The Jealousy Man

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Quick Reads 2024 Discussion Guide
Jo Nesbo is one of the world’s bestselling crime writers. When commissioned to write a memoir about life on the road with his band, Di Derre, he instead came up with the plot for his first Harry Hole crime novel, The Bat. His books The Leopard, Phantom, Police, The Son, The Thirst, Macbeth and Knife have all since topped the Sunday Times charts. He’s an international number one bestseller and his books are published in 50 languages, selling over 55 million copies around the world.

**Discussion Questions**

**Front cover:** What do you think of the design? Does it make you want to read it?

**Page 3:** Why did the children love Uncle Hector?

**Page 4:** What is the moral of the Icarus tale? Do you have a favourite myth?

**Page 5:** In what country is the story set? What clues in the text support this?

**Page 6:** Who is Franz Schmid?

**Page 7:** What is the profession of the narrator, who is also described as ‘legendary’? If you could choose another choice of career, what would it be?

**Page 8:** How is the town of Pothia described? Have you visited a similar place?

**Pages 13-17:** Describe the relationship between Franz and his missing brother Julian.

**Pages 17-18:** Who is the Jealousy Man?

**Page 24:** STORY CHECKPOINT 1. Can you recap the story so far?
Page 31: Why is Helena upset?

Pages 33-39: What are your first impressions of Victoria?

Pages 41-43: Why did Franz run from the police? Do you think he is guilty or not?

Pages 47-55: Thinking about Nikos Balli’s former relationship with Monique, what 5 sentences would you use to describe his personality?

Pages 57-62: STORY CHECKPOINT 2. Can you recap the story so far?

Page 64: How was Franz’s body positively identified? What evidence did the police use?

Pages 66-73: The story moves to 5 years in the future. What is the revelation in these pages? Did you suspect this plot twist? If so, what were the clues?

Pages 78-85: How does Nikos Balli’s story compare to Franz’s? Are there similarities? What is different about their motivations?

Page 88: Do you think Helena suspects that Julian is actually Franz?

Page 93: Nikos Balli has lived with regret. Do you feel sympathy for him? What do you think of his character?

Final thoughts on The Jealousy Man:

- Did you find the story enjoyable?
- Would you recommend others read this title?
- What type of genre is the book?
- What did you think of the ending? Was it satisfying?
- Write a review of the book.