather, the old man is worried about his ability to think lucidly and function. The doctor, of course, doesn't know that the old man has big plans for a fiery and violent end.

The shooting of the Secret Service agent wasn't a dream. Harry Hole had shot him. But, there will be no charges. In fact, to buy his silence Harry Hole is being promoted to Inspector and reassigned to an intelligence unit where he will be "out of the way." Harry is smart enough to know that his silence and cooperation are being sought. However, Harry does not appear to be the kind of man who is for sale. The reason for keeping the incident out of the news appears to be strictly a diplomatic and political one, at least ostensibly.

The first connection between the old Norwegian soldiers and the present-day police story is made when Ellen and her new partner Tom encounter the old man by the oak tree. Ellen is not suspicious about the old man, but Tom thinks he might be the pervert who has been preying on young boys. Neither police officer suspects that the old man is planning a grand one-man terrorist attack. Perhaps, they need the keen mind of Harry Hole, although he's being promoted and moved out of the crime unit. Ellen doesn't like Tom but he is expected to be promoted to Inspector. But if Harry is promoted and Tom is not, how will Tom feel about Harry whom he considers a worthless drunk? Tom seems to have a mean streak and may not react well. If Ellen is stuck with him long term, she won't be happy either.

Discussion Question 1

What two "Daniels" are mentioned in the story up to this point? Is there any connection between them?

Discussion Question 2

Why does Brandhaug want to promote Harry Hole to Inspector?



Discussion Question 3

Why is the old man injecting a solution into the oak tree with a syringe?

Vocabulary

Dales, parabola, smithereens, bayonet, insignia, despondency, rhetoric, consternation, macabre, cambium.



Part Three: Uriah

Summary

Chapter 23: Rudolph II Hospital, Vienna. 7 June 1944.

Helena Lang walked quickly through Ward 4. In recent weeks, with the good weather, Vienna had been bombed every single day. Her mother would be upset with her if she knew how she avoided the eligible Dr. Brockhard who was obviously interested in her. He came from an upper-crust family but she neither liked him nor his family and she wasn't going to be her mother's ticket back into high society. Her mother blamed the war for the demise of her father's business. He had lost Jewish lenders and wasn't able to pay his creditors. Her father was in prison for conspiring with the Jews. Helena didn't miss the high life; she missed her father.

A little bird had flown into the hospital through an open window. She thought of the sharp contrast between the woods nearby and the dead and mutilated soldiers who were brought into the ward every day. At first she had listened to their stories; but, it had been too stressful and ultimately she disciplined herself to just tend to their wounds without listening to them. The tales were too nightmarish.

That morning she pushed open the door where the Norwegian patient who said good morning to her in his funny German accent was. She asked Uriah if he had slept well. "Like a bear in hibernation," he told her. It wasn't his real name, but he asked to be called "Uriah". She was spending more time with him than her other patients. She thought back to when he had first been brought in. She was astonished that he had survived the large wound in his forehead.

Dr. Brockhard had noticed Helena's interest in Uriah and officially proclaimed him fit for release. She was to deliver the orders to him. He was being sent to the 3rd Panzer Division in Hungary. He would be in the infantry and his chances of surviving the assignment would not be good. The doctor taunted Helena – she would probably never see the man again. There was an out for Uriah, however. Helena could make the final decision. She knew exactly what that meant. Brockhard was using her feelings for Uriah to bed her. She knew how she should respond, but she couldn't.

Chapter 24: Bislett. New Year's Eve 1999.

Harry was given a send off from the Crime Squad the day before. Moller had praised him and congratulated him. Harry ignored the obviously sardonic expression on Tom's face. The next afternoon Harry traveled by tram to the Radisson Hotel exit. After stopping by his flat, he proceeded to Schroder's and took his favorite table where he planned to read the paper he brought with him.

Harry turned to an article by Professor of History Even Juul. The subheading read: "The conditions for fascism seen in the light of increasing unemployment in Western Europe."



The accompanying photo showed a wooden sign with a sun cross. One arm indicated that Oslo was 2,611 km away and the other arm that Leningrad was 5 km away. The article went on to say how neo-Nazism was on the increase with the recent economic downturn. The new movement was supported by a financial network and focused on rearmament – moral, military and racial.

An old man in the restaurant, Konrad Asnes, who everyone called the Mohican, told Harry that the neo-Nazis were a threat and that he, as a policeman, should take them out. Harry found the conversation odd because the Mohican rarely spoke.

Chapter 25: Rudolf II Hospital, Vienna. 8 June 1944.

Helena, dressed in street clothes, stood at the foot of Uriah's bed as he lay in his bed reading a book. Everyone else in the ward was asleep. She told him that he had been declared fit and had orders to join the Panzer Division in Hungary. He was shocked. He was Norwegian and couldn't be drafted. She told him that she bought two tickets for Paris. Her teacher lived there and Uriah could stay there. He was stunned but soon caught on that they were escaping together. He asked her if she loved him. She told him that she did love him.

Chapter 26: POT, Police HQ. 21 February 2000.

Harry came to Meirick's office for their first meeting after his transfer. Harry told Meirick that his first week with the unit had been fairly uneventful. His office was rather isolated from the other members of the unit. His main job thus far had been to read security reports. One of the reports indicated that spent cartridges were found in the woods around Skein after neighbors complained about hearing some shooting. The cartridges were identified as ammunition for a Marklin rifle, an unusual weapon.

Meirick addressed an upcoming neo-Nazi rally planned for outside a mosque in Oslo on May 17 during a Muslim feast. Meirick told Harry to see what he could find out about the protest. Harry told Meirick that he had a low tolerance level for skinheads. Harry apprised Meirick about the spent cartridges from a Marklin rifle. Harry sensed a remoteness from Meirick on the subject. Harry had done some checking and learned that no Marklins were registered in Norway. Interpol should be notified since the weapon must have been smuggled into the country. Harry had a copy of a consignment log that indicated that a Marklin had been transported from Johannesburg to Oslo.

Meirick wasn't interested. Firearms tracking wasn't a responsibility of the POT. But, Harry persisted, by explaining the extreme dangers of the Marklin. The Marklin was a German semi-automatic hunting rifle that could take down water buffalo and elephants. Only three hundred were made before they were banned by the German government in 1973. One hundred Marklins had found their way into the hands of terrorist organizations. These guns were not meant for hunting elk and cost as much as a Mercedes. Meirick gave Harry permission to travel to Skein and check things out.

Chapter 27: Linz. 9 June 1944.



The next train stop would be in Salzburg close to the German border. Dr. Brockhard had extended Uriah's medical leave for a week. Uriah understood the game that the doctor had been playing with Helena. She didn't want to talk about it. Instead, she wanted to hear some of Uriah's stories. He entertained her with tales of his war experiences. His stories never failed to entertain. He told her how he had ventured out to give a Bolshevik a Christian burial, replete with hymns and prayers.

Helena fell asleep in Uriah's arms and was awakened the next morning by the conductor who was asking for their tickets. Helena dug into her bag and handed them to the conductor. The conductor asked a lot of questions about where they were from and where they were going. He asked where Uriah had been hospitalized but Helena didn't allow him to respond. He questioned that they were going to Paris together although they were not married. He asked Helena if she was Catholic. There was a judgmental tone to his comments, and he seemed to be suspicious of them. The conductor cautioned Uriah that he'd better be able to present papers to prove he was on approved leave. He knew of another young soldier who'd been arrested and executed for desertion.

After the conductor finally left their compartment, Helena dissolved into tears. She feared she had placed Uriah in terrible danger. Uriah was fearless and teased her out of her worries.

Chapter 28: Siljan, Telemark. 22 February 2000.

Harry drove to woods near Skein. He pulled his car over to the side when he spotted the police car and pulled his skis down from the car roof. He found the path to the chalet as it had been described to him. When he reached the chalet, he found the police officers he had contacted waiting for him on the steps of the chalet. With them was the young boy who had found the spent cartridges. The others put their skis on and led Harry to the spot where the boy found the cartridges. They assumed a hunter was practice shooting there. Harry took note of the marks made in the snow by the "hunter's" skis. Harry found a few splinters and concluded that the hunter must have worn old wooden skis. They found a tree that one of the bullets had struck. The policemen were amazed that the bullet had gone through the entire trunk of the robust spruce tree. Harry said that a bullet-proof vest wouldn't stand up to such a bullet – only iron-clad armor.

Chapter 29: Rudolf II Hospital, Vienna. 23 June 1944.

Helena entered Dr. Brockhard's office. She'd been making excuses why she hadn't visited his flat. Now she told him that when Uriah disappeared, he hadn't been hiding in the forest he'd been on the train from Salzburg. She had been late that morning and had also been on the train from Salzburg. Brockhard asked her how long she thought they could have hidden in Paris. Helena admitted that they had not thought things out very well. Brockhard forgave Helena and felt he at last had control over her. But that wasn't the case. She presented a letter to him from Norwegian authorities ordering that Uriah be immediately turned over to the Oslo police. He did not have to comply with the orders to join the Panzer Division. She asked Brockhard to provide her with the



paperwork that would allow her to travel to Norway with Uriah. Brockhard was devastated because he truly loved Helena. He realized that she loved Uriah and he would never have her.

Chapter 30: Police HQ. 24 February 2000.

Harry and Meirik met with members of the Military Intelligence Service. They discussed the Marklin ammunition discovered at the chalet. Andreas Wright, a lieutenant with Military Intelligence, displayed a grainy photo of a man he identified as Andreas Hochner who was a mercenary, an accused murderer and arms smuggler. He was arrested during a raid of an arms dealer in December. An order list was found on him listing a Marklin rifle bound for Oslo. A fake passport uncovered in Hochner's flat indicated he had traveled to Oslo. So, the deal apparently was made. The customer's name was listed simply as "Uriah". Hochner wasn't talking.

Harry interjected that Hochner may not know Uriah's real identity. The question was what were Uriah's plans – assassination or terrorism? The spent cartridges point to an amateur who might have to hire a professional to do the job. This professional or terrorist could have his own motivations.

Chapter 31: The Lang Family's Summer Residence, Vienna. 25 June 1944.

Helena was dressing for dinner when she heard her mother answer the door and then call to her. Her guest had arrived for dinner. She came downstairs to find Uriah standing there with a bouquet of flowers for her. Helena was nervous because her mother didn't approve of the lowly Norwegian soldier. Frau Lang asked about Uriah's plans for a career. He responded that he'd been promised a job as a postman. Although he was not a man of means, he assured Frau Lang that he had an outstanding work ethic and a good head on his shoulders. He promised to take care of Helena. He told Frau Lang that he had orders from the Norwegian police to report to the hospital in Oslo. He was leaving in three days and wanted to take Helena with him. Frau Lang didn't answer. Instead, she called for the cook to bring in dessert.

Chapter 32: Johannesburg. 28 February 2000.

Harry visited the Hillbrow Police Station in Johannesburg. He was met by Officer Isaiah Burne who told Harry that Andreas Hochner had been brought there from another prison for the interview with Harry. Hochner wanted to make a deal with the Norwegian police. He would tell Harry everything he knows about his Oslo customer if the Norwegian government would get a promise from Johannesburg not to execute him. He was facing the death penalty for some of the charges against him.

Harry agreed to the deal. Hochner told Harry that Uriah was an old guy, over seventy, medium height with blue eyes. He spoke German and English fluently, had mentioned a place called "Sennheim" and was an amateur. Just when he was about to tell Harry what Uriah "hated", the interrogation was brought to a hasty end. Hochner was nearly strangled and Harry was yanked out of the room. Later, on the way to the airport, Isaiah explained that the interview was halted because he had offered diplomatic intervention.



Johannesburg didn't want to let Hochner off easy. They suspected that he had executed two young girls years before. To improve their society, they had to demonstrate that law and order had real meaning.

Chapter 33: Lainz Zoo, Vienna. 27 June 1944.

Andre Brockhard wanted to meet with Helena. He'd sent a limo to pick her up and take her to the stables at the zoo. She didn't know what Christopher's father wanted but she was prepared for anything. Whatever it was wouldn't change her plans. They would be leaving the next morning. But her heart pounded when Andre made the comment that Christopher could benefit from a smart girl like her. Had something gone wrong, she worried. He handed her the copy of a surety that was signed by Andre and by her father. Her father had put up their family home as collateral. Since her father had been financially ruined, Andre Brockhard owned their home although he had no intentions to take it from her mother. Helena understood the threat unless his son got what he wanted which was her. She refused to answer Andre and drove off in the limo.

Chapter 34: Vienna. 28 June 1944.

Uriah and Helena drove by car to the Zu den drei Husaren restaurant, a place where bombs were of only minor and occasional importance. Helena asked Uriah if he thought the rumors about concentration camps were true. He shrugged; he would feel perfectly safe in Hitler's captivity. After they ordered their dinner, the air-raid siren sounded. A restaurant spokesman urged everyone to take cover at the nearest shelter. His words were interrupted by the first bomb that evoked cries and screams. There was a rush for the exit. Uriah and Helena were the last to leave. As a romantic gesture, Uriah led Helena to a prime table by the orchestra and lit the candles on its candelabra. He left a tip on the table and led Helena outside for a walk. They found a large cathedral and went inside. Years later Helena couldn't remember if she told him in the cathedral that she couldn't go with him and all the reasons why. Even as they embraced and kissed passionately she insisted she couldn't go with him. They made passionate love that night. She woke in the dark and saw that he was gone. When she woke in the morning, he had come back but didn't say where he had been.

Analysis

Uriah was a charmer and was able to capture the heart of Helena Lang. Dr. Brockhard wanted Helena but she wasn't interested in being a doctor's wife. She longed for romance and wanted to marry a man she loved. It wasn't long after first meeting that she fell in love with the charming Norwegian soldier who was a patient in the hospital where she volunteered. She was willing to risk her career and reputation to help him avoid reassignment to the dangerous Panzer Division infantry. Helena is a strong female character. In the 1940s women were generally subservient to men, especially powerful men. Even though her father lost his business and was sent to prison and her mother pushed her to marry Dr. Brockhard, she resisted. Even a not-so-veiled threat from the doctor's rich and powerful father was not enough to force her into a relationship



with the doctor. She was young and fearless and knew what she wanted and what she didn't want. She is portrayed as a romantic figure and one who rejects wealth and the high-life in favor of love and idealism. Her mother is bitter because she has been rejected by high society. Helena doesn't miss being a rich man's daughter, she misses her father. She was dedicated to Uriah and her love saved him from a horrible fate.

Both the Brockhards, father and son, are elitists who are accustomed to getting their way and using their social position and wealth to do so. It is a win for the downtrodden when Helena does not cave to their demands and is not tempted by their money and the kind of life it could give her. She'd rather be happy and poor with Uriah. Of course, if Uriah is the spiteful Daniel either Helena is a poor judge of character or something happened in the intervening time that turned him into a vengeful monster. In the current day story, Helena is dead. However, it is not revealed yet when or how she died. If she was murdered, it could explain Uriah's rage.

Harry is on the trail of the neo-Nazis and, as it may well turn out, an old Nazi. Harry is aware that there is generally a resurgence of Nazism across Europe because of the economic downturn. People are uneasy because they have no jobs or money and are vulnerable to the recruitment tactics of the neo-Nazis. Harry is sophisticated enough to know that the current conditions are a recipe for disaster. A symbol that the old days of Nazism are re-emerging and joining forces, at least in spirit, with the new movements is the reference to the "sun-crossed" road sign with one arm pointing to nearby Leningrad and the other pointing to Oslo which is several thousand kilometers away.

