

C.L. HYDE'S

Resource for Book Clubs

FROM POSSIBILITIES BECOME

THREE PREQUEL STORIES SUPPORTING THE TRUST MYSTERY
THRILLER SERIES.

C.L. Hyde — introductory biography

After too many years on the corporate treadmill, the author, with the support of his wife and four children, summoned the courage to pursue his artistic passions. Writing, rather than painting or sculpture, was set upon as it seemed to offer at least some prospect of scraping a living in a world where words travel electronically to reach a potentially vast audience.

For the author, all three artistic endeavours involve similar processes of prodding into shape a whimsey that can be made recognisable and pleasing both to him and an observer. The author's aim is very much to create an outcome that is a pleasurable experience *in the moment* and upon reflection. Indeed, if you recall one of the author's yarns in the future and take some meaning from it, that is the ultimate accolade for him.

The author enjoys wonderful coffee and the absurd, the utter variety in particular.

C.L. Hyde's writing genre

Currently, the author is focusing on the Mystery Suspense genre but adulterates it with the liqueur of family drama, zestful action and adventure and sprinklings of romance, science, and psychological intrigue to ensure his stories skate along the boundary separating believability and incredulity. By the end of one of his stories,

if you do not feel you've inadvertently stepped into a dimension parallel to the world you are used to and wondered how you got there, the author will not have felt he has been successful.

Questions for book clubs

For your book club meeting, please consider questions from the following.

1. Warm-up questions.

- a. Is FROM POSSIBILITIES BECOME the right title for the story? Is the cover suitable and enticing? If you were to re-title the book or change the cover, how would you do so?
- b. Are the stories in BECOME in a satisfying order? What order would you put them in and why?
- c. Which of the three stories in BECOME did you enjoy the most?
- d. Did the writing style vary between the three stories?

2. Characters.

- a. Which characters did you take a shine to or disliked?
- b. Were the characters believable? Or did some lack adequate depth or have motivations which were not credible?
- c. If you were the lead character in any of the three stories, would you have acted differently?
- d. How did Bassey change in THE RESCUE, Rachael change in FINDING RACHEL, and Marybeth in THE REMAKING?
- e. In any of the three stories the motivations of the lead characters not believable?
- f. If you could read any of the stories from other than that of the lead character's perspective, who would you choose?

3. Themes and messages in BECOME.

- a. What themes or messages did you see in BECOME?
- b. Were there any aspects of the stories in BECOME which stood out?
- c. Were there any features of BECOME which surprised you?
- d. How well did the C.L. Hyde build the worlds in the stories that went into BECOME?
- e. What is your favourite quote from BECOME? Why is it memorable?
- f. Do you feel any of the three stories in BECOME will appeal more to a female or a male reader?

4. Plot.

- a. Did you enjoy the plots in the three stories?
- b. Did you enjoy how the stories started?
- c. Were you pulled along by the plots or the characters?
- d. Are there plot points left unresolved?
- e. Did you enjoy the twists?
- f. Were the endings satisfying?
- g. What would you change about any of the endings?
- h. Did you find you read for longer at each sitting than you intended? If so, why do you think this arose?

5. Story Structure.

- a. Were the overall story structures appealing?
- b. Are the stories in BECOME the right length? What would you add or cut any of them?

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- c. Did C.L. Hyde provide enough credible detail to make the worlds created in the stories believable?

6. Warm down questions.

- a. Are you glad you read BECOME?
- b. Did any of the stories in BECOME remind you of other books?
- c. Did CL Hyde's writing style remind you of another author?
- d. Would you recommend BECOME?
- e. Are you keen to read the further books in the Trust series?

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