

Shake Hands Forever

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The story step by step

1 Listen to Chapter 1 on your CD/download. Then match the descriptions below to the characters – Robert Hathall (RH), Mrs Hathall (MH) or Angela (A).

- a ... knew that he'd had money problems _____
- b ...was getting nervous _____
- c ...'s been cleaning the house to make it nice for you,' _____
- d ...'s meeting us with the car,' _____
- e ... was looking around the car park for Angela and the car _____
- f ... was so surprised to hear her son say sorry for something _____
- g ... unlocked the front door _____
- h ... was going out to the garage to look for the car _____
- i ... climbed the stairs, checking for dust _____
- j ... lay face-down on the bed _____

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 9–10 of your Reader.

2 Listen to Chapter 2 on your CD/download. The text below is an extract from Chapter 2 in which Burden tells Wexford about the evidence. Listen carefully to the extract, and find six mistakes in the text below.

'There weren't very many fingerprints in the house. Only some of Hathall's prints, and some of his mother's. They probably made them after they came home yesterday evening. Angela's prints were on the front door, on the door from the kitchen into the hall, and on her bathroom door. That's all. Perhaps she wore gloves to do her housework. The only other prints were those of an unknown male and one unknown woman. The man's prints were only on the books and on the inside of the bathroom cupboard door.'

Listen again to check your answers, then read page 18 of your Reader.

- 3 Listen to Chapter 4 on your CD/download. Circle the word you hear in the sentences from the chapter.
- a Wexford pretended to look at Hathall's list of the **jewellery** / **stuff** that was missing.
 - b 'When my wife tried to stop him – he **strangled** / **killed** her.'
 - c 'A **thief** / **robber** wouldn't need to do that.'
 - d 'A thief wouldn't strangle your wife for **fifty** / **fifteen** pounds.'
 - e I got married seventeen years ago. **Three** / **Two** years later I knew that I'd made a mistake.
 - f 'How did you meet **Eileen** / **Angela**?'
 - g 'But by then, Craig and Butler had **fired** / **sacked** me because . . .'
 - h 'After the **divorce** / **separation**, Eileen had my house and my daughter.'
 - i 'Angela has a **brother** / **cousin** near here.'
 - j 'After that, we only saw him **once** / **twice**.'

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 24–25 of your Reader.

- 4 Listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download. You will hear the words in the box below. One of the sounds for each word is underlined. Group the words according to the underlined sound, either /s/ or /z/. There are seven words for each sound. The first two have been done for you.

The extract begins when Nancy Lake has a conversation with Wexford.

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You will find the conversation on page 34 of your Reader.

- 5 Listen to Chapter 8 on your CD/download. Put the events below in the order in which they happen in Chapter 8.
- a Wexford and Howard Fortune had lunch in a pub. _____
 - b Wexford and Fortune visited Eileen Hathall. _____
 - c Wexford went to the offices of Craig and Butler. _____
 - d Wexford had a telephone conversation with Burden. _____
 - e Wexford had a meeting with Charles Griswold. _____
 - f Wexford and Fortune drove to Kingsmarkham. _____
 - g Wexford talked to Fortune in the study. _____
 - h Wexford and Fortune visited the offices of Kidd and Company. _____

Read pages 41–46 of your Reader to check your answers.

- 6 Listen to Chapter 10 on your CD/download. Match the events in the lefthand column, to the place names in the righthand column, below.

1 Howard parked the car near	a Kilburn.
2 Robert and the woman walked off towards	b Wandsworth Bridge.
3 Wexford arrived at	c Bury Cottage.
4 By twelve o'clock Wexford was in	d Half Moon Street.
5 Hathall hit Ginge when he was following him to the	e Waterloo or the Elephant and Castle.
6 The 28 bus stops at	f Wool Lane.
7 You would go to West Hampstead Underground and change trains at	g Kingsmarkham police station.
8 Wexford was excited and immediately drove to	h Piccadilly.
9 Wexford walked into the garden at	i 28 bus stop.
10 Wexford took the necklace back to	j Victoria Station just before half past eleven.

You can check your answers on pages 53–55 of your Reader.

- 7 Listen to Chapter 13 on your CD/download. Complete the extracts below with the correct past tense (simple, continuous or perfect) you hear.
- a Wexford _____ (walk) down the garden. Lovat _____ (sit) on a wall by the river. He _____ (smoke) a cigarette and _____ (watch) his men digging.
- b 'Let me guess,' said Wexford. 'Everyone _____ (think) that she _____ (go) to stay with her mother. Her mother _____ (write) to her, but _____ (not get) an answer. Grey _____ (live) with another woman by then.
- c The Monday and Tuesday of the week before Christmas _____ (pass) with nothing from Lovat. Howard _____ (move) from West End Green to Notting Hill to watch for Hathall.
- d Wexford _____ (push) through the crowds of Christmas shoppers to get to the court. He _____ (find) a seat, then he _____ (look) around for the Chief Inspector. Lovat _____ (watch) the man.

Listen again to check your answers, and then read pages 65–67 of your Reader.

- 8 Listen to Chapter 14 on your CD/download, and complete the sentences with the words you hear – 'at', 'for', 'when' or 'since'.
- a Howard phoned _____ eight o'clock on Friday morning.
- b I had to go back to work _____ an hour or two.
- c _____ four o'clock that afternoon, Wexford went to Nancy Lake's house for tea.
- d 'Mark and I have been lovers _____ nineteen years,'
- e 'We were going to marry _____ my husband died,'
- f 'Were you thinking of his wife _____ you asked that?'
- g 'Hathall's been at Dartmeet Avenue _____ three o'clock,'
- h He came out of the house _____ 6pm.
- i We both waited _____ about five minutes.
- j Well, I have been watching him _____ some time now.

You can check your answers on pages 70–72 of your Reader.

9 Listen to Chapter 16 on your CD/download and mark the following sentences 'True' or 'False'.

- a It was nearly five o'clock when they got to the airport. _____
- b Burden and Polly stayed at the airport. _____
- c 'Mr Hathall left this morning,' the landlord told them. _____
- d Suddenly he saw a sign outside the airport. _____
- e It was crowded inside and it was difficult to get to the toilet. _____
- f 'There were four hundred people in here last night,' said the barman. _____
- g But he could see her. A girl with black hair. _____
- h Around her feet were six bags. _____
- i Wexford went quickly into the men's toilet, and waited. _____
- j They were waiting for a bus. _____

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 76–78.

10 Listen to Chapter 17 on your CD/download, and complete the gaps in the extracts below with the word you hear.

- a 'There's more to tell you,' said Wexford. 'Yes, there was a _____ fraud. Hathall arranged two _____ accounts soon after he went to work at Kidd and Company. He _____ arranged more. But Morag Grey wasn't part of the _____. She was an _____ woman.'
- b 'What about the identification of the _____? Remember, Angela Hathall had no _____,' said Wexford. 'Mrs Lake knew her, and so did Mark Somerset. But we weren't likely to ask them to _____ the body.'
- c 'Angela started cleaning the house _____ before her mother-in-law's _____,' Wexford went on. 'She had to clean off *her own* _____. She missed the _____ on the bath. That and the L-shaped _____ were hers.'
- d On the 19th of _____, Angela drove to Myringham Old Town. She collected _____ and drove her back to Bury Cottage. She took her upstairs to wash or use the _____. Then she strangled her with Morag's own _____. Next, she dressed Morag in the red _____ and jeans, and put her face-down on the _____.

You can check your answers on pages 80–81 of your Reader.