**Worksheet B: Chapters 12, 13, 14**

**1: Molly’s internal thoughts about work and the "easy way" are significant in this chapter. How does her work ethic contrast with the way others around her view her and her role at the hotel? (page 139)**

a) Molly is dedicated to her work, but others see her as lazy and uninterested in her duties.

b) Molly works hard but is viewed by others as overly serious and rigid, unable to fit in with the more casual atmosphere

c) Molly’s strong work ethic is praised by everyone around her, but she is constantly questioning her role

Think about a time when your dedication to your work or your role was misunderstood by others. How did their perceptions of you differ from how you viewed your own work ethic?

**2: Detective Stark confronts Molly with information about a toxicology report that links Mr. Black to drugs. How does this moment shift the direction of the investigation? (page 142)**

a) The revelation of drugs in Mr. Black’s system completely clears Molly of any involvement in the case.

b) It introduces a new theory of how Mr. Black may have died, shifting the focus of the investigation from a possible accident to a possible foul play scenario.

c) It deepens the suspicion that Molly was involved in the death of Mr. Black but does not lead to any new evidence.

d) The toxicology report is dismissed as irrelevant, and the investigation continues along its original lines.

Have you ever had a moment when new information or a surprising revelation shifted the direction of something important in your life, like a project or relationship?

**3: The detective reveals that there are connections between Molly and Giselle Black, which contradict previous statements. How do you interpret Molly's relationship with Giselle? How does this complicate the investigation or add tension to the narrative? (page 144)**

a) Molly and Giselle have a close, professional relationship with no personal connection, and the detective’s claims are fabricated.

b) Molly and Giselle had a secret, romantic relationship that is central to the investigation.

c) Molly’s relationship with Giselle is complicated, as they had a friendship, but the true nature of their interactions is now under suspicion.
d) Molly had no real connection to Giselle and only met her once in passing, with the detective misinterpreting the situation.

Think of a time when your connection to someone was questioned or misunderstood, creating tension or confusion in your life. How did you handle the situation

**4: Molly expresses her understanding of "dirt" both literally and metaphorically. How does the idea of "dirt" contribute to the themes of secrecy, guilt, and moral ambiguity in the novel? Reflect on a time when you had to deal with a difficult secret or guilt. (page 147)**

a) "Dirt" represents the moral corruption that Molly fears she may have become a part of, as she grapples with her guilt and the secrets surrounding the investigation.

b) "Dirt" is only a literal representation of the hotel’s cleanliness, with no deeper meaning.

c) "Dirt" symbolizes innocence, as Molly believes that everything can be cleaned and forgiven.

**5: Rodney becomes a key figure in this chapter, offering practical help and emotional support. How does his willingness to assist her reflect his intentions?** Think about a time when someone offered you support during a difficult time, whether practical or emotional. How did their help affect you? (page 154) **CIRCLE ALL THAT COULD APPLY**

a) Rodney’s support is purely out of selfish motives, as he expects something in return for his help.

b) Rodney’s support is genuine, motivated by his concern for Molly and his desire to protect her from the consequences of her actions.

c) Rodney is trying to manipulate Molly into trusting him for his own personal gain.

d) Rodney’s help is begrudging and motivated by a sense of obligation, rather than true concern for Molly.

**6: Throughout the chapter, Molly's decisions—such as hiding the gun and pawning the ring—raise questions about morality and survival. Do you think she is justified in these actions? (Circle the number of the scale of how much you agree). How do her moral choices compare to the more black-and-white view of right and wrong in earlier chapters? (Chapter 14)**

**Disagree**  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  **Justified!**

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to make a morally complex decision, choosing between what was right and what seemed necessary for survival or protection?