Harry has been given an assignment to look into a protest to be staged by a neo-Nazi group. He tells his boss that he has no patience with skinheads. Harry is experienced and intuitive enough to know that whoever ordered the dangerous Marklin rifle is not a hunter and probably has assassination on his mind. Harry is persistent and is able to convince his boss and the Military Intelligence that the new owner of the Marklin needs to be tracked down.

Meirick, the head of POT and Harry's boss, seems strangely disinterested at least initially in the Marklin rifle. He keeps reminding Harry that arms smuggling isn't one of their areas of responsibility. It seems that a good cop, no matter what his assigned unit, would be interested in the smuggling of such an unusual weapon. Perhaps Meirick has a very narrow view of his responsibilities or he has other reasons to try to dissuade Harry from pursuing the Marklin investigation. As for Harry, he is more intrigued by where the trail may lead from the spent shells than he is in the neo-Nazi issue. Harry is portrayed as serious and quite cynical. He seems energized by the investigation of the Marklin. He's a good cop – according to Ellen, the best – and senses that left unchecked the Marklin incident could have devastating results.

There is more evidence that Uriah and Daniel Gudeson who "died" in the trenches during World War II are one in the same. Uriah tells Helena about burying a Bolshevik, signing Christian hymns and praying for him at his grave which is exactly what Daniel Gudeson did.



Harry is not able to find much from the gun smuggler Andreas Hochner about the purchaser of the Marklin other than that he is an old man, at least seventy. Harry tried to deal with Hochner but was thwarted by the Johannesburg police. The country is trying to elevate its culture and wants to demonstrate to its people that certain criminals will not go unpunished just because they can wield influence. They especially don't want foreign interests to interfere in their system of justice and law and order.

Discussion Question 1

What happened to Helena Lang's father and his business?

Discussion Question 2

Why is Harry intrigued about the ammunition found near the ski chalet?

Discussion Question 3

Why don't the Johannesburg police allow Harry to make a deal with Hochner?

Vocabulary

Echelon, incomprehensible, illusory, redundant, sardonic, verbose, taciturn, consignment, dressage, menial.



Part Four: Purgatory

Summary

Chapter 35: Container Port, Bjorvika. 29 February 2000.

Harry parked on a hill overlooking the port. He recalled that Hochner said Uriah was old and had blue eyes. He apparently didn't have a limp or handicap and spoke German and English and had been to a place called Sennheim. Harry had checked but couldn't find any city with that name. Not much to go on. The interview was stopped right when Hochner was going to tell him what Uriah hated. But since he was apparently propelled by "hatred" Uriah was apparently being driven by a personal vendetta. The Marklin was quite expensive. Was the old man wealthy or did he have a sponsor?

Harry picked up his cell and dialed Ellen. He gave her a description of Uriah, adding that the man hadn't held a weapon in his hands in over 50 years. She came up with a blank. But a short while later, she thought of something and called him back. He was elated. Now that she pointed it out, it was obvious.

Chapter 36: Irisveien. 1 March 2000.

Harry visited Professor Juul the next day. He asked the professor about the current threat of Nazism and then moved on to his real purpose. He wanted to know if the professor could help him find someone. From the sketchy description of Uriah, the professor didn't have a clue. There would be literally thousands of men in Norway who would match the description. Ellen had suggested that since he hadn't held a weapon in over fifty years, it was probably less than sixty years. Harry offered that if it was fifty-five years ago, the man was either in the Resistance, fled to England or at the Eastern Front. Ellen concluded that he had probably been assigned to the Eastern Front because of his language abilities.

Since it would be impossible for the professor to actually identify the man, Harry asked him to share with him how such a man might think – what would make him tick. The man could still have anger about the war – many of these men were sentenced as traitors. Professor Juul promised Harry he would give the matter more thought and review the report from the interview that Harry had with Hochner.

Chapter 37: First Floor, Continental Hotel. 1 March 2000.

Aud Hilde had requested a meeting with Bernt Brandhaug to discuss an unusual case. An old man had visited their office and insisted that the Foreign Office owed him two million kroner. He referred to a letter he had sent in 1970. He was a merchant seaman during the war and his pay had been withheld. It had something to do with Nortraship. The man raged on that he'd been cheated and that God would punish them for their sins. His letter guaranteed the back-payment of the bonus for four years' service.



Brandhaug had heard of Nortraship and the man was probably right in his claims. The crews on many of the ships were cheated out of their pay which went directly into the pockets of the ship owners and politicians. The man's name was Konrad Asnes. He had given the Foreign Office a two-week deadline to get the money to him or there would be consequences. Brandhaug told her to ignore the matter.

Chapter 38: Focus Fitness Centre, Ila. 2 March 2000

Harry was at the gym when Professor Juul called him. After reading the report, he saw that the man had been in Sennheim. It was proof that the man had fought on the front. Sennheim was in French Alsace. Only men from the Nordland and Norge regiments trained there. Juul was familiar with one of these men. As a test he had been given orders to shoot one of his brothers. Instead, the young man shot both brothers and his parents. He was currently living in Oslo and his name was Sindre Fauke.

Chapter 39: Gentlemen's Outfitter, Hegdehaugsveien. 2 March 2000.

The old man was fitted with a new suit. Since he needed it for only one occasion, the shop assistant suggested a less expensive fabric. The old man said that the expensive fabric would do fine. He suddenly bent over in pain but told the assistant not to worry and that it would pass. He laughed heartily when she said the suit would last him a life time.

Chapter 40: Holmenkollen. 3 March 2000.

Harry drove to the address he had for Sindre Fauke. He located his daughter who told him that her father had moved into town. She told Harry where her father could be found. Harry drove Sindre's daughter to her destination. He was attracted to her and almost missed a red light when he was trying to see if she had a wedding ring on. As it turned out they both studied law at the university. He graduated two years before she did. They both seemed to be interested in seeing each other again.

Chapter 41: Vibes Gate, Majorstuen. 3 March 2000.

Sindre Fauke was writing a book on the war. He felt he had a duty to record his experiences for posterity. After some not-so-subtle probing, Harry found out that Sindre's daughter lived with a boy named Oleg. Harry asked Sindre about his fellow Norwegians at Sennheim. Immediately, Sindre responded that many of these men had died during the war. Sindre deserted in 1942. He wasn't a follower of Hitler or Stalin. He was a naive eighteen-year-old when he volunteered. Most of the volunteers were there for Norway and not for political reasons. Sindre had been obsessed with revenge when he was young. He vowed to avenge all those who had sacrificed their lives for the lies that they had been fed. Sindre assumed that Juul had told him that he had killed his parents and two brothers. Sindre said he'd been a young soldier who'd been given orders to kill. Another soldier who they called redbreast taught him that slicing the carotid artery with the bayonet was the most humane way to kill someone.



At the end of their meeting, Sindre provided Harry with the names of the other soldiers in his unit: Edvard Mosken, Hallgrim Dale and Gudbrand Johansen. Daniel Gudeson had been a member of the unit but died the same night Sindre deserted. The only one Sindre had seen since 1945 was Edvard. He didn't know if the others were still alive. Sindre offered to tell everything he knew about these men.

Chapter 42: POT. 3 March 2000.

Harry typed up his notes after his meeting with Sindre. Gudbrand was a nice country boy who idolized Daniel Gudeson who had been shot during night watch. He got no results in his search for Gudeson. Edvard Mosken was disowned by his family for fighting on the front. A search returned an Edvard Mosken born in 1921. Mosken's son by the same name had been arrested on multiple drug charges. He input Edvard's ID number into the Criminal Records and the Central National Register databases but there were no hits. Sindre had described Hallgrim Dale as an opportunist. Meirick came in and reminded him to look into the neo-Nazi rally. Meirick encouraged Harry to attend the department party but he wouldn't commit.

Harry got pages of hits on Dale's ID. He'd been arrested on numerous charges including vagrancy, drunkenness and petty larceny. It appeared that Dale was still alive. He found a phone number on him but it was no longer in service. Harry put Dale's ID in the Registry and the last item on the results page listed him as a victim. After another query, Harry learned that Dale had been murdered. Dale's name had always seemed familiar to Harry. It suddenly occurred to him why.

Chapter 43: Focus Gym: 3 March 2000.

Harry contacted Ellen and confirmed that she and Tom had briefly worked on the Dale murder case. It was almost immediately turned over to another cop. He told her the murder could be connected to the man he was trying to find. Ellen and Tom had interviewed the worker in the restaurant who found Dale. They checked out Dale's flat but found nothing. The only thing that stood out about the murder was that Dale didn't seem to struggle. Neo-Nazis routinely met at the pizzeria and one of them could have killed Dale. They did learn that Harry's old nemesis Sverre Olsen had been in the pizza parlor that night.

Chapter 44: Harry's Office. 6 March 2000.

When Harry arrived he had a message that a Miss Hochner had called and would call back. Harry talked to Ellen about the Dale murder case. In her opinion, the murderer was a pro. It hadn't been an emotional killing but wasn't premeditated. Constance Hochner, Andreas' sister, called Harry back. She told Harry that he had made an agreement with her brother that had not been fulfilled. Harry told her that before anything could be done for her brother, the information he provided had to be verified. She had more information for Harry but wouldn't give it to him until he helped her brother. It didn't work like that he told her. He convinced her that it could only help her



brother's case if he provided information that helped prevent a murder. He promised to do whatever he could for Andreas.

Constance told Harry that the man who took delivery of the weapon was not the same person who ordered it. The man who ordered the Marklin was younger and spoke good English with a Scandinavian accent. He used the code name "The Prince" and was a regular arms customer. Andreas advised him to focus on groups of men fixated on guns. If Harry came into possession of an audio of his voice, Andreas would recognize it. He updated Ellen in hopes that she would come up with something.

Chapter 45: Sogn. 6 March 2000.

Henry thought about what Constance Hochner had told him. Someone out there knew who Uriah was. This middleman was probably a professional criminal since he was known to be a regular arms customer. Harry was driving around and found himself in front of Sindre's house. He was disappointed when he saw a tall man exit the Sindre residence.

Chapter 46: Drammen. 7 March 2000.

Harry visited Edvard Mosken. He lived alone; his wife had left him after the war. He had retired from a successful career as the owner of Mosken Transport. Mosken had an alibi for the evening of December 21. He confirmed the names of the men who he trained with at Sennheim. He added Daniel Gudeson's name that had been left off Harry's list. Harry asked why he felt compelled to include a dead man. Daniel was part of the unit for a long time. Everyone had thought of him as nearly indestructible.

Mosken was not surprised to hear that Dale was dead but was surprised to hear that he was murdered. Mosken could offer very little information on Dale. He had only seen Sindre since the war. Gudbrand Johansen had saved his life. Gudbrand was closest to the grenade that exploded in their trench. When he came out of his coma, there was no word on what happened to Gudbrand or Dale. He guessed that the men were taken to the field hospital in the Northern Section like he had been. Mosken never tried to track down either of the men. He had been on the side of the Nazis during the war but recognized that he had been wrong. He had had no contact with neo-Nazis since then. Mosken had to cut the meeting short. He had plans to go to Grenland.

Chapter 47: Ellen's Office. 7 March 2000.

Harry stopped by Ellen's office. She hadn't come up with anything. She checked the Registry for the alias "Prince" with no results. She suggested that Harry look at the neo-Nazis who are rather fixated on weaponry.

Chapter 48: Café Ryktet, Grensen. 7 March 2000.

Harry rushed over to Professor Juul's house. He had something he wanted to discuss. Harry asked how Sindre's family members had been killed. They had all been shot through the head. Juul took Harry to the Ryktet Café where old Nazis were known to



hang out. They were angry and bitter at society – they hated women priests, homosexuals, foreign aid and defense cuts. It would be a perfect place for Uriah to hang out. He would fit right in. Harry wondered if Juul's wife, Signe who was a nurse on the front, might have anything to tell him. Juul was very curt in his response. Signe had nothing to tell him. Harry asked where he should begin in his search for a neo-Nazi who served as Uriah's middleman. Juul told him that there were only about fifty active members. Their financial backers remained in the shadows. Suddenly, a deep voice behind them said, "How dare you come here, Even Juul." (259)

Chapter 49: Gimle Cinema, Bygdoy Alle. 7 March 2000.

Harry and Ellen took in a movie. He told her about his conversation with Professor Juul and being interrupted by an irate old Nazi. He probably didn't like Juul's commentary on political and social issues. Juul didn't respond to the man; he simply marched out. Juul had been upset by the incident; he hardly said goodbye to Harry when they parted. Ellen found out that Kristian Krohn was Edvard Mosken Jr.'s defense counsel. His grandfather, Johan Krohn worked on post-war trials. In the middle of the movie, Harry asked Ellen where Grenland was. She responded that Grenland was in the Skien area. Ellen watched the rest of the movie by herself.

Chapter 50: Oslo. 11 March 2000.

Harry reluctantly attended the POT department party. In the meantime, Ellen and Tom were working the night shift. She was looking forward to his being replaced soon. "Prince" was blaring on the radio. She turned the volume down. They had a tip that Ayub a Pakistani gang leader had been seen in the area. Tom told Ellen to wait in the car while he made a few inquiries. While he was gone, his mobile phone kept ringing. She figured it was personal and ignored it until it rang the sixth time. She kiddingly spoke in the tone of an answering machine. But, the person on the other end was obviously waiting for the "beep" so she complied. The caller was Sverre Olsen.

Harry was distracted at the party by thoughts of the Marklin investigation and whether the Dale murder was linked to it. Meirick introduced him to the lovely Rakel Fauke, head of the foreign department. Harry explained that they had already met. It was Sindre Fauke's daughter. When Tom returned to the car he asked if he had received any calls. Ellen told him that there were none. She thought frantically to herself that she had to call Harry.

Back at headquarters, Ellen was about to call Harry but was interrupted when Tom came in. He insisted on driving her home. He'd wait while she made her call. She realized it just wasn't his racial and social biases that she hated or his use of violence at every opportunity. It was more than that. He insisted on taking her right to her door. She wondered if he knew that she knew. She raced upstairs to her apartment and grabbed the phone repeating the message from Olsen in her mind, "I'm still waiting for the ten big ones as commission for the shooter for the old guy. Ring me at home." (271) Tom Waaler was the "prince" – now obvious from the music he constantly played. She got Harry's voice mail. She told him that they got him and that she'd try his mobile phone.



She swore she still heard the sound of Tom's car idling outside. Harry had finally stopped thinking about the case. He was enchanted with Rakel who was remaining at his side at the party.

Harry put his mobile phone down on a table when Rakel asked him to dance which was why he didn't answer when Ellen called. Ellen looked out the window. Tom's car was gone. She called her new love, Kim, and told him she'd be over soon and would spend the night. She asked him if he loved her.

Tom called Olsen with Prince music playing in the background. Tom had seen that Olsen talked to someone on his phone that evening but he got no message although Olsen insisted he left one. Olsen wanted his cash. Tom wanted to know who he talked to and exactly what he said. Olsen said he left a message with the lady on his voicemail. Olsen repeated the message he thought he had left. Tom was upset. Their whole operation had been exposed to an outsider. The leak had to be plugged right away or it would be all over. It would be Olsen's job to stop the woman he talked to from going to the police. Tom would give Olsen 40 thousand more kroner when the job was done.

