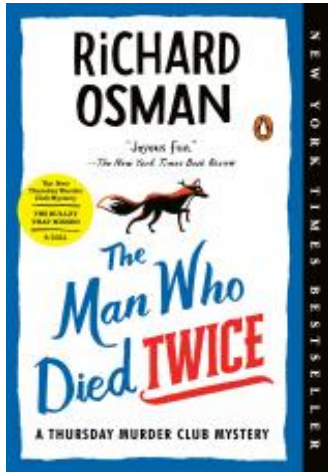


The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery

by Richard Osman



About the Book

The second gripping novel in the #1 internationally bestselling *Thursday Murder Club* series, the first of which Kate Atkinson called "A little beacon of pleasure in the midst of the gloom... SUCH FUN!"

Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim --- the Thursday Murder Club --- are still riding high off their recent real-life murder case and are looking forward to a bit of peace and quiet at Cooper's Chase, their posh retirement village.

But they are out of luck.

An unexpected visitor --- an old pal of Elizabeth's (or perhaps more than just a pal?) --- arrives, desperate for her help. He has been accused of stealing diamonds worth millions from the wrong men, and he's seriously on the lam.

Then, as night follows day, the first body is found. But not the last. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim are up against a ruthless murderer who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians. Can our four friends catch the killer before the killer catches them? And if they find the diamonds, too? Well, wouldn't that be a bonus? You should never put anything beyond the Thursday Murder Club.

Richard Osman is back with everyone's favorite mystery-solving quartet, and the second installment of the *Thursday Murder Club* series is just as clever and warm as the first --- an unputdownable, laugh-out-loud pleasure of a read.

Discussion Guide

1. The novel kicks off when Elizabeth is reunited with her ex-husband, Douglas, who admits to stealing 20 million pounds' worth of diamonds. Where do you think Douglas hid the diamonds? Were you correct?
2. What do you think you and your friends would do if you stumbled across 20 million dollars? How would you split it? What's the first thing you would buy? What do you think your friends would buy? What charities would you support?
3. Ibrahim is accosted by teenagers while out on the town by himself, a traumatic event that lands him in the hospital and ultimately results in him completely withdrawing from his friends' outings. As he recovers, Ibrahim thinks to himself: 'They say a man who desires revenge should dig two graves, and this is surely right.' What do you think he meant by this?
4. Once more, Elizabeth somehow seems to be 10 steps ahead of everyone else. Did you doubt her instincts at any point? If so, why? What makes her such a good leader for the group? Who would you rather have on your side, Elizabeth or Bogdan?
5. Have you ever been lonely in a new town? How did you overcome it?
6. Did you suspect Joyce's friendship bracelets would play the role they did in solving the mystery of the missing diamonds? What about the locket? When did you know, and why?
7. Who is your worst ex?
8. How do you think the dynamics of the Thursday Murder Club shifted once Ibrahim stepped back after his assault? Did the Club's relationship with Donna and Chris or Bogdan change in any way? Discuss.
9. Do the books in the Thursday Murder Club series make you want to visit England, or avoid it at all costs?
10. Did you guess how the dead-letter drops would be used in the novel? If you had to hide something, what would you use for a dead-letter drop?
11. Who did you think was behind the murders? Were you correct?
12. Would you be happy with a dog named Alan? What is an acceptable name for a pet, and what is unacceptable?

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Richard Osman is an author, producer and television presenter. Each of his novels --- THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB, THE MAN WHO DIED TWICE, THE BULLET THAT MISSED and THE LAST DEVIL TO DIE --- were #1 million-copy international bestsellers, as well as *New York Times* bestsellers. He lives in London with his wife Ingrid and Liesl the cat.

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