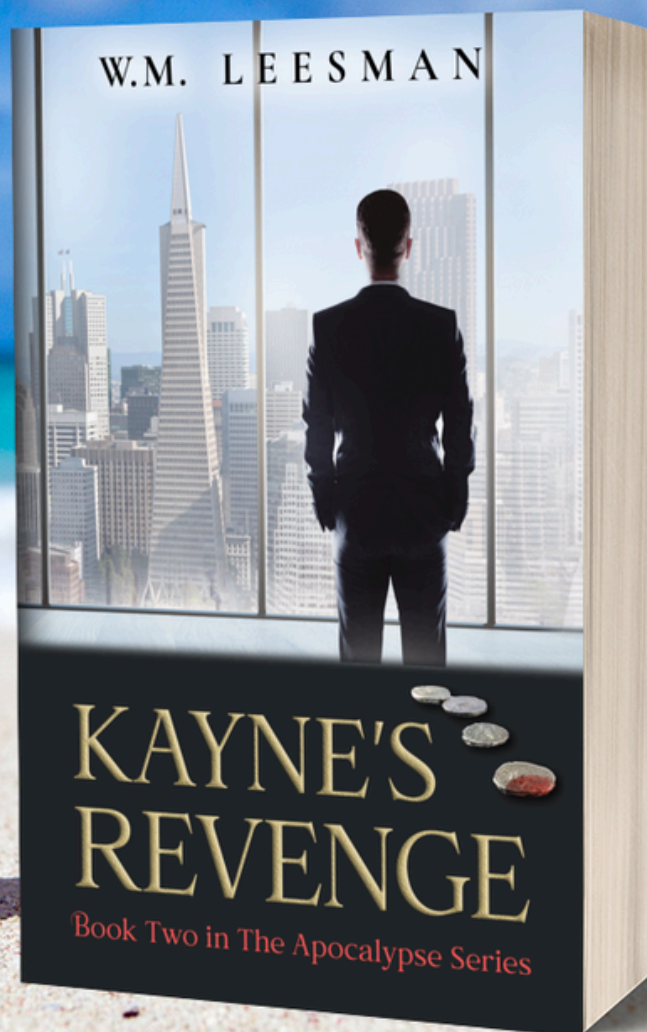


Kayne's Revenge

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Book Club Prompt Guide



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A READER'S PROMPT GUIDE

A word from the author...

When I wrote the first novel in *The Apocalypse Series*, *The Judas Legacy*, I had researched a complete history of the path the mythical coins traveled. And I included many of the historical tales in the original draft.

Unfortunately, most of those chapters were cut from the final manuscript.

However, I kept the sections for later use.

When readers of *The Judas Legacy* clamored for a sequel, I retrieved one of those paths – the one regarding Hitler.

We needed to find out if joining The Order was something that helped Brad and Dian, hurt them, or if they should have just walked away from it.

I also did not want to leave Maricia's family out, so Marco stepped into the void to become larger than life—he's quite the character, isn't he!

At the same time, the original *Cain vs Abel* chronicle competed in my mind. I combined those two narratives in early 2023 for the first draft, and that's how *Kayne's Revenge* evolved. I have been told *Kayne's Revenge* is a richer storytelling, with more depth than *The Judas Legacy*. I struggle being objective but believe readers can judge for themselves.

I can say the villains in *Kayne's Revenge* are darker, the heroes more conflicted, and the themes carrying through are just as stirring. I hope you find *Kayne's Revenge* just as much fun to read, as I did writing it.



"I found the storyline and the storytelling even richer than the first book, while keeping a good balance of action and suspense."

Ice Breakers

Q and A

1. What was the first book you remember reading?
2. What's your favorite genre?
3. What book needs a sequel?
4. What was your last 5 star read?
5. Where do you read?
6. Hardcover, paperback, audio or ebook?
7. Two reads and a DNF? (A twist on 2 truths + 1 lie; name 3 books and let others guess the Did Not Finish.)

Alphabet Soup

Moving from player-to-player, name a person, place, thing, or event from the current book, following A-B-C, etc. See how far you can get.

The Paperback Game

Gather some paperbacks – romance, crime, or thrillers make the best candidates. (Maybe there's a Little Free Library nearby to borrow from.)

The first person picks one out and reads the blurb from the back of the book.