Ellen had her coat on and was ready to leave her apartment. She looked out the window again. The street was abandoned. She tried Harry's phone again but couldn't reach him. She walked up the street toward Kim's and remembered that he asked her to stop by a 7-11 for cigarettes. She smiled at the familiar face of a man who was looking at her. She took a short cut through a dark area and soon realized that she was being followed. She ran but the footsteps behind her fell into the same gait. She was reaching for the mace in her pocket as she neared a streetlight when she was struck by the first blow which knocked her over. She was hit in the arm and then in the kneecap. She saw the baseball bat rise in the air and strike her repeatedly. She took notice of what he was wearing and told herself that she could survive.

Harry found out that Oleg was Rakel's child, not her lover. Her and the child's father had lived together for two years in Moscow and then drifted apart. Harry told Rakel why he had wanted to talk to her father; he was trying to track down an ex-soldier that he served with. Harry went home and right to bed. He didn't notice the flashing red light on his phone indicating that he had a message.

After Olsen returned home, he recalled how Tom had met him and showed him where the woman lived. They parked in a spot that allowed them to see when she left. His recollection of the assault was sketchy. He tried not to think about it and tried to remind himself that he was a soldier and what he did was for the cause. He had gotten rid of the bat, wiped his fingerprints off and threw it in the river. He spotted a picture of Himmler that he had tacked on the wall with a caption that referred to his honorable death – suicide. He didn't know that Tom was a cop.

Chapter 51: Hamburg: 30 June 1944.



Uriah wrote a letter to Helena. He loved her and even though they had only a short time together, he hoped she would remember him. When they were separated, he got on a train to Hamburg but had to get off before they reached the city because the track was blocked. The city was in ruins. Children he encountered were emaciated. The once beautiful Elbe River was now littered with debris and contaminated with dead bodies. He planned to take a train to Copenhagen. Hamburg was being bombarded as he wrote. There was a firestorm across the harbor that was encompassing everything. He asked that if she had children one day that she tell them stories about him.

Analysis

Harry has a name for the man he's looking for but is aware that it is an alias. He is looking for a shadowy figure that he knows little about. But Harry is a good – some say the best – investigator and he will no doubt be able to eventually put the pieces to the puzzle together. At the onset of the investigation, all he gets are more puzzle pieces and very few answers.

Since Ellen is bright and not directly involved in the Marklin investigation, she is able to stand back and view it from a detached position. Her input helps to narrow the timing that the old man referred to when he said he hadn't had a weapon in his hand for over fifty years. Dr. Juul weighs in, but the scant data that Harry provides leaves him clueless. But he's a good source and Harry hopes that he has planted a seed and that the professor will come up with something that will further the investigation.

Konrad Asnes, also known as the Mohican, warned Harry about the rise of the neo-Nazis. He also has threatened the Foreign Office with consequences if he doesn't receive his back pay. He like many crewmen was cheated out of their pay. Brandhaug indicated that the money went into the pockets of the ship owners and politicians. The Mohican hates the Nazis with a vengeance. Is his venom for them strictly socio-political or more personal in nature? Perhaps those who stole his pay were Nazis? Although the Mohican harbors deep resentment about his war experience, there does not appear to be any connection between him and the Marklin rifle.

Harry's instincts were right. Professor Juul is able to identify the training area where the old Norwegian Nazis trained. Now it's up to Harry to track down those old-soldiers who are still alive. Juul knows one of the soldiers himself: Sindre Fauke who Gudbrand was accused of killing. Gudbrand had denied killing him and swore that Sindre deserted. So many years later, it appears that Gudbrand was telling the truth. When Harry meets with Sindre, he comes away with a treasure trove of information about the Norwegian men – one of whom purchased the Marklin – who served on the Eastern Front during WWII.

Another clue is revealed to Harry when Hochner's sister tells him that there was a middleman in the purchase of the Macklin. The middleman was known as the Prince and was a regular customer of the arms dealer – yet another mysterious thread for Harry to follow in this investigation that is becoming increasingly complicated. After tracking down Edvard Mosken, Harry learns that the other men looked up to Daniel



Gudeson. To them he was smart and indestructible. His death, therefore, must have been a blow to them. If the indestructible one can die, what chances would they have? Yet, Harry is somewhat surprised that Mosken would include Gudeson on his list of the fellow soldiers in his unit since he had died so many years before.

Later, Harry thinks he is on to something when he recalls that Mosken said he was traveling to Grenland. When Ellen tells him that Grenland is near Skein, where the Marklin ammunition was found, he feels there might be a connection. Is Mosken involved in the Marklin plot or is it just a coincidence? Mosken is writing a book about his war experiences. Perhaps he wants to add a timely update to his work. Harry uncovers an inconsistency in Sindre's account of the murder of his family. He had alluded to the fact that redbreast – the soldier who everyone admired – had told him that slicing the carotid artery was a painless way to do inferring that was the method he used to kill his brothers and parents. But Mosken claims that Sindre's family members were all shot in the head. Was guilt and shame driving Sindre claim that the murder of his family had at least been painless? Or were there other reasons for this inconsistency?

Ellen had described the robin redbreast that stayed behind in winter as a risk taker. The soldier who told Sindre about the painless way to kill people was referred to as the redbreast. Is the redbreast, Uriah and Daniel one in the same? If so, how could Daniel have survived what everyone else professed to be his murder? Or is one of the other soldiers using Daniel's name in a way of honoring him?

The clue that Tom, Ellen's partner, was Prince, the arms smuggler, was that he always had Prince music blaring from his car radio. His identity as the middleman in the Marklin investigation is revealed to Ellen in the most unexpected way. She knows that she is in danger but thinks she will outsmart Waaler. She is naïve to think that Tom, who obviously is a bright man and sophisticated and seasoned criminal, won't figure out her little ploy with his mobile phone voice mail. He immediately puts two and two together and sends out his minion, neo-Nazi Olsen, to kill her before she exposes their operation. It is apparent that Tom is a neo-Nazi. He tells Olsen that he must kill Ellen because he is a soldier and it's for the cause. Tom is a ruthless character who may be more interested in money than he is the cause.

Harry is mesmerized by Sindre's daughter who turns out to be Rakel with the Foreign Office. He is elated to learn that she is unattached and that Oleg is her son. Unfortunately, Harry unwittingly picked the worst possible time to go ga-ga over a girl. For once in his life, he forgets about his investigation and focuses on Rakel and ignores his phone messages. Ellen needs him for two reasons: she has crucial information on the investigation and she needs him to save her life.

Olsen's beating of Ellen is brutal. He used a baseball bat just like he did on his Vietnamese victim. Olsen is an oaf but is certainly a proficient killer. It seems unlikely that she could survive the assault. Whether she lives or dies is not revealed in this section of the story. But as she is losing consciousness, she thinks of the hedge sparrows and how they survive winter. Olsen is plagued by guilt over his assault on



Ellen. Olsen focuses on a photo of Himmler, one of his heroes, who died honorably; he committed suicide. This could be a foreshadowing of how Olsen's own end.

From his letter to Helena, it appears that she and Uriah do not wind up together – at least not initially but that part of the story probably does not end with this letter.

Discussion Question 1

What two pieces of information did Harry glean from his interview of Hochner that were key in solving the Marklin case?

Discussion Question 2

Who is Sindre Fauke's daughter? Who is Oleg?

Discussion Question 3

What role did the "Prince" play in the acquisition of the Marklin? What is his real identity?

Vocabulary

Orthodoxy, posterity, kroner, intonations, sundry, surrogate, idiosyncrasies, laconically, capitulation, incorrigible.



Part Five: Seven Days

Summary

Chapter 52: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 12 March 2000.

Harry was drunk. He called Ellen's answering machine and told her how she'd be found in the snow by a young couple. The cause of death was the injuries to her head from a blunt instrument. She had other serious injuries, but the blows to the head were fatal. The Crime Scene investigators found boot tracks in the snow, but they were rather kicked around and not clear. No witnesses had come forward yet. They found a black cap nearby with blood on it. It was sent to Forensics for analysis. Harry signed off. He needed another drink.

Chapter 53: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 13 March 2000.

Harry left another message on Ellen's answering machine. He reported that she had not been sexually assaulted. Kim was currently the main suspect.

Chapter 54: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 14 March 2000.

Harry left another message on Ellen's answering machine. Harry was still drinking a lot and took a bad fall down the stairs. He made it to work by noon one day and felt everyone was looking at him. He missed Ellen terribly. Harry didn't think Kim was the killer. The hat didn't have any hair, only skin particles. Forensics was running DNA analyses on it. Harry thought it was odd that there wasn't one hair in the cap. Rakel brought him a book "Our Small Birds" to let him know she was thinking of him.

Chapter 55: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 15 March 2000

Harry left another message on Ellen's answering machine. They buried Ellen that day but Harry wasn't there. He wasn't presentable. He dropped by to see Rakel. She had a visitor. His name was Brandhaug. He thought he was the tall man he saw leaving her house one day.

Chapter 56: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 16 March 2000.

Harry left another message on Ellen's answering machine. Harry went to the Ryktet Café and had a beer with the old man who raged at Professor Juul. He asked the man why he'd been so upset with Juul. He had fought on the Eastern Front and knew Signe, Juul's wife. Signe had been convicted of treason, but Juul's father was an influential man and saw that she got a light sentence. The old man hated Juul because he told lies about Norway during the war. The old man couldn't remember the soldier that Signe had been engaged to first, but he was a kind of a hero to the others.



Harry had requested a list of bald men sentenced for committing acts of great bodily harm over the past four years. The search had produced a list of thirty-four names. According to Tom who drove Ellen home that night, she was in a calm frame of mind and had just talked in trivialities. He saw that she had left him a message. He thought that she seemed anxious to talk to him, but Moller disagreed.

Chapter 57: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 17 March 2000.

Harry left another message on Ellen's answering machine. Harry didn't go to work. He had an appointment with Dr. Aune, a psychologist. There was a concern that Harry could turn into a recluse after all he'd been through. Harry had taken Ellen's bird after her death. The psychologist thought it was a way of trying to hold onto Ellen. Harry asked Rakel out on a date. She said she would think about it.

Chapter 57: Jens Bjelkes Gate. 18 March 2000.

Harry tried one last time to "communicate" with Ellen, but her phone had been disconnected.

Analysis

In Part Five, the reader is able to experience the pain and grief that Harry is subjected to after the death of Ellen while at the same time get updates on the progress of the her murder investigation. Harry, like all those in grief over the loss of a loved one, is experiencing guilt over her death. When he discovers what she knew and that she was trying to get hold of him that night, he will feel only worse.

There are clues as to the identity of the perpetrator. The hairless cap is an indication that the killer was bald. The severe beating of the Vietnamese man will put Olsen's name on the list of criminals charged with inflicting great bodily harm on their victims. Surely forensics will be able to identify the instrument of death as a baseball bat. All those factors together should run up all kinds of red flags for Harry that Olsen murdered Ellen.

Brandhaug has some kind of relationship with Rakel but that nature of this relationship has not yet been clarified. He told the woman who brought the Mohican's complaint to him to forget the old man's charges even though he knew that they were valid. He doesn't seem to be an honest broker.

Juul has a direct connection to the soldiers on the Eastern Front. His wife Signe was a nurse on the front during the war and had been engaged to another soldier – one who was a hero to the other men. Could Signe be Helena? Juul has shown his reluctance to have Harry talk to Signe. Who was the hero soldier that Signe was first engaged to?



Discussion Question 1

What two important things were accomplished by the book's structure in this section of the story?

Discussion Question 2

What clues are there that the perpetrator could be Olsen?

Discussion Question 3

Why could the knowledge that Signe might have about the soldiers on the Eastern Front be crucial to Harry's investigation?

Vocabulary

Fallacy, cranium, ergo, forensics, canteen, chaotic, trivialities, marginally, hermit, hereditary.



Part Six: Bathsheba

Summary

Chapter 59: Moller's Office. April 2000.

Six weeks after Ellen's death, Harry returned full time to the office. Moller stopped by his office to chat. Harry referred to Ellen's last call. He hadn't been there for her. Ellen said she had found him. Moller was aware of the message that Ellen left. Harry was sure she knew the identity of the middleman, but Moller didn't think Ellen was talking about the arms deal. He reminded Harry that just because they hadn't solved her murder didn't mean that they had forgotten her. The unit has hardly slept since the incident. Moller advised Harry that the list of thirty-four bald suspects had been reduced to twelve after checking out alibis. They eliminated the remainder of the suspects through DNA analysis. They also cleared Kim, Ellen's boyfriend. The blood on the cap was Ellen's. Moller said he was going to see if he could have Halvorsen put on the case.

Chapter 60: Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 17 April 2000.

On rare occasions, Brandhaug ran across a woman he not only wanted but had to have. Rakel Fauke was one of those women. He took her out for a beer on the pretense of "official business." He pumped Meirik for more information about Rakel. She had been married to a Russian who was predisposed to alcoholism. Things went downhill quickly and Rakel left with her baby. The ex-husband brought a lawsuit against her over child custody. Brandhaug contacted the legal department to learn the status of the lawsuit. When Rakel declined his invitation to dinner, he read to her a letter from the legal department indicating that a compromise solution was being sought in the child custody case which would require her and Oleg to appear in Russian court.

Rakel asked Brandhaug to meet with her. He assured her he would do everything in his power to help her avoid going to Russia. He asked her to dinner but again she declined. The next morning, Brandhaug asked the Russian ambassador to find out what the Russian authorities wanted. When a letter arrived from the Russian authorities the next week, he sent a copy to Rakel who contacted him the next day. Again, he insisted they meet instead of discussing the matter on the phone. He came by Rakel's house the next evening at six to meet Oleg. It was obvious that Rakel was keeping the sleepy child in the room with them so she wouldn't have to be alone with him. She apologized for keeping Brandhaug so long. His wife must be worried.

Brandhaug found his way into Rakel's house again ostensibly with another update on the lawsuit. He was just telling Rakel that he and his wife had a platonic relationship and that one should follow his heart when there was a knock at the door. It was Harry although Brandhaug didn't initially recognize him. He saw how Rakel perked up around him. That she was attracted to someone else made Brandhaug want her all the more.



The next day he learned that the visitor was Harry Hole. Ironically, it was Brandhaug who promoted and transferred him to POT.

Chapter 61: Police HQ. 27 April 2000.

Halvorsen, young and blond-haired, had been transferred into the crime unit to work on Ellen's murder case. Harry stopped by for an update. Halvorsen had been amassing the names of more suspects. He was working hard at narrowing the list of over a thousand names down and was focusing on identifying skinheads.

Chapter 62: POT. 2 May 2000.

Harry, Rakel and Oleg began spending time together. They went for walks and played video games and Oleg asked Harry questions about his cases and why snow was white and anything that crossed his mind.

Halvorsen called Harry and told him that he had narrowed the list of suspects down and had found eight skinheads. He told him that another officer, Tom Waaler, had asked to look at Halvorsen's case notes. Harry felt uneasy that Halvorsen turned his notes over to another cop but Halvorsen was a young cop and had been working hard. Meirick called Harry into the office. Half of the trade union leaders had been faxed death threats that day. The threat was signed "88" which was short for "Heil Hitler." The messages were faxed from Helsingborg, Sweden, a Nazi stronghold. Harry was being sent there to do undercover work, infiltrate the neo-Nazi network. He might be there as long as six months. Harry didn't understand why he had been selected for the job since there were many other officers available with much more experience. Harry smelled a rat.

