

“B” is for Burglar

SUE GRAFTON

A Before Reading

- 1 Read about the story on the back cover of the book and read page 4. What have you learned about Kinsey Millhone?
- 2 Three of Sue Grafton's novels about Kinsey Millhone are mentioned on page 4. These are: “A” is for Alibi, “B” is for Burglar and “C” is for Corpse. Invent names for the fourth and fifth novels:

“D” is for....

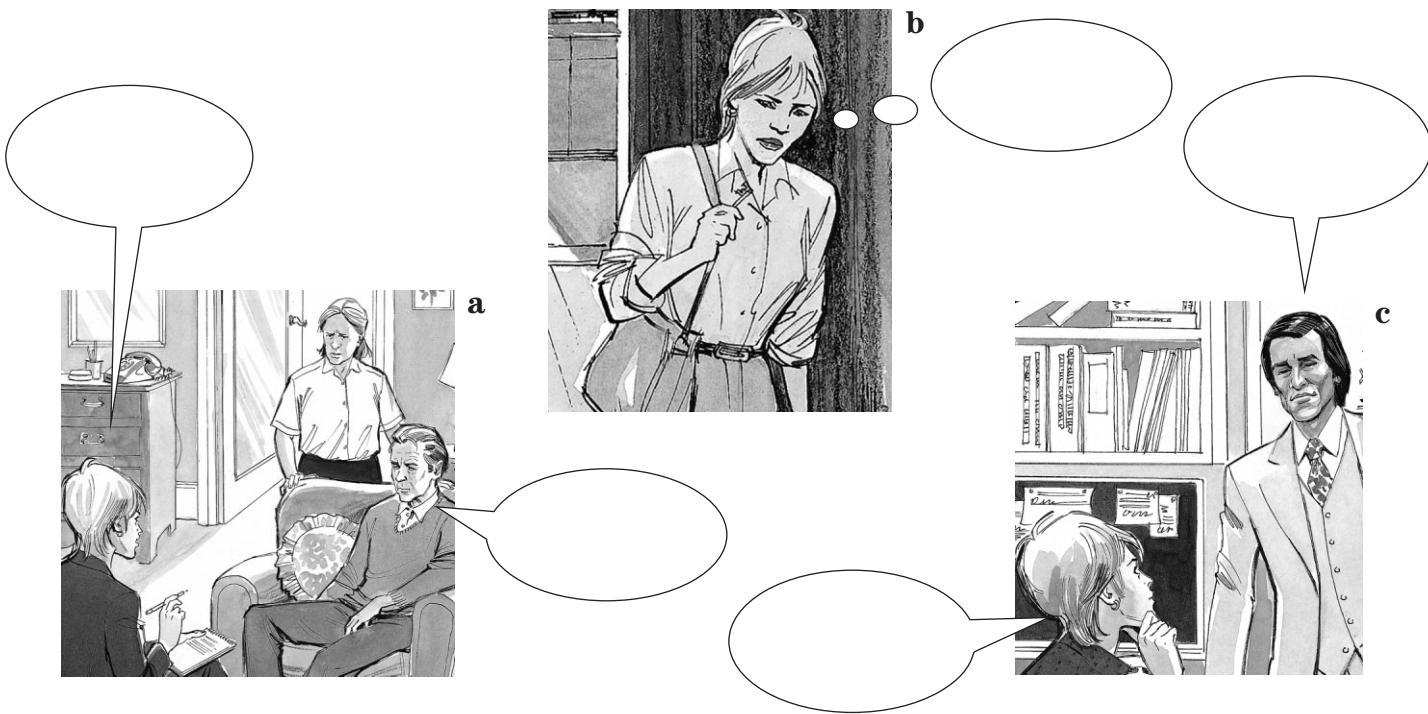
“E” is for....

B While Reading

- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 2. What is the relationship between Elaine Boldt and each of these people?

a Beverly Danziger	b Sidney Rowan	c Tillie Ahlberg
d John Pickett	e Roland Makowski	f Robert Perreti
g Pat Usher	h Julia Ochsner	i Marty Grice
j Leonard Grice		

- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 4. Make a guess. What has happened to Elaine Boldt? Give a reason for your answer.
- 5 Read to the end of Chapter 7. What is each character saying or thinking? Use your own words, and write in each of the speech or thought bubbles. Don't use the captions from the book.



6 Read to the end of Chapter 10. What is each character saying or thinking? Use your own words and write in each of the speech or thought bubbles.



C After Reading

7 Lily says, "Leonard never hurt anyone. He didn't know what Marty had done until it was too late."

a Write a scene in which Marty tells Leonard about the murder of Elaine Boldt.
OR
b Imagine that Marty has already told Leonard about the murder. Write a scene in which they plan how to escape to South America.

You can either write your scene as a script (like a play) or as a narrative (like this story).

8 Read the end of Chapter 11 again. Write another section for the story. Include this information: the police arrive, they rescue Kinsey Millhone, and they arrest the criminals.

9 Neither Beverly Danziger nor Aubrey Danziger killed Elaine Boldt. But Beverly had thought that Aubrey had killed Elaine. And Aubrey had thought that Beverly had killed her. Imagine that Beverly and Aubrey now know the truth. Write their conversation. Remember that they don't like each other very much!

10 Did you guess who the murderer was when you answered Question 4? If you didn't guess correctly, why was your answer wrong?