The other players then have a go at writing the first sentence of the novel, while the first person writes out the real first sentence, and then reads them aloud to the group.

Players must all then individually decide which they think is the real first sentence.

1 point if your fake sentence is voted as the real one, and 2 points if you correctly vote for the real first sentence.

The game is finished when everyone has had a turn reading a blurb.

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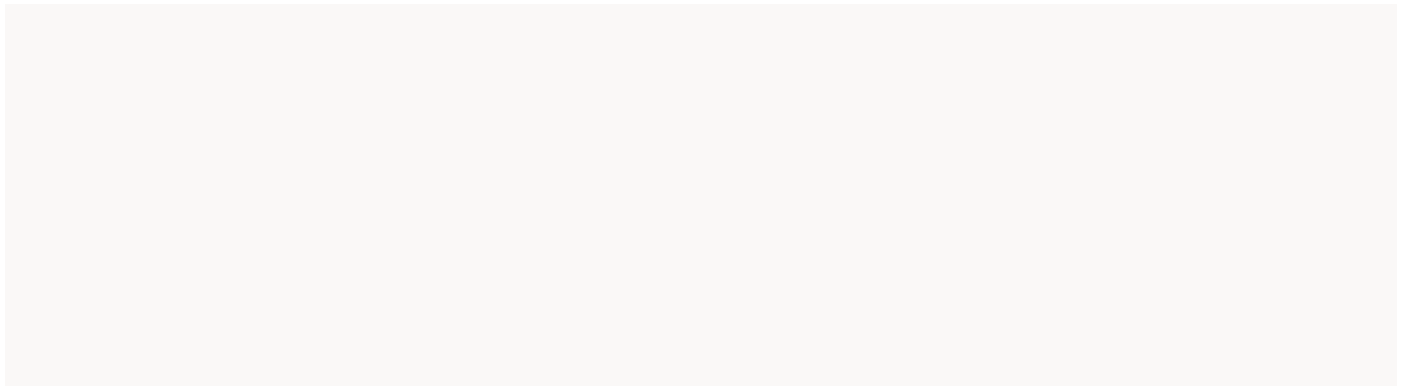
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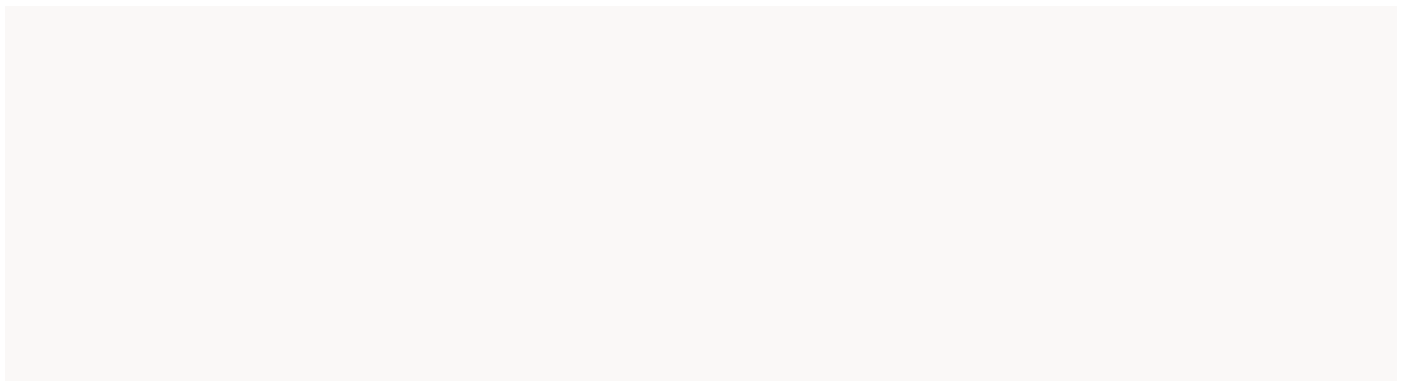
Who was your favorite character? What character did you identify with the most? Were there any characters that you disliked? Why?



How much did you know about this book before picking it up? What surprised you most about Kayne's Revenge?



Was there any part of the plot or aspects of the characters that frustrated or upset you? If so, why?



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How thought-provoking was Kayne's Revenge Did you find yourself wondering, what if? Are there lingering questions you're still thinking about?

How would you adapt Kayne's Revenge into a movie? Who would you cast in the leading roles?