Harry received a fax from Halvorson. He stopped in his tracks when he saw one of the names on the list – Sverre Olsen. Suddenly, he knew who Ellen's murderer was. Now all he had to do was get enough evidence gathered to prove it – the boot prints in the snow, the cap, the DNA. Crime scene technicians were able to isolate a good boot print. Halvorson was trying to run down the boots which were American made. Halvorson also uncovered photos of some of the suspects wearing combat boots and hats. He called Moller with his suspicions about Olsen. Moller told him that Tom Waaler was suspicious of Olsen, too, and was going to bring him in for questioning.

Chapter 63: Krokliveien, Bjerke. 2 May 2000.

Olsen was broke; he was still waiting for the money from the Prince. He wanted to go to Herbert's pizza. The last time he was there he was tempted to stand and shout that he had been the one who killed the female cop. Blood had spurted everywhere. She had died screaming. He was angry at the Prince who knew she was a cop. His mother called to him. There was someone there to see him. It was the Prince who took the liberty of climbing the stairs to Olsen's bedroom. The Prince showed him the Police ID card that he had presented to his mother. He told Olsen that it was the day of reckoning. He gave Olsen a sheet with a list of names. The Crime Squad would be visiting and taking blood and DNA from him. Olsen had left his cap at the scene.



Waalder explained that he was leading the police to Olsen to shorten the investigation time even though Olsen could turn him in. Then it occurred to Olsen that Waalder was a cop. But Waalder claimed that he was really a soldier just like Olsen. Waalder pulled his pistol. It was a Glock the world's most reliable handgun. Waalder purchased it from a dealer in Germany. The manufacturer number had been filed off. Waalder aimed and took a shot at the ceiling which startled Olsen and caught the attention of his mother. Olsen felt he was in slow motion as he watched Waalder pull his Smith & Wesson and take aim at him. The bullet entered Olsen's forehead and exited through the back of his head.

Chapter 64: Krokliveien. 2 May 2000.

Harry was at the crime scene. A young officer was on the roof inspecting the bullet that had pierced the ceiling in Olsen's room and had gone through the roof. Harry had arrived four or five minutes after the shooting. He had been tipped off by central switchboard. When he arrived he saw Waalder's car and then heard an animal-like howling. It turned out to be his mother. Harry accompanied Moller inside when he arrived. Waalder's story was that Olsen became increasingly rattled when he pressed him about his whereabouts on the night of Ellen's murder. When Waalder announced he would be taking him in for questioning, Olsen pulled a gun on Waalder who defended himself. Outside, Harry and Moller went for a walk. Moller didn't think Harry seemed happy that Ellen's murder had been solved. It bothered Harry that an experienced officer like Waalder would come alone to question and potentially arrest a dangerous killer. Moller refused to engage in speculation about Waalder's actions.

Chapter 65: Schroder's. 2 May 2000.

The old man was reading the newspaper when the waitress sat a drink down in front of him. After he paid her, he walked over to use the phone. He called Signe. He could hear the fright in her voice. She knew it would be him calling. It was Daniel. He reminded her of her vow years before – 'til death do us part. She threatened to call the police. He hung up the phone and walked down the street. It wouldn't be long now.

Chapter 66: Dinner. 5 May 2000.

At dinner, Harry told Rakel that he was being sent on an undercover assignment out of town that could last six months. They both said they would miss each other. Harry pushed Rakel to tell him if their relationship was more than flirting and laughing. Would he have something to come home to he asked her. Rakel said it wouldn't work between them. She'd been through too much before. He asked if she was afraid because her husband and Harry were both alcoholics. She insisted that that wasn't it. She wouldn't say what the problem was but told him they'd never see each other again.

Chapter 67: Halvorsen's Flat. 6 May 2000.

Harry called Halvorsen and asked him to check on a few things. Halvorsen was hesitant. Moller told him that Harry was to have nothing to do with the investigation and the next day was Saturday, his day off. Halvorsen cursed himself but listened to what Harry had to say.



Chapter 68: Vibes Gate. 8 May 2000.

Harry visited Sindre Fauke. The picture of Fauke's wife looked exactly like Rakel. Harry brought up Ellen's murder. Fauke had read about it. He told Fauke that Ellen had left a message on his answer machine that indicated she knew the identity of the middleman who ordered the Marklin. Forensics had been able to gather DNA from both the Dale murder scene and Ellen's. They matched. It was Harry's theory that Olsen was at the scene of both murders but not necessarily the murderer in both cases. He felt that there was a connection between the two crimes. Olsen's mother had told one of the cops that her son couldn't stand the sight of blood. The fatal wound to Dale's neck was a perfect surgical cut. Ellen was beaten to death with a baseball bat. Perhaps Olsen found Dale's body and seeing the blood from gushing from his throat wound made him vomit. Sindre knew what Harry was driving at. Were any of the old soldier's capable of cutting someone's throat like that. Sindre said that Gudbrand Johansen – the one who Harry hadn't located – was. They called him redbreast.

Chapter 69: Irisveien. 8 May 2000.

Harry had contacted Signe Juul and arranged to stop by and talk with her. She was not thrilled about talking about her war experiences. Signe had been a nurse on the Eastern front and a traitor. There were four hundred nurses who were all imprisoned after the war. Juul's father was influential and got her sentence commuted. Harry asked her if she knew a soldier named Gudbrand Johansen. He saw her flinch when he said the name. Harry told her he knew she had been engaged to Daniel Gudeson. She knew of Gudbrand from Daniel's letters. He was like a younger brother to Daniel. He was taken to her hospital after he was wounded by the grenade. The hospital was nearly out of medicine and Gudbrand had to be sent on to another hospital because his wound was becoming gangrenous. A few months later, he sent a note saying that he had some of Daniel's personal effects. When she saw Daniel's name on a list of the fallen, she didn't believe he was dead. They took her to the mass burial grounds and allowed her to look for him. She never located his body. As Harry prepared to leave, Signe asked that they not tell Juul about their talk. Harry saw terror in her imploring eyes.

Chapter 70: Brandhaug's House, Nordberg. 8 May 2000.

At a dinner party at his house attended by Chief Constable Storksen and her husband and Kurt Meirik and his wife, Brandhaug gave an after-dinner speech about democracy. His wife smiled stiffly; she regretted what her husband was putting their guests through. Brandhaug worked to stay focused but was distracted by thoughts of Rakel. He had become obsessed with her. Brandhaug had gotten rid of his competition by demanding that Meirik "hide" Harry Hole somewhere because the press had gotten wind of the Secret Service shooting. That was when Meirik assigned Harry to Sweden for the undercover work.

After dinner Brandhaug took a call from a news reporter. The reporter wanted his comments on a demonstration taking place outside the Austrian embassy and in protest of the conservative Freedom Party. They got into an in-depth conversation about the



roles that both Austria and Norway played in the war. Brandhaug asserted that the strong leaders in Norway paved the way for a democracy. The reporter asked if he thought everyone who fought for the Nazis was scum. He responded that such individuals should be happy that they got off with light sentences. In some countries, they would have been shot.

Chapter 71: Fredikstad to Halden. 9 May 2000.

Harry was on the train to Sweden. The assignment made absolutely no sense to him. He had looked at the newspapers. The incident involving the threatening faxes had fallen off the headlines. It was a minor and inconsequential blip on the radar screen. Why did he have to be there for six months and, beyond that, why him?! He heard a song playing from another traveler's Walkman. It was a familiar tune but he couldn't place. He thought seriously about abandoning his assignment.

Chapter 72: Nordberg and the Continental Hotel. 9 May 2000.

The old man was stricken with a debilitating pain. He curled up on the ground in agony. When it passed and he recovered, he rolled over and looked at the house again. He knew that only the wife was home. He had been there since morning and now it was almost night. He'd have to wait until the next morning. He had a sleeping bag and had made a rudimentary roof out of twigs and branches that would keep him dry. He checked his watch and wondered where "he" was.

Brandhaug was in a hotel room. He checked his watch and wondered where "she" was. It had been a long day. He'd had to put up with some bad press. Finally, there was a knock at the door. It was Rakel. She was wearing a red dress like he'd ask her to do. Her demeanor was unsettling. She must have been drinking. He knew why she was there. It had nothing to do with his charm and had everything to do with her child custody case.

Rakel told him that Harry hadn't presented any threat to him. They were just friends. A condition of Brandhaug's agreement to help her with the child custody case was that she not see Harry again. He referred to the story of Uriah who was sent to the front lines to die. David and Bathsheba lived quite happily after his sacrifice. He showed her the letter from the Russians. The lawsuit had been delayed indefinitely. She pulled off her dress. She wanted to get it over with. He reminded her that the decision could be reversed with a quick phone call from him. He forced her to apologize for being rude to him.

The old man had a hard time sleeping in the cold. He looked through his rifle scope. It was so dark he couldn't see much. If the man came home now, he would be able to make out his figure against the white garage door.

Brandhaug was disappointed with his lovemaking with Rakel. She only did what she had to – nothing more. But he had six months before the lawsuit would come up again. He'd win her over. He had told his wife he was attending a meeting some distance away and may have to stay overnight. But he couldn't sleep and decided to return home. His



wife would be happy. She didn't like staying alone in their big house. The old man had drifted off and dreamed about his younger days. He woke to sound of an idling car. The large blue Volvo had just entered the garage. The man closed the garage door and headed for the house. There was enough starlight for the old man to locate his rifle and aim. The man turned toward the area the old man was hidden in just long enough for him to confirm that it was the man he was hunting. But the old man had failed to release the safety and couldn't fire. Brandhaug had gone inside. The old man cried. He had failed.

Chapter 73: Klippan, Sweden. 10 May 2000.

Harry was staying in a dumpy little motel in Sweden for his new assignment. He was in bed when his cell phone rang. All he heard was breathing on the other end. After a while he started to hang up when he heard what sounded like crying. He told the caller about the documentary he had watched that night. He kept saying "Don't cry." The next morning he got a call from Meirik. He told Harry to return to Oslo. The Marklin had been used.

Analysis

Just when Harry and Rakel are becoming closer, circumstances arise that end their relationship, at least temporarily. Brandhaug is a womanizer and has decided that he not only wants Rakel, he has to have her. Rakel is not interested in the much older and married Brandhaug. But Brandhaug is persistent and finds a way to force the issue. He intervenes in the child custody lawsuit filed by her ex-husband. Initially, he seems genuine in his intentions to help her but in the end he turned it around and used it against her.

Brandhaug is a powerful man and was able to have the case delayed. But he lets her know in no uncertain terms that a quick phone call from him can immediately activate the case unless he gets what he wants from her. And what he wanted from her is basically sex. Fearing that she will lose her child, Rakel complies. But her participation is joyless; she can barely be civil to him. She also had to agree to end her relationship with Harry. The last time she saw Harry she said they could not see each other again but didn't say why. When Harry is away in Sweden he gets a call from someone who is upset and crying. It was probably Rakel. He comforted her as much as he could considering the fact that they were on the phone and that he was far away in Sweden. If it was Rakel who contacted him, she is making an admission that she needs him.

Brandhaug is a controlling man and accustomed to getting his way. Threatening Rakel was not enough for him. He saw to it that his competition was completely taken out of the picture. It was he who demanded that Meirik send Harry off on assignment. When Meirik sent Harry to Sweden it cleared the way for Brandhaug to pursue Rakel exclusively.



Meirik brought in a young cop named Halverson to work on Ellen's murder case. Between Harry and Halverson they are able to narrow the list of suspects and it suddenly hits Harry that Olsen is the murderer. Olsen killed the Vietnamese man by beating him to death with a baseball bat – the same method used to kill Ellen. Waaler is feeling the heat and knows that Harry is making progress on the murder case. Waaler beats Harry to Olsen and kills him. He knew that Olsen would reveal that he was "prince" and that he had ordered Ellen's assassination. Harry is so grief-stricken by Ellen's death that he may well go ballistic when he learns that Waaler was behind her murder. Harry, being the great investigator that he is, has an unsettled feeling about Waaler. Why would a good cop like Tom Waaler try to apprehend a murder suspect alone? It was dangerous and had to be against basic department regulations.

The old man is harassing Signe and she is terrified of him. When Harry finally gets the chance to talk to Signe alone, Harry sees terror in her eyes but doesn't know why. She does reveal more details about the old soldiers on the Eastern Front. She had been engaged to Daniel Gudeson. He was a hero among the other soldiers. When he died she was allowed to search the gravesite for his body but never found it. Again, there is another reference to Daniel's missing body. Why could no one find his body? Did he somehow survive? The old man who calls Signe is named "Daniel". Was it Gudbrand who had taken to calling himself Daniel? Signe had nothing bad to say about Gudbrand but she did flinch at the mention of his name which Harry took note of. She said he was like a little brother to Daniel. Who was Signe so frightened of? She was adamant that her husband not know they had talked. Is she protecting him or is she afraid of him?

The old man whose identity is not yet clear was camped outside Brandhaug's house. He was lying in wait for him with his rifle. The rifle was not described as the Marklin but the next day Harry is called back to Oslo because the Marklin had been used. The section ends in this cliffhanger but the assumption could be made that the old man assassinated Brandhaug.

Brandhaug is a womanizer and uses and exploits women. Could he have offended or used a woman in the old man's life? Brandhaug is older than Rakel but he is younger than the old man and Signe so it's doubtful that they were rivals for the same woman unless she was a younger woman or relative, perhaps a daughter?

Discussion Question 1

How did Brandhaug force Rakel into having an affair with him?

Discussion Question 2

Why is Harry suspicious of Waaler in the aftermath of the Olsen shooting?



Discussion Question 3

What was the real reason Harry was assigned to undercover work in Sweden?

Vocabulary

Intuited, predilection, shrillness, injudicious, ambivalent, bollocking, lineage, vehemence, luminous, adjacent.



Part Seven: Black Cloak

Summary

Chapter 74: Rikshospital. 10 May 2000.

Harry and Halvorsen viewed Brandhaug's body on the autopsy table. Halvorsen couldn't stop retching from the stench. Brandhaug had been hit in the back and the bullet took out part of his vertebrae. He had been shot in the morning by the garage. He was probably heading for work. Forensics was doing a ballistics analysis on the bullet but Harry was confident that it matched the ammunition he had found. Preliminary testing indicated that Brandhaug had been drinking. Female DNA had been found under his fingernails.

They visited Elsa Brandhaug. Harry didn't think she was taking her husband's death all that badly. She would be staying with her sister although there would be a police guard stationed outside. They were tracing telephone transmissions made in his office. Elsa had not received any threatening calls. She did receive a call from a pollster who asked for her husband. That sent up a red flag for Harry. Pollsters didn't use names. Harry asked if Brandhaug was faithful to her. He wasn't at the meeting he told her he was attending. He was in a hotel room. Elsa was aware of his infidelities. Halvorsen checked the caller ID. One of the calls came from Schroder's Café – Harry's hangout.

The police found the assassin's hiding place on the hill overlooking the Brandhaug house. They found no prints and a dog had followed the assassin's trail into the woods for a short distance but then lost the scent. Hundreds of pedestrians walked through the woods. They also found a cartridge. Harry figured the assassin had left it behind on purpose.

Kripos, the other veteran detective assigned to the case, had called the hotel. The bed had already been changed and the room cleaned. No one saw Brandhaug with anyone. Harry and Halvorsen stopped by the hotel for a follow-up. After pressing him, the head receptionist admitted that Brandhaug frequently stayed at the hotel and often had women in his room. And he did have a woman in his room the night before. She was attractive and seemed drunk.

