

The Man with the Golden Gun

Ian Fleming

A Before Reading

1 What do you already know about James Bond?

2 a *The Man with the Golden Gun* is set during the Cold War (1945–89). What do you know about the Cold War?

b Why were the following countries important in the Cold War?

Russia _____

the USA _____

Britain _____

Cuba _____

c Read the statements about the story. Write T (True) or F (False).

1 The action happened in Cuba. _____

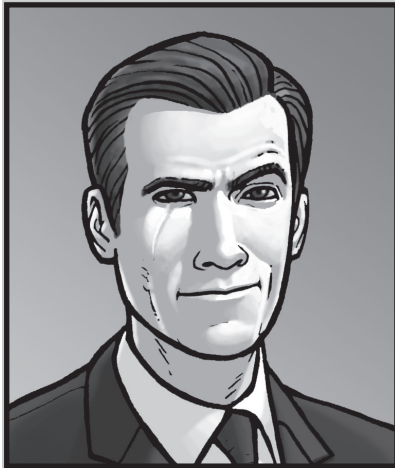
2 The Bond stories were popular because of the political situation. _____

3 The book was published after Ian Fleming's death. _____

d Read pp.6–7 to check your answers.

3 Look at the pictures of some of the characters in the story. Which adjectives do you think best describe them? Use the words in the box and your own ideas. You can use the words more than once.

brave clever cold-blooded loyal patriotic ruthless violent warm



James Bond



Scaramanga



Mary Goodnight

B While Reading

4 a Look at the pictures of some of the key moments in the story. What do they show?











b Put the pictures in the correct order.

- 5 a The following places are mentioned in the story. What happened in each one?

Place	What happened there?
1 Russia	<i>James Bond was brainwashed.</i>
2 M's office in Whitehall	
3 Kingston International Airport	
4 the Dreamland Café	
5 Frome	
6 the Thunderbird Hotel	
7 the hotel reception area	
8 the hotel conference room	
9 the hotel restaurant	
10 Bond's room in the hotel	
11 Orange River bridge	
12 the mangrove swamp	
13 Kingston Memorial Hospital	

- b Match the pictures in 4a to the correct places.

- 6 Spying is a difficult and often dangerous job. Spies are trained to use many different devices and techniques in their work. Look at the list of devices in the table and say who used each one in the story.

Device	Who used it?
1 brainwashing (Chapter 1)	<i>the Russian KGB</i>
2 following people (1)	
3 testing materials to find out where they came from (1)	
4 taking X-ray photographs (1)	
5 collecting fingerprints (1)	
6 protecting people with bulletproof glass (2)	
7 using guns (2)	
8 using liquid poison (2)	
9 checking a room for microphones (7)	
10 setting booby traps (7)	
11 using a glass to listen through doors (9)	
12 running water to stop people hearing what you are saying (11)	
13 laying explosives to cause damage (14)	

C After Reading

- 7 After the mission, James Bond learnt that the Prime Minister wanted him to receive a knighthood from the Queen. However, Bond decided to refuse the award. Now imagine you are James Bond and continue the formal letter to the Prime Minister.
- Say why you are pleased to have been recommended for the knighthood.
 - Politely refuse the knighthood.
 - Give your reasons for not accepting it.

Dear Sir,

I was delighted to receive your recommendation for a knighthood ...

- 8 Would you like to be James (or Jane!) Bond? Would you enjoy his/her life? Why / Why not? Write a paragraph giving the points for and against his/her way of life and the reasons you would or would not like it.