

Book Club Discussion Guide for *False Bottom*

📖 One of Uncle Mike's friends blames their illegal actions on politicians. Is this shifting the blame, or have politicians not done what is necessary to provide for the families of fallen police officers?

📖 Patrick and his grandmother, Trudy, have different perspectives on whether information should be freely available. Is theirs a generational difference or do their life histories cause their different views?

📖 In what ways are the various members of the McCree clan alike and how are they different? What role does genetics play? Upbringing? Other experiences?

📖 In previous novels in the series, Seamus controlled (over-controlled?) his emotions. In *False Bottom* he has difficulty corraling his tears. Is this a breakthrough for Seamus, getting in touch with his emotions, or just a temporary reaction to the many deaths he's experienced?

📖 What does it say about Seamus that he dropped everything to visit Lt. Tanya Hastings while she was in home hospice?

📖 Which character would you like to invite out for lunch and why? And if you choose the Happy Reaper, how soon do you think before he escapes?

📖 In what ways do you think *False Bottom* reveals the author's perspective on families? On truth? On justice?

📖 What theme(s) did the author emphasize?

📖 The ending makes it clear that the Happy Reaper plans to make good on his threats against Seamus and his family. What caused Seamus to turn in the Happy Reaper? Was that the right thing to do?