Chapter 75: Moller's Office. 11 May 2000.

Harry and Halverson met with Moller. From the evidence thus far, Harry didn't think the bad publicity and newspaper headlines had anything to do with the murder. It seemed over-the-top to Harry that someone would smuggle in the Marklin to kill Brandhaug. The upper echelon wanted Brandhaug's murder solved. Harry wanted to partner with Halverson on his part of the investigation. He promised Moller he'd get Halverson back as soon as the case was over.

Chapter 76: Irisveien. 11 May 2000.



The old man called Signe again. She was terrified. He reminded her that it was “until death do us part”. She threatened to get her husband but the old man knew he wasn’t there. She felt faint and had to concentrate to keep from passing out. Where was he? Was he watching the house? He told her that there were angels that were not heaven sent. She said, “Daniel’s dead.” His final words: he had come to pass judgment on the living and the dead.

Chapter 77: Harry’s Old Office. 11 May 2000.

Harry moved back in to his old office. He had Halvorsen make inquiries about identity of the woman Brandhaug was with the last night of his life. Harry walked over to the POT offices to see Rakel but learned she was off sick. Harry received a call from Signe. She needed his help. “He” was going to kill her. The killer was on his way as they spoke she told him. He told her to run to her neighbors, but she said he would find her there. He would find her wherever she was! He told her to lock every door. Suddenly the phone went dead. He tried to call back, but the line was busy. He rushed off to the Juul house.

Chapter 78: Irisveien. 11 May 2000.

When Harry arrived at the Juul house, a police car was sitting in front of the house. The door to the house had been open but no one was home. The cops had looked all through the house. Someone may have been hiding in the cellar. The glass in the cellar door had been broken. They discovered a message written on a mirror in lipstick that read, “God is my judge.” Professor Juul showed up and asked what was going on and where his dog was. Juul knew of no one who would want to kill his wife.

Chapter 79: Police HQ. 11 May 2000.

Back at the office, Harry told Halverson to get hold of Aune. Harry made a call and asked for a photo of Edvard Mosken. He made arrangements to meet Sindre Fauke that afternoon. He told Halverson about the missing Signe Juul. He wasn’t sure if it was connected to the Brandhaug case. But if so, they were dealing with an unhinged person and needed Aune, an expert, to help them. Aune was considered the best psychologist in his field.

Harry filled Aune in on the murders of Dale, Ellen and Brandhaug and about the missing Signe Juul. Aune said that serial killers often left messages like the one they found on the mirror. He explained that the midbrain was equipped with a mechanism that prevented people from killing each other. This resistance could be weakened through intensive training like that undergone by soldiers and police. If such an individual felt he had been treated unjustly by authorities, he could feel he was fighting for a cause and could justify his killing. The “God is my judge,” message indicated that the killer wanted to explain his action and wanted to be understood.

On his way to meet with Sindre, Harry stopped by Schroder’s. He showed the waitress a photo of Edvard Mosken. He may have been in the café before but she wasn’t sure. Harry told Sindre that Signe Juul was missing. Sindre had never met her but he knew of her and the controversy surrounding her marriage to Juul. Harry told him about the



message that was left on the mirror at Juul's house. Sindre took a Bible dictionary from the shelf and told Harry to look under Daniel. Harry scanned the page and saw the quote, "Daniel, Hebrew. God (EL) is my judge." (406) Sindre told Harry that he was looking for a ghost.

Chapter 80: Parkveien, Uranienborg. 11 May 2000.

Harry met with Johan Krohn, Sverre Olsen's attorney. Since his client was dead, Harry asked him if he could help the police with the Brandhaug murder. He was killed with an illegal weapon that Olsen may have helped procure. Although Krohn was initially outraged at the request, he finally told Harry that Olsen had called him right before he died. He was frightened of someone he referred to as the Prince. Harry told him to call if he remembered anything else.

Chapter 81: Herbert's Pizza. 11 May 2000.

Harry met Halvorsen at Schroder's. He had caught up with Mosken. He had no idea who Brandhaug was and had never phoned his house. He remembered Signe Juul from the war. His only alibi for the Brandhaug murder was that he was home. Harry told Halvorsen to have a 24-hour watch placed on Mosken's residence. Harry told Halvorsen to dig into an SS archive that had been salvaged from a fire in Cologne to see if he could find anything on Daniel Gudeson and Gudbrand Johansen. Harry strode across the floor to two neo-Nazis sitting at another table. He told them to deliver a message to the Prince. "Tell him Harry Hole is going to bother him back." (412)

Chapter 82: Holmenkollen. 11 May 2000.

Harry parked down the hill from Rakel's house and was walking toward the front door when Halvorsen called him. He had gone through the archives. If Daniel Gudeson was really alive, he had not been arrested or convicted after the war. Signe Juul was sentenced to one year but didn't serve any time. Harry couldn't tell if Rakel was glad to see him. Oleg asked him where he'd been. After some small talk, Rakel admitted that she had been longing to see him. Harry held her tight as tears streamed down her face.

Chapter 83: Harry's Flat. 11 May 2000.

When Harry returned to his flat, there was a message from Sindre on his recorder. He said that if Daniel Gudeson was more than a ghost there was only one person who could solve the puzzle – Gudbrand Johansen. "You have to find Gudbrand Johansen." (418) In another message, Halvorsen reported that the police watching Mosken's flat hadn't seen him and couldn't locate him. Halvorsen also reported that some SS archives in Berlin revealed nothing about Gudeson but indicated that Gudbrand had been sent to Oslo. A Dr. Christopher Brockhard had signed off on his medical records in Vienna. Halvorsen was able to amass a list of former staff members who had worked there during the war. Halvorsen contacted some of the people. A nurse remembered Gudbrand. Her name was Helena Mayer.

Chapter 84: Akershus Fortress. 12 May 2000.



The old man parked his car by a warehouse on the street that once was a main thoroughfare in Oslo. He was looking through his scope and saw a man having sex with a very drunk, very made-up woman against the side of a warehouse. Akershus had been a prison during WWII. The main section of the fortress was already closed off although the old man could probably find his way inside. But he ran the risk of being exposed in the place of execution. There was a plaque inside honoring the Norwegian Resistance men who had been executed there. The old man turned to the back seat where Signe, gagged and bound, stared back at him in horror.

The old man pulled her out of the back seat and shoved her causing her to fall to the ground. He pulled her back up with the rope that bound her hands. He made her stand in the bright beam of one of the floodlights. He opened the trunk of his car. The dog's body in the trash bag was already stiff. He pulled the Marklin out and got into the car. He opened his window and aimed at Signe, who had her back to him, and pulled the trigger.

Analysis

Brandhaug is the latest victim of the old avenger. The ammunition ties the murder to the Marklin and the old man who had it smuggled in. One of the calls to Brandhaug's office that day came from Shroeder's – Harry's hangout – cop and the criminal have been on the same premises. The female DNA found on Brandhaug belongs to Rakel. When the DNA is traced to her, it may make her a suspect and it will expose the tawdry and exploitive affair that she was forced to have with Brandhaug. It will explain to Harry the pressure she was under and why she had to break off her relationship with him.

Although Harry is sure that the old man with the Marklin murdered Brandhaug, he doesn't believe that the ex-Nazi went to all the trouble, expense, and risk to bring the Marklin in just to kill Brandhaug. He instinctively knows that there is more to the madman's plot and that the Brandhaug homicide was just a piece of a much larger puzzle.

When the old man calls the terrified Signe, she tells him that "Daniel is dead," yet in an earlier call with him she said she knew who he was – that he was "Daniel." The message "God is my judge" is found in the Juul house after Signe is discovered to be missing. Much earlier when "Daniel" was found asleep in the grass by the little boy, the old man told him that his name was Daniel and that his name meant "God is my judge." The psychologist feels that the message is a plea for understanding. Or, it could be a message that he will really not be judged by man for his actions, only by God.

Again, the question lingers as to who this "Daniel" is and whether Daniel Gudeson somehow beat the odds and survived certain death on the Eastern Front during WWII. Signe probably knew the answer to this riddle but she had been silenced. It was apparently important to the old man that Signe be murdered at the former Akershus Fortress which had been a prison during WWII where Norwegian members of the



Resistance were executed. This connection hints at some of the reasons behind the old man's quest for revenge.

Sindre Fauke knew Gudeson and had been certain that he was dead. After hearing about the message left in the Juul house, he is not so sure that Harry is chasing a ghost. He connects the message "God is my judge" to the biblical meaning of the name Daniel. If Daniel Gudeson is not a ghost, he claims that only Gudbrand Johansen can find him. He doesn't explain why. But Harry hasn't been able to locate Gudbrand. There's a strong possibility that he is dead. Or did Gudbrand take over the identity of Daniel Gudeson?

Helena's name has finally re-emerged in the story. Her last name is Mayer now. Is it the former Helena Lange? Halverson located her and found that she knew Gudbrand. Undoubtedly, Harry will be making arrangements to interview her. Potentially, she will be able to provide more information about Daniel Gudeson and Gudbrand Johansen than anyone else.

Discussion Question 1

Why did Harry think the old man intentionally left a Marklin cartridge behind at the Brandhaug homicide scene?

Discussion Question 2

What is the connection between the message left on the mirror at the Brandhaug residence and Daniel Gudeson?

Discussion Question 3

Why did the old man murder Signe at the Akershus Fortress?

Vocabulary

Pathologist, anorak, metamorphosis, rancor, bivouac, diatribe, echelon, hyperventilating, maelstrom, accusatory.



Part Eight: the Revelation

Summary

Chapter 85: Vienna. 14 May 2000.

On a plane heading to Vienna, Harry recalled the details of Signe's murder. A guard at Akershus Fortress had found her. Her lifeless body was found slumped across one of the projector lights. Her spine had been smashed – the guard could see her entire spine. Aune felt that if they were dealing with a serial murderer, he was on the point of losing complete control. The murderer seemed to have some overall plan that he felt compelled to see through. There were no clues at crime scene. Mosken accounted for his time but his alibi needed to be checked out.

Helena Mayer was a widow with two grown children. She worked as a teacher after the war before her retirement. Harry and Fritz, a Vienna police officer, visited her flat. She confirmed that she knew Gudbrand Johansen but at the hospital, they called him Uriah. His injuries had been severe and he almost lost a leg. He was sent to Oslo for treatment but apparently never surfaced there. He disappeared. Helena recalled her time with Gudbrand. He was an extrovert and a great storyteller. All the nurses fell in love with him. She fell for him, too, but he didn't want her. He wanted someone else – another girl named Helena – Helena Lang. Their affair was what caused the tragedy. Harry asked what the tragedy was. He did come to see her about the murder, didn't he, she asked.

Chapter 36: Palace Gardens. 14 May 2000.

The old man walked through the Palace Gardens. The big tree was more beautiful than ever. But, the poison would soon cause it to wither and die. The old man realized that the killing of Brandhaug had confused the police. The old man hadn't liked his comments in the newspaper stories. His murder hadn't been part of the original plan. But there were plenty of other clues. The cops hadn't been able to connect the great betrayal with the execution at Akershus Fortress. The King had fled to England and safety in hopes of returning to his throne one day. The old man leaned against the tree, a symbol of occupation.

Chapter 37: Vienna. 14 May 2000.

Helena Mayer was surprised that Harry didn't know about the murder. Fritz called his office and had someone begin a search the old homicide files. Gudbrand killed his own doctor, Christopher Brockhard. Gudbrand broke into his flat and killed him in his sleep. He slit his throat with a neat, precision cut. The blood on the glass door matched Gudbrand's. He disappeared after that. Gudbrand and Helena Lang loved each other but she was to be Christopher's. Helena felt obligated to marry Brockhard so that her mother could regain her position in society. Helena Mayer lost track of Helena Lang.



Beatrice Hoffman who worked for the family might know her whereabouts if she is still alive.

Fritz found out where Beatrice Hoffman lived and headed there. She was ninety and in an old folks' home. Beatrice pointed up and said that Helena Lang was sitting "up there". She remembered Gudbrand Johansen, calling him Uriah. He was such a nice young man, Beatrice said. No one would have believed he could have become a murderer. Helena wasn't connected to the murder but Andre Brockhard, Christopher's father, saw to it that she lost her position at the hospital. She did volunteer work for a while until the family hit hard times and she had to earn money. She opened up a sewing business in town. After Helena's parents both died, Helena sold her business and left the country.

Beatrice didn't hear from Helena for twenty years. Then she received a postcard from her saying she was in Paris with her husband and daughter. She was very ill and apparently didn't have long to live. They went to Beatrice's room to find the letter. Harry was drawn to a photo of Helena taken when she was young and beautiful. She was very attractive and Harry found something vaguely familiar about her.

Chapter 88: Thereses Gate. 15 May 2000.

After he returned to Oslo, Harry met with Dr. Aune. They discussed MPD or multiple personality disorder. Although it was a mental disorder, it could impact the individual physically. Memory lapses played a role in the condition. There were cases where one personality was a big smoker and the other never touched a cigarette. In another case, one personality was a homosexual and the other was heterosexual. Some of these individuals had the ability to change their physical appearance to some degree – like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Their voice and handwriting could change with emergence of the different personalities. There could be conflicts between the personalities and each personality knew of the existence of the other. MPD could be caused by child abuse or in the case of an adult a traumatic experience could bring it on. Aune invited Harry to his Independence Day celebration on May 17th. Harry declined – the neo-Nazis were planning and rally and he had to coordinate surveillance around a mosque in Gronland.

Back at the office, Halverson updated Harry on Professor Juul's alibi. He claimed to be on a walk when he wife was murdered but it hadn't been corroborated by anyone yet. Harry told Halverson that his Vienna trip had turned up nothing.

Harry visited Sindre who had no plans to celebrate Independence Day. Harry told him that Gudbrand had ended up in a hospital in Vienna and killed his doctor the night before he was scheduled to be transported to Oslo. Then he disappeared. Sindre and Even Juul had a relationship that was similar to that of Daniel Gudeson and Gudbrand Johansen. Even looked up to Sindre probably because Even had no parents. Juul invented things about his childhood but he was raised in a number of foster homes. One night, Juul revealed that he'd been abused in his childhood. He told Sindre deep dark secrets but the next day he seemed to have no memory of the conversation.



Juul was fascinated by Sindre's stories about Daniel Gudeson. He became obsessed with him. He wanted to hear the stories over and over again – especially the one about Daniel burying the Russian. Once when he was drunk, he asked to be called Uriah. He was obsessed with Gudeson's fiancée, Signe Alsaker. Juul became a historian because as a former Resistance man, he was the perfect choice to write the postwar Norwegian history that would please the authorities. He focused on the "resistance" and not the widespread collaboration with the Germans which was what really took place. The only thing Juul couldn't bear to put in a good light was the King's flight to England. It made him feel abandoned and Even Juul felt abandoned by people his entire life. Juul began to study medicine before the war. He dreamed of following in the footsteps of his famous foster father and his father and going into surgery.

Chapter 89: Gronlandsleiret. 16 May 2000.

