

BOOK CLUB KIT

Everything you need to host an engaging book club for *The Missing Mallard Mystery*

Book Club Facilitator's Guide for *The Missing Mallard Mystery*

Pre-Meeting Prep:

- Send out discussion questions in advance
- Choose one or two Beyer quotes to read aloud for fun
- Encourage attendees to bring a travel story of their own

Meeting Flow:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Book Summary & Reactions
3. Guided Discussion (use 5–7 questions)
4. Behind-the-Scenes Presentation or Audio Playlist
5. Snack Break + Themed Recipes
6. Social Media Moment (Group photo, quote share)
7. Closing Thoughts & Next Book Selection

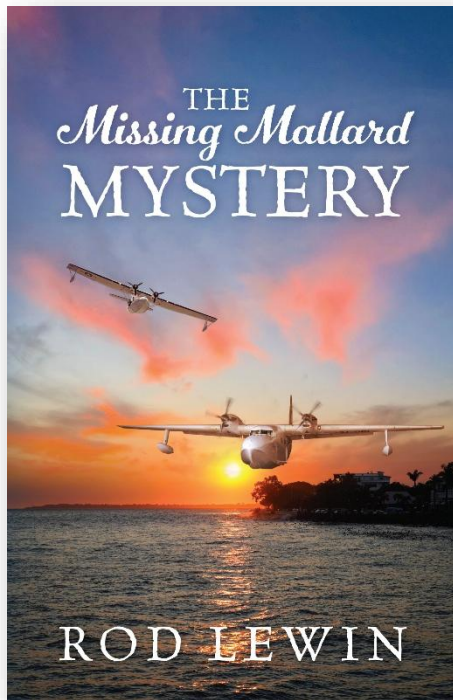
Tips:

- Rotate roles (host, reader, timekeeper) for engaging meetings
- Encourage members to highlight one sentence from the book they loved
- Offer a small prize for the best aviator costume or themed snack

Social Media Sharing Instructions:

- Take a photo of your group reading the book or acting out a scene
 - Share your favorite quote using the hashtag #MissingMallardMystery
 - Post a location pin on a map for where your group is reading
 - Reenact your favorite Beyer monologue for a Reels/Story
 - Tag @RodLewinAuthor and @OutskirtsPress so we can feature you!
-

Book Club Discussion Questions for *The Missing Mallard Mystery*



When Mitch Blaine, a seasoned aviator with a taste for high-risk adventures, receives a distress call from an old Air Force friend, he's thrust into a high-stakes mystery. A vintage Grumman Mallard seaplane carrying millions in precious pearls has vanished over the treacherous Northern Territory. Alongside his sarcastic co-pilot Beyer, Blaine confronts wild outback terrain, Indonesian pirates, and a web of deception in this action-packed aerial thriller. Blending humor, camaraderie, and suspense, *The Missing Mallard Mystery* is a gripping aviation adventure that will leave readers breathless.

Discussion Questions

- How does Rod Lewin blend technical aviation knowledge with fast-paced storytelling?
 - What role does the Australian landscape play in heightening the suspense and tone of the novel?
 - How do Mitch and Beyer's personalities complement and challenge each other throughout the mission?
 - Did you find the portrayal of danger realistic or exaggerated? Why?
 - What does the book suggest about loyalty and duty in friendship?
 - How do elements of humor affect the pacing and tension of the story?
 - How does this story compare with classic adventure tales like *The Da Vinci Code* or *The Lost City of Z*?
 - What are your thoughts on how the missing Mallard mystery is resolved?
 - What real-world insights into aviation and the pearl industry did you learn?
 - What scene would you most like to see adapted in a film?
-

Book Club Playlist for *The Missing Mallard Mystery*

“The Wayward Wind” — Inspired Playlist for Adventure Seekers

- *Into the Mystic* – Van Morrison
 - *Ride Like the Wind* – Christopher Cross
 - *Take It Easy* – Eagles
 - *Sky Pilot* – Eric Burdon & The Animals
 - *Australia* – The Shins
 - *Come Fly With Me* – Frank Sinatra
 - *Ocean Drive* – Duke Dumont
 - *Kokomo* – The Beach Boys
 - *Lost in the Wild* – Walk the Moon
 - *Danger Zone* – Kenny Loggins
-

Themed Book Club Meeting Ideas for *The Missing Mallard Mystery*

“Outback Adventure Night”

Vibe: *A daring Aussie escapade.* Think rugged charm, remote airstrips, crocodile-infested waters, and a touch of Indiana Jones. The setting evokes pearl thievery, tropical danger, and an explorer’s spirit. Perfect for readers who love thrills, banter, and the wild unknown.

Decor: Maps, model planes, faux crocodile signs, pearls

Dress code: Aviator jackets, cargo shorts, sun hats

Activity: Treasure hunt-style clue game (Where is the Mallard?)

Recipes:

- *Beyer’s Bunker Brew:* Spiced coffee with cinnamon & clove
 - *Paspaley Pearl Popcorn:* White chocolate-coated popcorn with edible pearl sprinkles
 - *Darwin Sunset Punch:* Mango, pineapple, passionfruit juice, and sparkling water
 - *Flying Boat Flatbread:* Aussie-style flatbread topped with kangaroo jerky or grilled halloumi
 - *Cockpit Cookies:* Chocolate chunk with crushed macadamia nuts
-

"Flight Deck Feast"

Vibe: *Vintage aviation glam meets camaraderie in the sky.* Inspired by WWII flying boats and long-haul missions across uncharted oceans. Picture a nostalgic pilot’s mess with polished brass, old maps, and strong coffee shared mid-flight. A toast to pilots, propellers, and perilous skies.

