

# DEEP EXTRACTION

## Book Club Guide



### So you're hosting a #DiAnnMillsBookClub?

This packet is meant to guide you and help you put together a fun event for yourself and your fellow romantic suspense fan friends!

Inside this extensive Book Club Guide, please find:

- Decor & Food: A great way to set the stage for any event is by embracing the theme through environment and food! This sheet will help you personalize your meeting to your tastes and to infuse some FBI Task Force flair into the night!
- Did You Know . . . Icebreakers: All of you guests may not know one another; what better way to get the conversation flowing than to provide a few interesting facts about the FBI and the author!
- Do You Have What It Takes to Be in the FBI? - Questionnaire: A fun, interactive checklist that allows guests to see if they, themselves, may be eligible to become the hero or heroine in their own lives. Who knows, one might want to join their local chapter of an FBI Citizens Academy.
- Discussion Questions: Lastly, but not least, you will find in-depth discussion questions to help you delve deeper into *Deep Extraction*, analyzing the characters, their motivations and other pertinent plot points in the story.

We hope you enjoy your #DiAnnMillsBookClub! If you plan to post about your event online, we would greatly appreciate your including the hashtag above. If you're interested in inviting DiAnn to speak with your book club over video link, be sure to [visit her website](#) for more information.

Happy reading!

## Decor & Food

Ready for an adventure? Start your #DiAnnMillsBookClub off right and transform your home into an FBI Task Force novel.

- *Set the stage.* Take your guests into the novel and the Houston metropolitan area. Post pictures of the Houston skyline for your book club friends to look at as they mingle and get ready to dive into the book!
- *Dress to Impress.* Don't be afraid to show your Texan flair. Key garb includes: cowboy hats, boots, etc. Get creative!
- *Become an FBI agent.* Each FBI Task Force novel includes an FBI agent hard at work to solve the case. There are many great FBI-themed items to fashion around your party such as [these FBI coasters](#), aviator sunglasses, and this [adorable FBI vest for your family pet](#), to name a few!
- Texas is known for its unique Tex-Mex cuisine. Whether you whip up [Cowboy Caviar](#) or [Texas potato salad](#), it's all about the laughter and conversation that makes the event special, so perhaps ask your guests to bring their favorite side dish to share!
- Be sure to visit [DiAnn Mills' Pinterest board](#) dedicated to *Deep Extraction* for more ideas!

## Did you know . . . Icebreakers

We find the best way to break the ice is often through learning something new together! Below, learn more about the inner workings of the FBI, and about novelist DiAnn Mills and her special connection with the FBI!

- Hollywood understands viewers value authentic details in movies about FBI special agents. During the filming of many action-packed movies, Hollywood directors worked directly with the FBI to gain their expertise and ensure their film had credibility. Some such films include . . .
  - [Jason Bourne](#)
  - [Point Break](#)
  - [Tower Heist](#)
  - [Live Free or Die Hard](#)
  - [National Treasure](#)
  - [Patriots Day](#)
  - [Miss Congeniality](#)

Author caveat: I suggest checking the ratings before viewing.
- The FBI works with local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement to investigate and share information to help solve and prevent crime. Through the following services, they are an integral federal agency dedicated to the wellbeing of the United States and global allies. During the research process for the FBI Task Force series, DiAnn needed accurate information as to how the FBI assists other agencies. The following came from consulting with Houston's FBI branch.
  - Under the attorney general's guidelines, the FBI can assist local, state, and other federal partners investigating federal crimes or threats to national security. For example, we assist other agencies investigating violent acts or mass killings as noted in federal law: 28, USC 530c 9b) (1) (M) (i)

- At times, task forces are formed to share data and use the expertise of other agencies. The goal is to keep America safe. Below are nine criminal scenarios sure to have an FBI special agent knocking on your door.
  - terrorism
  - counterintelligence
  - cyber crime
  - public corruption
  - civil rights
  - organized crime
  - white-collar crime
  - violent crime
  - WMD - weapons of mass destruction
- Author DiAnn Mills is a proud member of the [Houston FBI Citizens Academy!](#) Think you have what it takes to be a Special Agent in the FBI? Flip the page to run through the checklist. It might inspire you to consider your local chapter.