Moller was concerned about naming Even Juul as a suspect. He was the nation's greatest authority on war history. Harry simply wanted to bring him in for questioning and have Dr. Aune present. And, he wanted a search warrant for his house. Harry told him about the Mohican and how he said Juul should be arrested. According to Aune, people suffering from MPD weren't aware of the actions taken by their other personalities but they were susceptible to self-hypnosis which Aune could coax Juul into. Harry wanted the search warrant to look for the Marklin. Juul had some training in surgery before the war. Dale's throat was cut with a surgeon's precision. Harry felt they couldn't delay because he didn't think that the murderer was done yet. If he is the guilty party, Harry wondered if Juul's motivation could be to solidify the legend of Daniel Gudeson.

Chapter 90: Police HQ. 16 May 2000.

Rakel called to see if Harry could get someone to cover his shift. She and Oleg wanted to spend the holiday with him. Moller interrupted his call to tell him that the arrest and search warrants had been issued. Tom Waaler and four armed men were going to proceed. Later, he realized that he left Rakel hanging on hold on the other line.

Chapter 91: Irisveien, Oslo. 16 May 2000.

Tom Waaler, who was in charge of the operation, insisted that Harry wear a bulletproof vest. Harry observed that Tom was very proficient in his leadership role. Tom and his team of officers jumped the fence armed their MP-5 machine guns. Harry and Halverson stood behind the second police car and watched the show. Waaler and another officer were at the front door when Harry's mobile phone rang. He recognized the number; it was Even Juul. Harry immediately notified Waaler to hold off. Harry answered but it was Sindre. He was standing in Juul's house. He asked that Harry come right over. Juul had called him and asked him to come over because his life was in danger. Sindre came over but there was no Juul. Sindre thought he must have locked himself in a bedroom. Harry ran over to the front door and with Waaler and the other cop behind him opened the door and entered the house. Sindre led the policemen to the locked door. Waaler called for a policeman to come with a crowbar. In seconds, the door



splintered and opened. Even Juul had hung himself with his dead dog's leash. Harry felt that the two-headed monster had been caught. Even Juul realized that Daniel Gudeson – the Daniel inside himself – was a murderer and killed him.

Harry asked Waaler to take his shift the next day so he could be with Rakel. After some thought, Waaler agreed to take the shift. He owed Harry a favor. Harry couldn't recall why Waaler owed him a favor.

Chapter 92: Holmenkollveien. 16 May 2000.

Harry went to Rakel's for dinner. Oleg was already asleep. It would be a while before the image of Even Juul hanging from the ceiling would fade from Harry's memory. He was concerned because the police hadn't found the Marklin. They did find Juul's dog which had its throat cut. They found bloody knives. Harry guessed that some of the blood would prove to be Hallgrim Dale's.

Chapter 93: Holmenkollveien. 17 May 2000.

Harry stayed the night with Rakel. When he woke, Rakel and Oleg were already gone. Oleg was scheduled to participate in the kid's parade that started at the Akershus Fortress. Harry walked into the spare bedroom. He froze for a moment and couldn't move. He was fearful of what he thought he had just seen. But he had to look. There was an old photo in a silver frame. It was the same photo of a young woman that he had seen in Beatrice Hoffman's apartment.

Analysis

Helena Mayer is not Helena Lang, which is another twist that further confuses this already complicated story. Helena Mayer knew Gudbrand who was also known as Uriah. According to Mayer, Gudbrand and Helena Lang had been in love. Gudbrand killed Dr. Christopher Brockhard because he was taking Helena away from him. He disappeared after that. Beatrice Hoffman, the housekeeper, lost track of Helena for twenty years until she got a postcard from her. Helena was in Paris with her husband and daughter. She was very ill with a terminal disease. Harry saw an old photo of Helena Lang and thought she look vaguely familiar. Did she resemble Rakel? Sindre Fauke had a picture of his ex-wife who Rakel also looked like. Were they one in the same and was Sindre Fauke really Gudbrand?

Sindre told Harry that Gudbrand would be the only one who could find Gudeson. By that, could he have meant he was the only one who knew the truth? Gudbrand and Sindre had been in the trench together on the night that Sindre had "disappeared". Gudbrand told the others that Sindre had deserted although Mosken was suspicious and thought that Gudbrand murdered Sindre. If he did murder Sindre, he could have taken his identity later and allowed Gudbrand Johansen to disappear especially after he murdered Dr. Brockhard.



Although the police believe that Even Juul was the mass murderer, they didn't locate the Marklin in his house. And the mumbo-jumbo about Even being a multiple personality could all have been a red herring to throw the reader off. Why wasn't Tom Waaler worried about being confronted with Juul? If Juul had been the old soldier who bought the Marklin from Waaler, he would have never allowed the Harry and the other police to go with him to arrest Juul. He would have handled the Juul arrest like he handled Olsen – gone alone and murdered him. It does not appear that Juul is the avenger.

Rakel feels relieved that Brandhaug is out of her life. But she surely knows that she could be identified as the woman who was with him the last night of his life. It seems she would feel somewhat compelled to at least tell Harry and explain why she was with him rather than let it hang over her head.

Since Sindre is the last person to be with Juul, and if Sindre is really the avenger and/or the missing Gudbrand, he could have hung Juul and made it look like he committed suicide. It would have been to his advantage for Sindre to kill Juul and allow the police to think that he was the murderer especially since the investigation was heating up. It would throw off any suspicion from him. But the old man who injected the solution in the tree and who waited in the grass to kill Brandhaug was suffering from an illness. He writhed in fits of pain. There has never been a mention of Sindre being in any pain. Mosken has not been described as enduring any physical suffering either but neither did Juul.

It doesn't seem like Juul was the murderer. The identity of the murderer and his motivations are not clear. If Sindre is Gudbrand and Rakel is his and Helena's daughter, he may have killed Brandhaug for using and exploiting his daughter. Beatrice said that Helena sent a card that she was visiting Paris with her husband and daughter.

Harry connects the surgical wound to Dale's throat to Juul who had training as a surgeon. But there had also been a reference to "redbreast" the most admired soldier in the trenches who had told the others that the most painless way to kill someone was by slicing his throat. Gudbrand apparently sliced Brockhard's throat using this technique. Sindre claimed he killed his parents using this method but Juul claimed he shot them. There are plenty of red herrings but no final solutions at this point.

Discussion Question 1

What is a multiple personality disorder? Who does Harry suspect might have this disorder?

Discussion Question 2

Why isn't Tom Waaler apprehensive about the police confronting Even Juul about the murders?



Discussion Question 3

What is the significance of Harry seeing the same photo in Beatrice's apartment and in Rake!s house?

Vocabulary

Impetus, venerable, extrovert, luxuriant, frivolity, schizophrenia, imperceptible, guerrilla, tarmac, gesticulating.



Part Nine: Judgment Day and Part Ten: The Resurrection

Summary

Chapter 94: Oslo. 17 May 2000.

In an unaddressed letter, the murderer pleads his case. He has made decisions in his life that have been between two or more evils. But, he has not lived like a coward. The course he took had cost the loss of lives and could result in more deaths. Everyone was fallible. In the end, God was the only judge. He hoped that he was dead when his letter was read. "I hope we will all be dead." (469)

Harry sped over to Sindre's apartment, but there was no answer. He retrieved a crowbar from his car. Someone buzzed-in Harry at the main door. When there was no answer at Sindre's door, Harry broke the lock with the crowbar and gained entry. The furniture was shoved in a corner and draped with sheets. All of Sindre's books were gone. He found a large pile of handwritten pages. On top was the unaddressed letter. Harry called Weber; he needed some fingerprints taken right away. He gave Weber Sindre's address and asked him to bring him a Smith & Wesson. Harry began reading the handwritten pages.

Chapter 95: Oslo. 17 May 2000.

"Leningrad. 12 December 1942." The letter was focused on Daniel Gudeson. It praised him for being an excellent marksman and for giving the Russian he killed a Christian burial. The writer was proud to have him as a friend.

"Leningrad. New Year's Eve 1942." Daniel's body lay rigid in the trench. The writer hoped to collect his remains, put him together and make him whole so he could stand and lead the others again. Sindre was there. Sindre was an opportunist and a betrayer. He grabbed Sindre from behind and sliced his throat with his bayonet. He placed his body where Daniel's had been lying. He found Sindre's ID papers. He took the sack off Daniel's head and put it around Sindre's head. He carried Daniel's body, buried him in the snow, and gave him a Christian burial.

"Leningrad. 3 January 1943." The corpse bearers took Sindre's body away, everyone believing it to be Daniel's body. It bothered him that Edvard Mosken thought he killed Sindre. With spring coming, he worried that the melting snow would expose Daniel's body. He decided to take it to the mass grave so he dug it up and brought it temporarily back to the trench. He felt close to Daniel on that night. He did his best to appear surprised the next morning by the return of Daniel's body. He felt he and Daniel shared a secret plot.

"Field Hospital, Northern Sector, Leningrad. 17 January 1944." After being injured by a grenade being thrown into the trench, he was taken to the hospital in Leningrad. He was



placed in Daniel's fiancé's ward with Sister Signe Alsaker. "Vienna Woods. 29 May 1944." Gudbrand had changed. That was why he took Daniel's nickname, Uriah. Helena preferred it. "Vienna. 29 June 1944." After the explosion in the restaurant, he ran out alone in the streets. Because of her parents, Helena was doomed to marry the doctor, Christopher Brockhard. He couldn't have Helena, but he could free her from a life with someone she didn't love. On the night of the murder, he left Helena sleeping as he slipped out into the dark night. It was Daniel who was "in command" of his body as he plotted to kill Brockhard. He woke Brockhard from his sleep, told him he was sentenced to death as a traitor, and sliced his throat. He came back to Helena and held her tight. But, their time together was running out. He had only two hours until his train left.

Weber came to take the fingerprints. Harry had his laptop with him. He would transmit the prints to Fritz after Weber captured them.

Chapter 96: Oslo. 17 May 2000.

Harry continued reading. "Hamburg. 30 June 1944." He described his journey as he fled from the war-torn cities of Vienna and Hamburg. From Hamburg, he booked passage on a boat to Norway. Then, he took a train to Oslo. Before getting off the train, he changed into clothes he took from Brockhard's closet. No one stopped him, and he was enraptured to be away from the war and back home. He practiced saying his new name – Sindre Fauke.

"Nordmarka." 12 July 1944." Even Juul, like the other Home Front men, bought his story of desertion and his return to Oslo via Sweden. The truth – that he was wanted for murder – would have been harder for them to swallow. There was always a worry that someone would show up who knew the real Sindre Fauke. He and "Daniel" almost laughed when one of the pretend soldiers of the Resistance, Sindre's group, ordered him to kill one of his own brothers to prove his loyalty. These cowards sitting in their safe forests had no idea about the brutality of war.

"Oslo. 13 May 1945." The country was still on a liberation "high." All the so-called "good" Norwegians who hadn't lifted a finger on either side in the war were now demanding revenge on the traitors. King Olaf had wanted to stay in Norway but was advised against it. The man had hopes that the Crown Prince would come out on the balcony during the celebration and explain to the populace the conditions that the Norwegian soldiers faced on the Eastern Front. But the crown prince failed to appear.

Weber told Harry that he had just heard from Vienna. The prints were a match. Weber gave Harry the Smith & Wesson he asked for.

"Oslo." 27 August 1945." Betrayal! Signe Alsaker had sworn to be Daniel's until death but she married Even Juul. And the Crown Prince betrayed them as well. They were ordering that Norwegian soldiers who fought for their country executed at Akershus Fortress. His case – that of Sindre Fauke's – had been dismissed. His heroic acts had outweighed his crimes.

Chapter 97: Oslo. 17 May 2000.



Harry scanned through a few sheets until he saw a familiar name. "Schroder's. 23 September 1948." His fears of detection were realized when he was sitting at Schroder's Café and was suddenly confronted by Edvard Mosken. "Gudbrand Johansen, you're supposed to have died." (484) After he recovered from his shock, he told Mosken that he's been repatriated and had served a short sentence. Mosken had wanted to find him for many years to thank him for stopping Hallgrim Dale from shooting him. Mosken had had a difficult time finding work and earning money. No one wanted to hire a traitor. Gudbrand insisted on loaning him enough money to set up his own transport business. "Oslo. 3 August 1950." He had written to Helena and received a letter back from her. She addressed the letter, "Dear Uriah."

They met in Paris and got engaged the next day. After this event, he wrote less and less about Daniel Gudeson. He and Helena both feared that he would be discovered and arrested for Brockhard's murder. They made sure to keep low profiles. Helena knew about his new identity but she didn't know that he'd murdered Sindre Fauke and executed Sindre's family. They settled in Oslo using the Fauke name and he owned and operated a small business. They were married by a Catholic priest and bought a large house in Holmenkollveien with the money Helena received from selling her sewing business. They were happy.

Chapter 98: Oslo. 17 May 2000.

Harry read on. "Rikshospital 1956." Helena suffered a miscarriage. "Rikshospital. 12 March 1967." Helena gave birth to a daughter they named Rakel.

Harry reproached himself about making the connection between Rakel and the photo of Helena.

"Oslo. 5 October 1999." He was going to die. His life had been worthless since Helena's death and he would be joyful to reunite with her. But he dreaded telling Rakel and Oleg. The Crown Prince had never appeared on the balcony to say that he understood. Gudbrand, alias Sindre Fauke, didn't have much time left to carry out his final revenge.

Harry left Sindre's apartment and was so distracted by what he read that he barely avoided a serious car accident. The streets were crowded with parades and marching bands in honor of liberation day. The Crown Prince and his family were to appear on the balcony to participate in the celebration.

Chapter 99: Oslo. 16 October 1999.

Gudbrand started laughing again but it was really Daniel laughing. One of the first things he did after he reemerged was call Signe from the phone at Schroder's. He had plans to make. His biggest problem was how to get the weapon he needed.

Chapter 100: Oslo. 15 November 1999.

He had to kill Dale who wanted money to keep quiet. But, he knew that Dale couldn't keep quiet. He had to silence him forever.



Chapter 101: Oslo. 17 May 2000.

Gudbrand and Edvard had been meeting at Schroder's six times a year for more than fifty years. Gudbrand had supported Edvard through the years. He paid off his gambling debts in the sixties when he nearly lost everything. It was Edvard Mosken who tipped of Gudbrand that Even Juul had been asking about Daniel Gudeson, asking if it were possible that he was still alive. Juul had picked up an extension when Signe was on the phone with someone claiming to be Daniel. The man borrowed Edvard's chalet to test out his new rifle. Daniel would be happy.

Harry righted his car after a few more near misses and raced to the guardhouse. He stopped his car and ran toward the barriers around the Palace Square. He tore through the crowd, showed his police ID to the officers guarding the area, and wound up in the open square. The children's procession was just passing through. The royal family was waving from the balcony. He scanned the crowd in vain looking for an old man – Sindre Fauke, Daniel Gudeson. . . Gudbrand Johansen. He did spot a young face he knew – Halvorsen.

Chapter 102: Oslo. 16 May 2000.

Oslo. 16 May 2000.

He had killed Signe, executed her as a traitor. He took extra pills because the pain was unbearable. Daniel left him briefly, but he was back with renewed vigor the next day. The Great Betrayal would be very public. If his memoirs were to be found by the wrong person, they could be destroyed or kept secret. He'd given enough clues to a young POT officer who he felt had integrity.

The last days had been dramatic, beginning with Signe's execution. The young officer had visited him and had traced Gudbrand to Vienna. He invented the story about Even to throw the officer off and buy himself more time. The story made Juul's suicide believable. He came to Juul's, pulled a knife on him, showed him his dog's corpse and forced him upstairs. He had just finished rigging the suicide when he heard the police coming. He called Harry Hole then and asked him to come over. He had seen one of the policemen before but the cop didn't seem to recognize him.

