

MURIAL ROBERTSON – THE SERPENT’S STAR

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Book Synopsis:

In the late 1880s, Murial Robertson has the unusual job of being a part of her father’s security detail. While attempting to gain public support to make Arizona a state, the Senator receives a peculiar letter threatening his life and signed by “The Serpent.” Trying to keep her controlling father alive, Murial heads to the town of Conestone where she implores the help of her cousin, Walter, and the town’s sheriff, Jack, before her own life takes an abrupt turn.

When an explosion destroys part of the town, toxic secrets are revealed, and a man with a well-groomed mustache kidnaps her, all the pieces tie back to a death from three years ago. Murial has been dreaming of freedom from fear and her father’s clutches, but will the past’s vengeance crush her spirit before she has a chance to do so?

Shorter Book Synopsis:

In 1886, Murial has the unusual job of being on her father’s security detail. While campaigning in Arizona, she implores the help of her cousin, Walter, and the town’s sheriff, Jack, to keep her controlling father alive from “The Serpent.” After a deadly explosion, and being kidnapped, Murial is left to figure out how the clues point back to a death from three years ago.

Book Club Discussion Questions:

1. Who was your favorite character in the story?
2. What do you think was Murial’s fear? (was it fear of change, fear of her father, or fear of being herself)
3. Do you like having a list of characters at the beginning or find it unnecessary?
4. Was there anything you were confused on?
5. Clive’s physical appearance is barely described in the story, so how do you see him?
6. What was your opinion of the cover? Did it capture the story well or not?
7. Would you read another book by this author?

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*If you, or anyone you know, had a couple questions on some of the words or phrases used in this novel, please visit my website and click on “Definitions for MR Books.” In doing research for this work, and others, I referenced off of old editions of published books detailing Americanisms and what they meant back in the 1870 to 1880s. The definitions of these words and phrases are listed there for anyone interested, including a citation for the source I used.

The following page is a little bit of word search fun with the answer key attached next.

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D R A W I N G T E L E G R A M E H S T S
O R J W Q T U A X E J R W U H X A Q Q E
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Stagecoach	Explosion	Conestone	Clive
Robertson	Territory	Mystery	Tree
Sheriff	Senator	Telegram	Jack
Arizona	Speech	Artist	Clue
Funeral	Drawing	Desert	Gun
Brewer	Walter	Murial	
Shots	Glass	Uncle	
Murder	Bank		

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