Did you reread, highlight or bookmark any passages? Did you have favorite quote(s)? If so, share which and why?

What kind of reader would most enjoy this book? Who do you most want to read Kayne's Revenge?

Beyond the Book

Kayne's *Revenge* carries on with several integrated historical scenes. This is not unusual for this genre of novel. One of the questions consistently asked is: "Are the characters and scenes real?". Using real historical figures and events woven into a fictional narrative can help create a more believable novel that stretches ideas like 2000-year-old relics that may have been used in the past.

Historical Facts and Fiction of Kayne's *Revenge*

Operation Valkyrie (Wolf's Lair, Prussia 1944)

On July 20, 1944, with the German army in disarray, a plot by German military and citizens to assassinate Adolph Hitler was planned.

Called Operation Valkyrie, the plot was to kill Hitler by bomb in his Prussian complex. There was a Tom Cruise movie about it, although I have to admit I have never seen the film. I intertwined the plot to kill him, with an attempt to part Hitler from the coin he used to gain power.

The Rise of Hitler (Wewelsburg Castle, Bavaria 1930)

Before he became the German dictator, Hitler was the leader of just one of the German political parties. He surrounded himself with believers in his cause. The chapter at the castle includes many of the actual men, including the well-known Goebbels, Himmler, Heydrich, and others.

I included the man who designed the infamous Death's Head skull insignia with its supposed mystical symbols (Wiligit). The Nazis, Himmler in particular, were big believers in occult artifacts and had an entire division in the army created to search for these objects of both myth and reality.

Watch the Indiana Jones series for a glimpse into it!

Operation Paperclip (1940s and 1950s)

In order to keep the best German scientists, engineers, and technicians, out of the hands of the Russians at the end of WWII, the United States conducted Operation Paperclip. Nazis were relocated to the US, sometimes given new identities, and brought into the employ of the United States government. The most famous might be Wernher von Braun, who was critical in the development of NASA. There were other Operations for German ex-pats, but Operation Paperclip is the most famous.

I incorporated this into *Kayne's Revenge* as a backdrop to explain the evil that is Daniel Hamilton.

1972 Democratic National Convention (Miami Beach, Florida 1972)

In the midst of the Watergate Scandal, the annual Democratic Convention took place in Miami Beach, Florida. I incorporated this into the story because of the historic time frame. The Mid-East crisis was about to flare up again, causing massive fuel shortages worldwide.

I remember that time well. In my own life, that was when my family moved back to Canada.

It made sense to me that Israel, if there were coins still hidden there, would be under attack by people trying to find them. Hence, the plea of the Mossad to the senator for help. Having been to the Fontainebleau Hotel in the past, I was able to describe it.

Further consideration...

These are just a few more questions you might like to discuss, in addition to or, in place of the listed set! Some are author originals while others have been adapted from Bookclubs.com .

- Did the book strike you as original?
- What was your favorite part of the book?
- Which scene has stuck with you the most?
- Did this book remind you of any other books?
- Would you want to read another book by this author?
- If you could ask the author anything, what would it be?
- Did you race to the end, or was it more of a slow burn?
- How long did it take you to get into the book?
- How does the book's title work in relation to the book's contents?
- Did you find the author's writing style easy to read or hard to read? Why or what made it such?
- If you could give the book a new title, what would it be?
- Did any part of this book strike a particular emotion in you? Which part and what emotion did the book make you feel?
- Was there any part of the plot or aspects of the characters that frustrated or upset you? If so, why?
- From your point of view, what were the central themes of the book? How well do you think the author did at exploring them?
- Compare this book to other books you have read by the same author, or other books you have read covering the same or similar themes. How are they the same or different?

Author Q+A

Do you have a writing ritual?

From a planning perspective: I create a character bio, answering some standard questions about traits, hobbies, thoughts, vital statistics, etc. I then map out a general day planner for each major character to establish their habits, relative to the story.

From a writing perspective: Approximately the same time every day, coffee in hand, I head to the office, and put in my earphones. I turn on the music and type. Music seems to bring out the creative juices.

Who is your favorite writer?

When I was younger, Stephen King. I read a lot of horror. When I owned my book store, I learned to appreciate a breadth of writers. So do I have a favorite? No.

Which authors do I read a lot of besides King?