Decor: Mini propellers, pilot wings, vintage flight maps, model planes, thermos jugs, cloth napkins with faux airline logos

Activities:

- Group trivia: Aviation terms, Pearl history, Outback animals
- Optional icebreaker: “Call sign challenge”—everyone picks their aviator nickname

Recipes:

- *Captain’s Chicken Curry Wraps* – A warm spiced chicken salad in flatbread, a nod to tropical flying routes
 - *Wayward Wind Trail Mix* – Macadamia nuts, dried mango, dark chocolate chips, banana chips
 - *Altimeter Apple Slaw* – Crunchy green apple & cabbage slaw with a honey-lime vinaigrette
 - *Jetstream Gin Fizz* – Sparkling lemonade with a splash of gin or ginger ale and fresh mint
-

"Crocodiles & Cargo" Survival Night"

Vibe: *Jungle suspense and survival smarts.* Channel the gritty side of the outback, where every shadow could hide danger and trust is your only lifeline. It's a little gritty, a little wild, and all about confronting the unknown with wit, grit, and strong coffee.

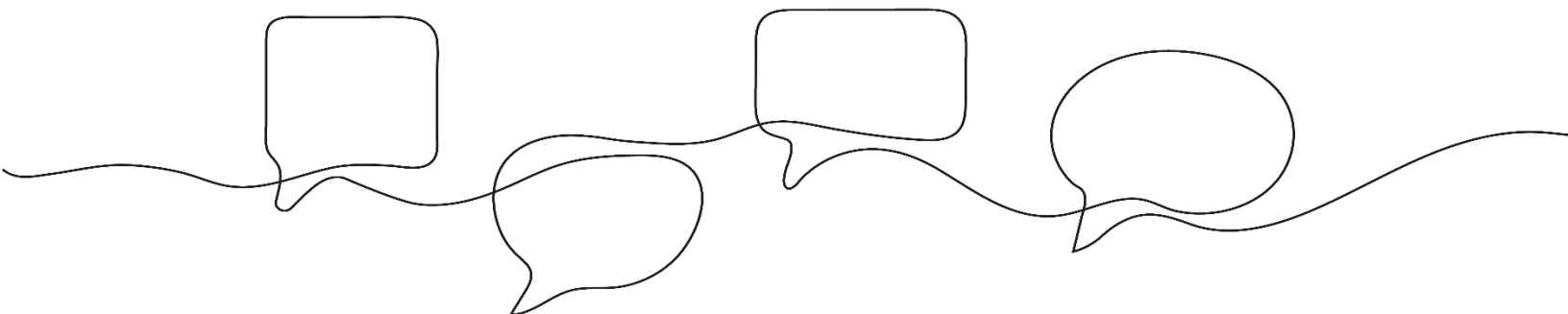
Decor: Faux crocodile skin table runner, lanterns, natural textures, "Warning: Crocs Nearby" signs

Activities:

- DIY pearl crafting station or paper plane throwing contest
- Read excerpts involving the missing Mallard's peril and discuss "what would you do?"

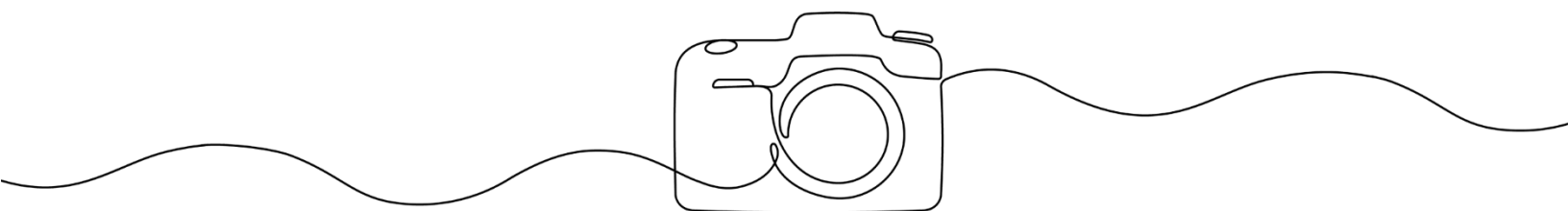
Recipes:

- *Captain's Chicken Curry Wraps* – A warm spiced chicken salad in flatbread, a nod to tropical flying routes
 - *Wayward Wind Trail Mix* – Macadamia nuts, dried mango, dark chocolate chips, banana chips
 - *Altimeter Apple Slaw* – Crunchy green apple & cabbage slaw with a honey-lime vinaigrette
 - *Jetstream Gin Fizz* – Sparkling lemonade with a splash of gin or ginger ale and fresh mint
-



Thank you for reading and discussing *The Missing Mallard Mystery* with your club!

If you enjoyed the story, your voice can help others discover it too. A quick review on Amazon or Goodreads would mean the world—even a few words make a big difference!



I'd love to see your book club in action!

Snap a photo of your group reading or discussing *The Missing Mallard Mystery* and share it on social media!

Use #MissingMallardMysteryBookClub so I can celebrate with you!