

# Diamonds Are Forever

Ian Fleming


## A Before Reading

- 1 Ian Fleming wrote *Diamonds Are Forever*. What do you know about his life? Match the questions 1–8 to the answers a–h.

1 When was Ian Fleming born?	a Dr No
2 What was his first job?	b 1964
3 What was his second job?	c 1929
4 When did he go to Moscow?	d a soldier
5 When did he finish his first book?	e 1908
6 What was the title of his first novel?	f Casino Royale
7 Which book was the first to be made into a film?	g a journalist
8 When did he die?	h 1952

Read 'A Note About The Author' at the beginning of the book to check your answers.

- 2 The hero of the story is James Bond. What James Bond films do you know? And what do you know about his appearance, character and lifestyle? Write your ideas in the boxes below.

<b>Films</b>	
	<b>Appearance</b>
	<b>Character</b>
	<b>Lifestyle</b>

- 3 Look at the pictures of the characters on page 6 of the book. Which people do you think are 'good' and which are 'bad'? Check your answers as you read.

'good'	'bad'

## B While Reading

- 4 The action in Bond stories is fast-moving and takes place in many different places. The table below includes some of these places and a description of the action that happens there. However, some of these 'action' descriptions are wrong. Can you work out which are right and which are wrong? For any wrong ones, say why. The first one is an example.

Place	Action	Right or wrong?
1 The meeting point of three African countries	The helicopter pilot gives the diamonds to the smuggler.	<i>Wrong – the smuggler gives the diamonds to the helicopter pilot</i>
2 Trafalgar Palace Hotel, London	Tiffany tells Bond to carry the diamonds in the handle of a suitcase.	
3 The House of Diamonds, New York	Bond gives the diamonds to Michael Tree.	
4 Saratoga	Tingaling Bell's horse wins the race.	
5 The Tiara Casino, Las Vegas	Bond gambles and wins \$20,000.	
6 Spectreville	Tiffany tricks Bond and brings him to Spang's men.	
7 <i>The Queen Elizabeth</i>	Bond kills Kidd with a knife, and Wint shoots himself.	
8 A place near Sierra Leone	Bond and the soldiers shoot down the helicopter and kill Seraffimo Spang.	

- 5 The picture shows the scene just after Bond's fight with the gang in Spectreville. Spang now thinks Bond is a spy. Who can you see in the picture? Where are they? What does the room look like? How do you think they are feeling? What do you think will happen next? Write your ideas in the space next to the picture.



- 6 Imagine you are James Bond in the situation described in question 5. Write a short paragraph describing the scene and your feelings.

## C After Reading

- 7 You are James Bond and you have just returned to London from the USA. Write a report for M, including the following information:
- What happened in Spectreville and how you escaped
  - How Tiffany helped you
  - How you killed Spang
  - How you walked to the main road where Leiter met you in a car
  - How you travelled to Los Angeles, New York and England
  - What happened on the *Queen Elizabeth*.
- 8 You are Tiffany Case. Write a letter to your best friend to tell her about a man you have just met. Say where you met and describe his appearance and character. Tell her about the dinner you had at the Twenty-one Club and how you feel about him.
- 9
- a James Bond has a dangerous lifestyle. What do you like or dislike about the stories? Think about the fast cars, women, violence, etc.
  - b Ian Fleming started writing James Bond stories over fifty years ago. At that time diamond smuggling and organized crime were becoming big problems. Do you think these types of crime are big problems today? If so, why? If not, why not?
  - c Is there a particular type of crime that is a big problem in your country at the moment? What is it? What do you think can be done to fight it?