

Moonflower Murders...Author, Anthony Horowitz

“Retired publisher Susan Ryeland is living the good life. She is running a small hotel on a Greek Island with her long-term boyfriend, Andreas. It should be everything she’s always wanted. But is it? She’s exhausted with the responsibilities of making everything work on an island where nothing ever does, and truth be told, she’s beginning to miss London.

Then the Trehernes come to stay. The strange and mysterious story they tell, about an unfortunate murder that took place on the same day and in the same hotel in which their daughter was married--a picturesque inn on the Suffolk coast named Branlow Hall—fascinates Susan and piques her editor’s instincts. One of her former writers, the late Alan Conway, author of the fictional Magpie Murders, knew the murder victim—an advertising executive named Frank Parris—and once visited Branlow Hall. Conway based the third book in his detective series, Atticus Pund Takes the Case, on that very crime.

The Trehernes’ daughter, Cecily, read Conway’s mystery and believed the book proves that the man convicted of Parris’s murder—a Romanian immigrant who was the hotel’s handyman—is innocent. When the Trehernes reveal that Cecily is now missing, Susan knows she must return to England and find out what really happened.”

#### Book Club Questions

1. Why is Susan so exhausted running the Polydorus?

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2. The Trehernes think Susan can solve the problem of Cecily’s disappearance. Why?

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3. What is your impression of Lisa Terherne when you're first introduced to her?

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4. Susan meets a lot of different people during her investigation. Did you think Martin and Joanne Williams were significant at first glance?

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5. In the Atticus Pund Takes the Case story, did you recognize any of the characters as belonging to the Terherne family members, or the employees, or other supporting characters?

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6. After reading the Atticus Pund Takes the Case story, did you figure out that Stefan Codresu was innocent? If so, what gave it away?

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7. After Susan wrote down her list of suspects and compared them to the characters in the book, did that help you in determining who was the likely guilty party?

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8. Going back a bit, do you think Sajid Khan, the solicitor, was in any way helpful in solving Cecily's disappearance, or was it just so Susan could have a personal life regarding her sister?

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9. Did you have any clue as to who was behind Cecily's disappearance?

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10. Did you like the concept of a mystery book in a mystery?

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