Harry grabbed Halverson's mobile unit and put out a be-on-the-look-out for Gudbrand Johansen, aka Sindre Fauke who may be making an assassination attempt on the Crown Prince. Harry ordered Halverson to cancel the celebrations.

Chapter 103: Oslo. 17 May 2000.

Gudbrand injected the poison in the tree so that it would wither and have no foliage. That would give him a clear view of the Palace balcony. He would have a straight shot when the royal family came out to wave at the people celebrating liberation day. He was going to assassinate the Crown Prince because his father had deserted the Norwegian soldiers who risked their lives and fought for their country during WWII. The Crown



Prince had never acknowledged the part the soldiers played in the nation's history. It was the huge betrayal for which Gudbrand sought revenge.

Halvorsen ran off to the Palace to clear the royals from the balcony. Harry stayed in the square continuously scanning the crowd. He looked at the tall lush trees. It would be impossible to get a clean shot from a nearby residence through the thick foliage. Harry asked Ellen to help him. Then he remembered seeing a dead tree the day before. He turned and spotted the dead black tree in the midst of all the green. He quickly surmised that the dead tree was directly between the palace and the SAS Hotel. The killer could strike from there and then be lost in the crowd. Harry ran.

Chapter 104: Radisson SAS. 17 May 2000.

The old man leaned against the window in his hotel suite holding the gun with both hands. He heard Daniel whisper to him that the target was at one-o'clock on the balcony behind the dead tree. He looked through the scope and saw the face he was looking for. He looked very much like his father did in 1945. A bird flew into the dead tree distracting him. He put his gun down and breathed fresh air into his dying lungs.

Harry had trouble starting his car. He threatened it with the scrap heap. Again, it was a tumultuous ride over to the Radisson. He left his car at the front door and raced inside. He showed Betty Andersen his police badge and asked her if Sindre Fauke was registered there. No one by that name was there. Gudbrand Johansen. He wasn't there either. Then, he asked for Daniel Gudeson.

The old man had no idea what the aftermath of his actions would be. He looked through the rifle scope again. The bird was still in the tree. He scanned the crowd and spotted Rakel and Oleg. A horrible pain overcame him nearly causing him to black out. When he recovered, he lifted the rifle again. The bird was gone and he had an unobstructed view of the palace balcony. He thought back to when he had discovered that Brandhaug was extorting his daughter over the child custody lawsuit.

Harry raced to the elevator and caught it just in time. He ordered everyone to get out of the elevator. Gudbrand slowly pulled the trigger back. He was startled by the bang of the rifle. It echoed over the city and the crowd. Harry was running down the corridor when he heard the first bang and then another bang. He found the Palace Suite and pulled on the door handle. But it was locked and, procedures aside, tore it open. He rushed in with his gun pointed in front of him ordering Gudbrand to drop his weapon. He told him it was over. . . but the bands were still playing. The gunfire had been a military salute, part of the celebration. Gudbrand was holding the rifle on Harry while Harry held the revolver on him. Gudbrand demanded that Harry tell him the password. Harry responded that the password was "Oleg". His grandson's name made Gudbrand pause. He repeated "Oleg" to Harry. Harry realized that Gudbrand was near death. He promised him that Rakel's and Oleg's names would not appear in any public documents related to this incident. Gudbrand dropped the rifle and collapsed.

Part 10: The Resurrection



Chapter 105: Ullevål Hospital. 19 May 2000.

Rakel and Oleg were at Gudbrand's bedside. Harry was in the waiting room when Moller walked up. The only people who knew about Fauke's real identity and the murders and assassination attempt were Harry, Meirik, the Chief Constable, the Minister of Justice, the Prime Minister and Moller. They would keep the assassination attempt secret to maintain political and social stability. Harry asked about the other murders that Gudbrand committed. They'd been solved, Moller responded. No reason to stir things up again. Those cases were closed. Harry would be returning to the Crime Squad. Tom Waaler requested that he take over Harry's position in POT. Harry didn't feel that Ellen's murder case was completely solved. He felt that there may have been another middleman. Moller gave him two months to work the case. Moller asked him why he thought of saying "Oleg" when Gudbrand demanded the password. Harry told him that Ellen had always told him to trust his instincts and to trust the first thing that came to mind.

Chapter 106: Police HQ. 19 May 2000.

Inspector Burne from Johannesburg called to thank Harry for keeping the smuggling of the Marklin from his country out of the headlines. He also told him that Andreas Hochner had been sentenced to death with no chance for appeal.

Chapter 107: Shroder's. 2 June 2000.

Harry ran into the Mohican at Shroder's. He asked him if he was happy that the man was dead. But, the Mohican was confused and didn't understand. He was the last dead man.

Analysis

Part Nine consists mainly of the writings of Gudbrand Johansen who tells his version of events. His words, an epistolary of sorts, are used to explain the mysteries that have persisted throughout the story. Using this literary device is kind of a writer's "cheap" – a way to explain all the loose ends with expository writing rather than through a more subtle and nuanced method using subtext.

There were hints all along that "Daniel" was still alive. In the end he was alive – but only in the sick mind of a dying, bitter, old soldier. Gudbrand had admired Daniel so the revenge that he sought was as much for Daniel as it was for him. Signe had been engaged to Daniel but when he died she married someone else – Even Juul. It was a perfectly normal thing for Signe to do. Her life had to go on even though she lost her betrothed. But in the twisted mind of Gudbrand who had taken the name of Sindre who he murdered and lived in the delusion that Daniel was "with him" or "part of him", Signe had betrayed Daniel. But, he wouldn't need a high-powered rifle like the Marklin to take out Signe. The big betrayal for which he sought revenge was that perpetrated by the royal family who he felt abandoned him and the other Norwegian soldiers who had volunteered to fight for their country.



Unbeknown to Harry Hole, he had literally spent hours with the killer. As Gudbrand wrote, he had given clues to Harry all along but he also confused him all along with red herrings like the tale about Juul and of course Juul's rigged suicide. The only thing that the author really didn't address was the pain that the old man was in. Sindre (really Gudbrand) was never portrayed as being in any pain. That may have been too much of a give-away so the author just avoided it. There were some other loose ends like the Mohican. It seemed he was positioned to play a bigger role than he wound up playing. Of course, Tom Waaler was never exposed as the Prince; but, the author may have left that unresolved intentionally for a sequel.

The story begins with the errant shooting of a United States Secret Service agent by Norwegian police officer Harry Hole. When the powers that be meet, they decide to keep the incident a secret in order to maintain political and social stability. They point out that there are numerous threats and attempts on the lives of US presidents that are never publicized for that very reason. The shooting incident and decision to keep it under the radar screen is clearly linked to the conclusion of the story. When the story of the Gudbrand/Daniel/Sindre character ends, the powers that be decide to keep the assassination attempt against the Crown Prince a secret for the same purpose – to maintain societal and political stability.

The tree that was injected with the poison solution that eventually killed it was a metaphor of the murderer himself. He was filled with poison. The poison had two sources – the cancer that was destroying him physically and the poison of a deranged mind fueled by hatred and anguish and undoubtedly the horrors of war. The mental and emotional drivers kept his rage alive over the decades. The physical illness sparked his final acts. Knowing that he was literally running out of time, he had to act quickly so that he could go out on an act of final revenge and victory.

When Gudbrand, who in his mind is back in the trenches, demands that Harry provide the password, Harry cleverly responds with "Oleg", Gudbrand's grandson's name. He knows that the old man is delusional but by uttering the name of Gudbrand's grandson, one of the only two people he loves, he bets that it will rattle him and bring him back to the present and to reality. He attributes his quick thinking to Ellen who told him to always trust his first instincts. Harry makes a promise to the dying Gudbrand that he will not allow Rakel's or Oleg's name to be associated with the assassination attempt or the other murders.

Unless there are leaks from the handful of people who know what really happened and Gudbrand's identity, Rakel will never know the true identity of her father and the murders and mayhem for which he was responsible. The decision that the murders attributed to Juul who officially "committed suicide" will not be reopened is a bit unbelievable. No law enforcement agency would allow a dead man to take the rap for so many homicides and allow the name of the true murderer to go untarnished. But, the conclusion puts a neat little bow on the story without administering true justice. Gudbrand literally got away with multiple murders for centuries and died in the arms of his daughter and grandson who had no idea they were saying goodbye to a sick monster.



Harry was the hero of the story. He proved to be a great investigator and noticing the dead tree the day before and seeing its blackness in a sea of green on liberation day was what led him to connect the dots and sparked his actions that saved the life of the Crown Prince. In the end, Harry has proven himself to be too valuable to be stuck on surveillance work and is brought back to the Crime Squad where the action is and where he enjoyed a great partnership with Ellen.

Discussion Question 1

Who was the “Sindre Fauke” that Harry Hole dealt with? Who were Raket’s parents?

Discussion Question 2

What murder did the old man not initially plan? Why did he commit this murder?

Discussion Question 3

Why did the authorities decide to keep the story of Sindre Fauke a secret?

Vocabulary

Cacophony, feint, killjoy, vigilance, consecrated, polecat, affront, antithesis, festooning, tarmac, prevailing, fratricide, lactic, fjord, theoretically, laconic, resurrection, wagtail, inexpressible, chalet.



Characters

Harry Hole

The reader first meets Norwegian police officer Harry Hole who is a member of the Crime Squad of the Norwegian Police Department. He is a veteran officer and is the training officer for his young partner, Ellen. Harry has had struggled for many years with alcoholism but has been on the wagon over a year and wants to stay there. Part of Harry's problem is that he, at times, is consumed with self-doubt and a fear of failure or perhaps he even a fear of success.

Harry likes being a police officer in the Crime Squad because that's where all the action is. The action distracts him from his problems and keeps him too busy to think about drinking. He and Ellen are on a special security detail when the US President and other global dignitaries visit Oslo. They were trained by the US Secret Service. When Harry spots an armed man in a place where no one is supposed to be, he aims and shoots. The man lived and it turned out that he was a Secret Service agent and was in a place where he wasn't supposed to be. No one held Harry responsible but he was transferred to a lower profile position and promoted to Inspector. The authorities including the US ambassador didn't want the incident publicized so Harry was probably promoted to silence him.

Harry falls off the wagon when a fellow police officer is brutally beaten to death. He is lonely and finally finds the girl of his dreams but she has problems of her own. She is bullied by a man who wants to force her into a relationship and is determined to keep Harry away from her. Harry is one of the best investigators in the department and begins to connect the dots in a series of murders. He comes to believe that the assassin is not through and tenaciously pursues the murderer who is set on avenging real or perceived injustices in the most high-profile and public way. Through his ingenuity and great instincts, Harry breaks down the complex mystery and figures out who the murderer is and what drove him mad.

The Avenger

Uriah was one of the young Norwegian soldiers who worked on the Eastern Front during WWII. He became embittered by the wages of the brutal trench warfare in which he was engaged. He was an observant young man who witnessed how cruel men could be to each other. He was injured and shipped off to a hospital to recover. He fell in love with a young nurse at the hospital and they planned to run away together. She is the one who called him Uriah. But a young doctor had his eye on her and his wealthy and influential father threatened to take her mother's house away from her unless she caved to his son's desires. The war tore Uriah and the young nurse apart.



Uriah's bitterness over the war festered over the decades since the war ended. His thinking became twisted and his memory distorted. He became paranoid and began to believe that none other than the King of Norway had personally abandoned him and his fellow soldiers. He was told by his doctor that he didn't have long to live – the cancer would take him soon. His time for revenge was running out. He had to act and soon. Through a contact he purchased an illegal weapon, a Marklin rifle that could take down an elephant. It would be his assassin's tool.

As Uriah battled with his illness and finalized his plans, he had to keep a low profile especially when he realized that a young Norwegian police officer was hot on his trail. His plan was to assassinate the Crown Prince on Norway's Liberation Day. He wanted a public apology from the royal family but when that was apparently not forthcoming, the Crown Prince had to die.

Ellen Gjelten

Ellen Gjelten was Harry Hole's young partner. Although she was a trainee with the veteran Harry Hole, she was bright and generally had great insight into a case and suspects. Harry relied heavily on her for her support and her intuitive gift.

Tom Waaler

Tom Waaler was an arrogant and abrupt police officer who was assigned to partner with Ellen when Harry got reassigned. He had a know-it-all attitude and his partnership with Ellen proved ultimately to be her undoing.

Daniel Gudeson

Daniel Gudeson was one of the Norwegian soldiers in the trenches of the Eastern Front. He was a great marksman and valiant soldier. He held onto high ideals like patriotism and loyalty and was admired by the other soldiers in his unit as their undisputed leader.

Rakel Fauke

Rakel Fauke was the daughter of Sindre Fauke, one of the Eastern Front soldiers during WWII. She was divorced and embroiled in a child custody case with her former husband. She was able to get help in her case from a high-ranking government official but not without a cost. Rake was Harry Hole's love interest.

Gudbrand Johansen

Gudbrand Johansen was a young Norwegian soldier who was engaged in trench warfare on the Eastern Front during WWII. He saved another soldier from certain death



when a grenade was thrown into their trenches. Gudbrand was hospitalized for his injuries then disappeared.

Sindre Fauke

Sindre Fauke was a young Norwegian soldier who was engaged in trench warfare on the Eastern Front during WWII. He disappeared one night and it was not certain whether he was killed or if he deserted.

Helena Lang

Helena Lang was a volunteer nurse who worked in a Vienna hospital. Her family had faced hard times during the war. They lost their wealth and her father was imprisoned. She resisted the attentions of a wealthy doctor at the hospital she was assigned to.

Even Juul

Even Juul was an expert on Norwegian war history. Inspector Harry Hole sought his assistance in trying to figure out who the ex-soldier might be who was on a killing spree with no signs of stopping.



Symbols and Symbolism

Robin Redbreast

The name of the book is a reference to the bird by the same name. Ninety percent of the robin redbreast population migrates south. Few take a risk to stay north during the fall and winter. Gudbrand Johansen, one of the Norwegian soldiers who fought on the Eastern front was known “redbreast.” He was a risk taker like his feathered friend, the robin redbreast.

Marklin

The Marklin was the weapon of choice of the old Nazi who was out for revenge against those who hurt and abandoned him and his fellow soldiers. It was referred to as powerful enough to take down an elephant.

The Oak Tree

The old Norwegian soldier who was out for revenge against the royal family and others who had slighted him and his fellow soldiers filled a huge oak tree with poison so that it would die and give him a straight shot at the royal family’s public balcony.

Liberation Day

May 17th was Liberation Day for the Norwegians. It was the day that the occupiers retreated from Norway and left the nation a free and sovereign country.

Sindre Fauke’s Memoirs

Inspector Harry Hole did not fully understand the methods and madness of the old Nazi who was out for revenge until he ran across Sindre Fauke’s memoirs that told the whole story.

The Prince

The middleman in the purchase of the illegal Marklin rifle was nicknamed “the Prince.” A clue to his identity was this man always had the music of Prince blaring on his car radio.



Crown Prince

The object of the killer's bitter rage was the Crown Prince. It was his belief that the King of Norway, the Crown Prince's father, had abandoned the Norwegian soldiers. The killer saw the face of the King in the Crown Prince's face.

