

Deadly Deception

Book 5 of The Gift Legacy

Discussion Questions

Spoiler alert: These questions contain spoilers that will ruin the story for those who haven't yet read the book.

1. The opening scene in *Deadly Deception* has Emelynn learning how to pull off a successful B&E under Sebastian Kirk's tutelage. They gauge the value of a target based on the security signs in windows or on lawn stakes. Do you think these security signs are a good deterrent to would-be thieves or not?
2. Who would you cast in the James Moss role for the movie version of *Deadly Deception*?
3. Closed-circuit television cameras (CCTV) are installed and in use in many public places recording people whether they know it or not. In *Deadly Deception*, Emelynn and the detective use film gathered from CCTV to help track a kidnapper. Do you think CCTV should be used in public spaces? Is it an effective tool? Is it an effective deterrent?
4. Drones are used by the police and by criminals for surveillance in *Deadly Deception*. How do you feel about the use of drones? What, if any, restrictions should be placed on their use? What are the pros and cons of drone use in modern society?
5. Many employees at one point or another have had to bite their tongue when working for an arrogant boss. Sebastian Kirk is Emelynn's arrogant boss. Is she handling him effectively? How would you advise her to deal with him?
6. Legitimate businesses whether knowingly or not, sell products and services to the criminal set. If you were the owner of such a business and had proof of their criminal activity, would you report the criminal? Some businesses are legally bound to report criminal activity. Do you think they should be?
7. Emelynn's parents never told her about her father's son who had died. Do you think they should have? If Emelynn had known about her half-brother sooner, would it have made a difference in her life?
8. The scene inside the Tex-Mex bar where Emelynn is harassed came close to being cut from the book. Do you think this scene should have stayed or been cut?
9. When Emelynn delivers a ghosted James to Redmond's room at the hotel, he jolts her. Was his reaction justified? Do you think it was out of character for Redmond?
10. When Emelynn's mother learns about the gift and Emelynn's cover-up, she packs her bags and leaves. Do you think Emelynn's mother overreacted? If you were her mother, how would you have handled Emelynn's revelation?

ii. If you could ask the author one question, what would it be? Would your organization or group like to arrange an author appearance in person or online? If so, please contact the author at jpmclean@jpmcleanauthor.com.