James Rollins and James Patterson. Michael Connelly and Wilbur Smith. Thomas Harris and Dean Koontz. These are my favorite fiction writers. I enjoy the gritty, believable stories they write.

How do you balance making demands on the reader with taking care of the reader?

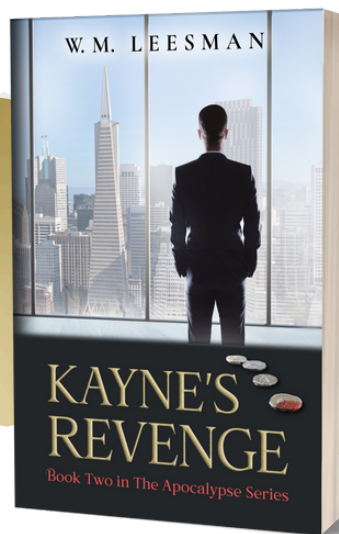
In The Apocalypse Series that is character heavy, I include a character legend at the front of each book. Otherwise, I write the story. I trust my readers are able to pick up on nuances so they can enjoy the aha moment.

Have you ever killed off a character your readers loved?

Yes, and I still hear about it on a regular basis from my daughter! It was a vital part of the story though.

Do you hide any secrets in your books that only a few people will find?

Yes. Happy Easter.



"Leesman's masterful plot twists and well-developed characters keep readers engaged from start to finish. The novel seamlessly combines fast-paced action with profound themes of justice and redemption, making it a compelling read for fans of suspenseful, and heart-pounding stories. Overall, this book was captivating and a page-turner and helps demonstrate Leesman's exceptional storytelling talent."

As an indie author I rely on word of mouth and reviews! If you enjoyed this read, I would be grateful for you leaving a review on your favorite sites, such as:

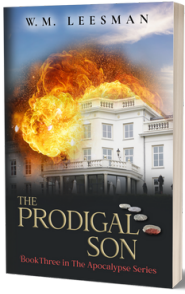
[Amazon](#), [Goodreads](#), [Social Media](#), and telling your friends.

Thank you for reading Kayne's Revenge!

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Up Next... Series Book Three: The Prodigal Son



11th-century France, Pope Urban II commands a clandestine gathering under a cloak of secrecy. The quest? To secure ancient relics of unparalleled power, coveted by forces both righteous and malicious.

Now, unseen enemies and traitors are hellbent on destroying The Order, the secretive society sworn to protect the relics from misuse. When whispers of a chilling conspiracy lurk beneath the surface, waiting to rewrite history and reshape world order as we know it, rare coin dealer Brad Stockman delves into the shadows to uncover the truth.

In the final deadly game of cat and mouse, Brad's team must unravel the web of intrigue that spans from the Pope's plans to the most famous shooting of the 20th century, and beyond.

The Apocalypse Series began with *The Judas Legacy* and continued in *Kayne's Revenge*.

Corruption is the name of the game in this thrilling finale where Brad discovers the secret his family kept and must decide his own fate when it comes to the 30 pieces of silver and their evil power.

Read it now to discover the epic conclusion and find out who, if anyone, wins.

"I love how the author intertwined actual historical facts and places with fiction to make this series so believably real. Action packed and edge-of-your-seat moments abound in this story, as in the two previous books."

Alphabet Soup Answer Key

with some obscure book words to get you from A-Z. This isn't an exhaustive list, but at least there's one word for each letter! Although Z is arguably a weak one :-D

A-Aaron, Apocalypse

B-Brad, BBQ, Berlin, Billy Bishop,

C-Calgary, Clarice, Clifford, Caroline

D-Dian, Daniel

E-Eugene, Europe, E25 highway

F-Freddie, France, Fleur de Lis

G-Grace, Guillaume, Gerhard

H-history, Hannah, Hamilton

I-Independent News Partnership

J-Joshua, James

K-Ken, Kelowna, Kayne

L-Lars, Lytton,

M-museum, Matteo, Marco

N-Netherlands

O-Ontario, Order

P-Pierre, pugs

Q-Quonset

R-Reghan, Rubin, Red Rover

S-Stockman, Stefan, San Francisco

T-Toronto, Templars

U-UCLA, USA

V-Vancouver, Val, Valkenburg

W-Weber, Wilma

X-Xenomorph (ch 3)

Y-You Matter (sign)

Z-zun, zeit, Zeremonie