## **Do You Have What It Takes to be in the FBI? – Questionnaire**

We've all thought about what it would be like to have the title of special agent for the FBI. The lure happens every time we watch an exciting movie or read a book that features the FBI.

Leadership abilities are essential; then add courage, stamina, intelligence, and patriotism.

But what are the real requirements? Look and see if you can begin the rigorous training.

1. I am a US citizen.
2. I am between the ages of 24 and 37.
3. I have not been convicted of a felony.
4. I don't use drugs. The FBI also doesn't want those who fail a urinalysis drug test. Check [online](#) for specifics.
5. I have paid my student loan according to the agreement.
6. If I'm a guy, I registered for the Selective Service when I turned eighteen.
7. I have not devised a scheme to overthrow the US government.
8. I have paid any court-ordered child support.
9. I pay taxes, not evade them.
10. I can pass top security clearance.

**Congratulations! If the above applies to you, move on to see if you can be part of the FBI's selection process!**

1. I possess a four-year college degree.
2. I am in great physical condition.
3. I have skills that would enhance my career in the FBI.
4. I am mentally and physically prepared for 13-20 weeks of academic and tactical training at [the FBI Academy](#).

If you're interested in pursuing further, [this site](#) offers more information.

I hope your book club has enjoyed this exercise. If you have any questions regarding the characters in the FBI Task Force series, [please reach out to DiAnn online](#); she would love to hear from you!

*What do you think? Do you have what it takes to be in the FBI?*

## Deep Extraction Discussion Questions

1. At the beginning of the story, Tori Templeton wrestles with the idea of a good God in a world plagued with sickness, hurt, and unrest. What would you say to her in those moments? Have you ever had similar thoughts? What truth does John 16:33 tell us?
2. Cole Jeffers struggles to get past a defining moment that led to the end of his career as a US Marshal. What prevents him from moving on? What convinces him to take the next step? Do you think he's able to set the incident aside entirely, or will it continue to dog him?
3. Max Dublin steps on plenty of toes in what could be his last case. How well is his behavior handled by the FBI? By Tori? By Cole? If you encountered someone equally as curmudgeonly without knowing what factors might be contributing to their attitude, would you be more inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt? Why or why not?
4. Tori and her friend Sally are seemingly blindsided when details about Nathan Moore's secret life are uncovered. While Tori is confused by the disparate qualities in the man, Sally continues to champion her husband, though she denounces Nathan's inappropriate actions. Is Sally simply being naive? Or is it right for her to stand by her man?
5. Albert Weiman is consumed with seeing his son, Erik, get the justice he deserves—and the medical help he needs. What measuring stick do you use to determine how far you should push to get your way? What happens when you push too far?
6. When Cole and Tori get into a theological discussion, Tori tells him she needs evidence in order to believe, even when it comes to proving her friend's innocence. Do you think Tori really needs tangible proof for the case, or does she, deep down, believe Sally? What would you say to someone who asks for physical evidence of God's existence?
7. Officer Richards tells Tori, "Things are rarely only as they seem. Your case, the people in your life, even your thoughts and fears have a purpose." In what ways does Tori see this play out? Describe a time when this has been true for you.

8. Several characters in *Deep Extraction* have moments of great anger: Tori with Max; Lance Moore over his father's indiscretions; Sally with Tori and Cole for not keeping her informed about the investigation; Cole at the Hermanos de Pistoleros. How well do they each handle their emotions? What happens when you get angry? How do you respond to someone who is angry with you?
9. Tori worries quite a bit about cancer and feels she lacks the other big C: courage. What advice does she get from the people in her life? How does she find peace? When you're afraid of something, what do you do?
10. Were you surprised by the twists and turns in the story? Which one shocked you the most?