Uriah

Uriah was a soldier in King David's army. The King was in love with Uriah's wife, Bathsheba. The ruler plotted to kill Uriah by sending him to the front line.

Dressage Horse

When Dr. Brockhard tried to force Helena Lang into a relationship with him, she spoke of dressage horses and how it was wrong to train them to dance since it was against their nature. He countered with his belief that inferior beings liked to be subjugated to their superiors.

“88”

A threat was faxed to union leaders signed with “88” which was short for “Heil Hitler.”



Settings

Oslo

The modern-day story in *The Redbreast* takes place in Oslo, Norway. The story begins with a security detail that has been organized for the visit of the President of the United States and other world leaders to Oslo.

The Eastern Front

The second story takes place over fifty years before during World War II. Most of the action takes place in the trenches of the Eastern Front. The Norwegian soldiers are engaged in trench warfare with the mission of fighting off Russian soldiers who are invading and occupying their nation.

The Palace Gardens

The old Nazi who is bent on assassination rents a room in the Radisson Hotel in the Palace Gardens. It will give him a straight shot at the Crown Prince when he steps out on the balcony to greet the people on Liberation Day.

Johannesburg, South Africa

Harry Hole travels to Johannesburg to investigate the purchase by the assassin of a dangerous rifle known as the Marklin. It is an illegal weapon that was smuggled out of Johannesburg.

Vienna, Austria

The Norwegian soldier known as “Uriah” was sent to a hospital in Vienna to recover from wounds he sustained from a hand grenade. Uriah meets Helena, the love of his life, while hospitalized there.



Themes and Motifs

Revenge

There are two stories in Redbreast that are literally decades apart. However, as the stories progress they eventually merge into one. The first story is that of a Norwegian soldier who served in trench warfare on the dangerous Eastern Front during World War II. Those soldiers who volunteered for duty and served in that capacity had backed a loser. They were on the side of the Nazis, fighting against the Russians who were part of the Allied Forces. Though some of these men joined the Nazi party, many of them had no strong political convictions; they just wanted the Russians out of Norway.

The war was brutal and cruel and the men were under constant threat of death and bodily harm or capture and imprisonment. The conditions took their toll on the young men and for one of the soldiers, the experience warped him so that he could never overcome his bitterness, rage, and a sense of betrayal that ultimately became so overwhelming for him that he had to strike out.

This soldier was very young and impressionable and admired another soldier who was a natural leader with an outstanding character and generous nature. When the angry young man observed betrayals – big and small – the rage took permanent residence within him. It simmered for years until he could no longer control it. It finally boiled over into murder and mayhem. He maintained this rage for over fifty years but near the end of his life, he finally was compelled to seek revenge for himself and for his fellow soldiers. Learning that his physical death was near and his time for revenge was literally running out, he was sparked to action.

The old man plotted to kill those who had betrayed him and his fellow soldiers. In his twisted mind, the old man felt that the former fiancé of a fellow soldier who was killed in action betrayed him for marrying another after his death. To this man, the unforgivable betrayal that impacted all of his fellow soldiers was his belief that the King of Norway had abandoned them. The old man planned to target the King's son, the Crown Prince, because he had never uttered a word of appreciation for the soldiers and never explained to the populace that the Norwegian soldiers were heroes and not traitors.

Abandonment

Uriah's need to have revenge was driven by the overwhelming feeling of abandonment that he felt on many levels. He had a home in the United States; but, after the stock market crash, his family was forced to move back to Norway. He probably felt stripped of the home and friends he knew growing up. He was lost and alone. Then, when he was just nineteen, he volunteered to fight on the Eastern Front during WWII.

In his immaturity he surely felt homesick. He had the desire and the emotional need to be home, but he felt, perhaps, pushed by his parents to be patriotic and serve his



country. He was barely past adolescence and had the same needs of any youngster his age to have the security of hearth and home. His childhood was taken from him in a most cruel and permanent manner. He was engaged in trench warfare. When it was his turn for trench duty, he surely felt very alone and abandoned.

Those feelings of abandonment were dwarfed by the huge abandonment that haunted him for decades. He came to believe that none other than the King of Norway had abandoned him and his fellow soldiers. A king is an authority figure just like a father and he may have transposed his perceived evils of the king onto that of his father who he felt also had deserted him. While they were on the dangerous Eastern Front placing themselves in constant danger and cold and starving, the King of Norway chose to flee to London where he would be safe and outside of the danger zone. The pain he felt from this abandonment never dissipated; in fact, his bitter rage only grew over the years to the point that he became delusional and deranged.

He hoped that the Crown Prince, the son of the King of Norway, would speak to the people from his palace balcony and thank the soldiers for risking their lives for their country. He wanted the Crown Prince to tell the people that the soldiers were patriots. Instead, many of them were executed as traitors. When he looked through the scope of his rifle, the deranged man didn't see the face of the Crown Prince; he saw the face of the king.

Tenacity

In *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo there are two separate stories, each with a main theme of tenacity. The characters hold on and fight to the bitter end for victory. Eventually, the two stories grow into one narrative. Then, it's a battle of the strength, character, and wills of the protagonist of each story as to who will prevail in the end.

Inspector Harry Hole is a veteran police officer with the Norwegian police. He's had his bumps in life. A problem with alcoholism has impacted his professional as well as his personal life. However, now that he's sober, he is determined to be a contributing member of society. He is driven to overcome his addiction by his love of police work. He is considered by many to be the best investigator in the large Oslo police division. He works in the Crime Squad where all the action is, action that keeps him busy and away from the bottle.

When confronted with the signs that a mass murderer is on the loose and shows no signs of slowing down, Harry is on the case even though he'd been banned from working it because he was transferred out of the unit. He instinctively knows that the investigation needs him and he doesn't let a little thing like orders from his superiors stop him. Although he drinks again for a short period of time after his partner is brutally murdered, he sobers up and is more determined than ever to identify the killer and stop him before he kills again.



Harry is pursuing a killer who possesses a tenacity that rivals Harry's own. The madman is an old Norwegian soldier who was engaged in trench warfare on the dangerous Eastern front during World War II. His thoughts have become twisted and his memories distorted. He is out for revenge – revenge for real or perceived injustices to which he and his fellow officers were subjected. Although he commits other murders along the way to his main target, he is wily and cautious even in his madness. Though he throws Harry a bone once in a while, his demented mind creates more red herrings to throw the officer off the trail.

When Harry discovers who the killer is and that he is about to assassinate the Crown Prince of Norway, the embodiment of the betrayal that the old soldier has come to believe as fact, Harry takes quick action to finally end the terror and murder brought on by this deranged murderer. Although both men are tenacious, it is Harry who is victorious in the end. It is not so much that good defeated evil. In the end, Harry's tenacity fortunately out muscled that of the madman.

Styles

Point of View

The *Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo is written from the third person limited-omniscient point of view. Telling the story from this perspective allows the reader to be privy to the thoughts, emotions, and intentions of the main characters. Since Harry Hole is the protagonist during much of the story, the novel is written from his point of view. There are two main threads to the story. One is current day and the other is in the early 1940s during the war.

Writing from the perspective of Gudbrand Johansen in the trenches on the Eastern Front during World War II, the readers are not only introduced to the characters in that part of the story, but they are also educated on trench warfare and the horrors of war. One of these young soldiers reemerges in modern times as a deranged man set on revenge. Learning what the men endured during the war adds depth and richness to the story and makes some sense of the complicated character that emerges as a mass murderer in the modern-day story.

The young soldiers, none of whom really wanted to be risking his life in a trench on the Eastern Front, were subjected to freezing cold temperatures and near starvation not to mention the dangers and the constant threat of death or injury or capture. Though these conditions do not exonerate the man who was responsible for the deaths, they are a focal point of the long-term damage that soldiers face after serving in dangerous conflicts and facing life and death situations.

The modern-day story is that of a sophisticated and bright police officer who is thrown into the middle of an investigation which produces more questions than solutions. Although the officer seems self-assured, he is fighting with his own demons – alcoholism and self-doubt. The arc of this character can be appreciated. Despite the obstacles he faces and the general lack of progress in the investigation, he is tenacious and overcomes his personal problems allowing him in the end to truly save the day.

Language and Meaning

The *Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo was originally written in Norwegian and translated into English. While most of the translations are relatively easy to understand or figure out, there are Norwegian and German words that are interspersed throughout the entire book. Each of the chapter headings indicates the location where the subject matter in the chapter takes place. The majority of these headings are Norwegian words. Some of these locations will be unknown to most readers. The names of the places are tongue twisters such as “Bjorvika,” “Irisveien,” “Holmenkollen,” “Hegdehaugsvien,” and “Jens Bjelkes.”



The Norwegians refer to neighborhoods as “gates” and to men’s wear shops as “gentlemen’s outfitters”. Like the locations that are referenced, the names of many of the characters are also a challenge to pronounce. The protagonist has the easiest name – Harry Hole – but most of the other characters give the reader pause. For example, “Ellen Gjelten”, “Sindre Fauke”, Gudbrand Johansen”, “Signe Juul” and “Bernt Brandhaug” to name only a few. The old avenger insists that Harry give him the “password” just as he did when he was a soldier on the Eastern Front during World War II.

The author uses several literary devices including foreshadowing, red herrings, and metaphors. The last section of the book is an epistolary which is used to explain the motivations and experiences of the assassin that led him to murder. The old man who is bent on revenge is dying of cancer. It is a poison running through his body. He injects a huge oak tree with a poison that will cause the tree to die and wither and allow the killer to have a straight shot at the royal balcony where the Crown Prince will appear on Liberation Day. The dying tree is a metaphor for the dying man who seeks revenge before he withers and dies.

In another metaphor, Helena and Dr. Brockhard speak about horses while the underlying subject is really people. She thinks it’s unfair to teach horses to dance because it is not natural for them to do so. Brockhard said that they are inferior beings and like to be subjugated to their masters. Helena’s family had lost all its wealth in the war and her father was in prison. The wealthy and influential Dr. Brockhard is pressuring Helena to become his lover. She uses the dressage horses to get her point across that people like to be free to live their lives the way they want to, the way that is natural for them.

The killer was referred to as Uriah, a direct comparison to the Uriah who was a soldier in King David’s army. The story of Helena, Uriah and Brockhard closely parallels the Biblical story of Uriah and Bathsheba. King David was in love with Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba. The ruler plotted to kill Uriah by sending him to the front line.

Structure

The Redbreast by Jo Nesbo tells two stories, one that takes place in current times and the other that begins in the early 1940s. The two stories that seem to have no discernible connection to one another are eventually woven into one narrative.

The book is separated into parts with each section consisting of a number of chapters. There are 10 parts and 107 chapters. Each chapter provides the location and date covering the contents within it. Grasping the full story is a challenge due to the two stories that initially don’t seem connected and to the red herrings that the author creates to throw the reader off. Just when there seems to be some answers emerging, something else happens that zaps the wind out of the perceived solutions.



Many of the chapters end as cliffhangers which are designed to compel the reader onto the next chapter. However, in the case of *The Redbreast*, there is no guarantee that the next chapter will be in the same century or that it will hold any answers. In fact, as the story progresses there are generally more questions than answers that arise. In the end, the final parts of the story contain the memoirs of the murderer. The memoirs explain the mysteries that still linger to police officer Harry Hole, as well as to the reader. The use of the memoir is a literary device known as an epistolary.



Quotes

This was slow time. Like on Christmas Eve before Father Christmas came. Or sitting in the electric chair before the current was turned on.

-- Harry (Chapter 1 paragraph Page 3, 1)

Importance: This quote hints at the calm before the storm. It promises that the story will head into excitement and danger.

Those of you who are trying to pretend that there is not a racial struggle going on here are either blind or traitors.

-- Olsen (Chapter 2 paragraph Page 15, 2)

Importance: Olsen is defending his racism by inferring that everyone is a racism is a problem for everyone.

There you are. That's capitalism for you. The small guys slog away while the rich get fatter whether it's boom time or a slump.

-- Daniel (Chapter 10 paragraph Page 55, paragraph 14 Part 2,)

Importance: Daniel tells a fellow soldier his view of capitalism and that it works best for the rich.

Only the dead escape unscathed. So Helena stopped listening. She pretended she was listening as she changed bandages, checked temperatures and gave them medicine or food. And when they were asleep she tried not to look at them, as even then their faces continued to tell their stories.

-- Helena Lang (Chapter 23 paragraph Page 125, paragraph 3 Part 3,)

Importance: This passage captures the horrors of war as experienced through a nurse in war-torn Vienna in 1944.

Perhaps a young woman like you should be a little realistic and not develop too strong an attachment to a man who, in all probability, you will never see him again.

-- Dr. Brockhard (Chapter 23 paragraph Page 128, 12)

Importance: Dr. Brockhard has designs on Helena and has seen to it that Uriah, a patient she has shown interest in, has orders to return to duty in a dangerous assignment from which he will probably not return.

The job of the historian is primarily to find the historical truth, to look at what the sources say and present them, objectively and dispassionately. If historians were to stand in judgment on human folly, our work would seem to posterity like fossils – the remnants of the orthodoxy of their time.

-- Professor Juul (Chapter 36 paragraph Page 204, 5)



Importance: Harry Hole is trying to make a connection between his investigation of an old Nazi and neo-Nazism. He tries to learn more about the resurgence of Nazism from a history professor who explains what his role is in the annals of time.

Do you know that Hallgrim Dale is dead?' Mosken shook his head. 'You don't seem very surprised.' 'Why should I be?' nowadays I'm more surprised to hear who is still alive.
-- Harry and Sindre Fauke (Chapter 46 paragraph Page 248, 17)

Importance: The exchange is between Harry who is investigating the murder of an old soldier and Sindre who is an old soldier who is not surprised by the death of a fellow former comrade.

Some men crawl through life with their noses to the ground and are content with the scraps. The rest of us rise up on two legs, walk to the table and take our rightful places.
-- Brandhaug (Chapter 72 paragraph Page 365, 8)

Importance: Brandhaug has forced Rakel to his bed through his power over her child custody case. This quote captures the high opinion he has of himself.

I have come to pass judgment on the living and the dead.
-- Daniel (Chapter 76 paragraph Page 394, 9)

Importance: The old man is terrorizing Signe. He is avenging some real or perceived injustice from the past. Signe is one of his targets.

The first impression is important. The first thought that came into your mind at the scene is often the most accurate. Ellen had taught him that. His own trainee had taught him to concentrate on the first thing he felt when he came to the scene of a crime.
-- Harry (Chapter 91 paragraph Page 459, 2)

Importance: Harry is trying to isolate his first impression at the site of Even Juul's suicide. Even Juul was suspected of being the serial murderer that the police were seeking.

The decisions in my life have often been between two or more evils, and I have to be judged on the basis of that. But I should also be judged on the fact that I have never run away from decision; I have never evaded my moral obligations.
-- The murderer (Chapter 94 paragraph Page 467, 1)

Importance: In an unaddressed letter, the murderer makes a plea for understanding for the actions he has taken.

The gardens will be fresh and green, so full of life, so devoid of death. But I have cleared the way for the bullet. A dead tree without foliage. The bullet will come from the sky, like God's finger it will point out the offspring of the traitor, and everyone will see what He does to those who are not pure of heart.
-- Gudbrand (Chapter 103 paragraph Page 502, 1)

Importance: This passage captures the revenger's grand plan. He felt that the Norwegian royal family had turned its back on the Norwegian soldiers who risked their lives to fight for their country during WWII.