

THE NOVEL ART OF MURDER

Reader's Guide

1. Nana Jo is upset about losing out to her rival, Maria Romanov, for a part in the Shady Acres musical. Why do you think Nana Jo reacted so strongly to losing out on the part?
2. Today, Sir Winston Churchill, is viewed as a visionary, but before World War II, the public viewed him quite differently. How do you feel about the former prime minister?
3. Sam is finally coming out of the grief she felt after losing her husband and is allowing herself to care for someone else. She's also learning to "flirt." Do you feel that flirting is an art? Are you good at it?
4. Randolph Churchill gives his girlfriend a lesson on British titles to explain her faux pas when she is confused by Lady Alistair Browning's name. Do you find the titles confusing? We don't have them in the United States, do you feel we're missing out?
5. A couple of the guests staying at Chartwell House later became famous (or infamous) for another reason. Do you know which ones and why?
6. The Girls discover that Maria Romanov was a Mennonite. Are you familiar with the Mennonites?
7. Magnus Von Braun was the younger brother of Werner Von Braun, inventor of the V2 rocket for Germany in WWII. Both of the Von Brauns were brought to the U.S. to prevent the Soviet Union from gaining a technological advancement over the U.S. Give their past, do you think this was the right thing to do? Do you feel the accomplishments they provided justified this action?