



So you're hosting a #DiAnnMillsBookClub?

This packet is designed to ensure you and your romantic suspense fan friends enjoy a thrilling event by experiencing *Fatal Strike* like many of the characters!

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: Rapid Response** 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.
- Do you have what it takes to be a Strong Female Heroine in a novel? Questionnaire: 13 questions that show guests the traits needed for a strong female role.
- *Fatal Strike* Wordsearch Puzzle.
- Discussion Questions: Lastly, but not least, you will find in-depth discussion questions to help you delve deeper into *Fatal Strike*, 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 novel.

- *Set the stage.* Take your guests into the novel and the Houston metropolitan area and on to East Texas. Post pictures of East Texas for your book club friends to look at as they mingle and get ready to dive into the book! Check-out [DiAnn Mills' Pinterest board](#) for ***Fatal Strike*** to set the stage for fun.
- *Dress to Impress.* Don't be afraid to show your Texan flair. Key garb for hero and heroine includes: cowboy hats, boots, etc. Guests may choose to dress like Jason Snyder, April Ramos or Sheriff Willis. Get creative!
- *Become an FBI agent.* Each **FBI: Rapid Response** 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 [Chili con Queso](#) and chips or [Enchiladas](#). While Jason preferred liver and onions, I'm sure your guests will prefer pecan or apple pie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream from [Texas Blue Bell Creameries](#). Whatever you choose to serve, 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 ***Fatal Strike*** 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](#) and [Houston ATF 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 her 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?



Do You Have What It Takes to be a Strong Female Heroine in a Novel – Questionnaire

1. Do you need a man to rescue you?
2. Can you love unconditionally?
3. Are you proud of your femininity?
4. Are you strong mentally?
5. Are you defined by your social status?
6. Can you put your life on hold until a problem is solved?
7. Are you able to risk everything to keep people safe?
8. Is age a barrier for you?
9. Can you successfully shove greed from your DNA?
10. Do you take care of your body?
11. Do you think of others before yourself?
12. Are you able to discern evil and turn from it?
13. Do you value your faith in God?

Readers often ask how I choose my heroines. My goal is to create women who accept nontraditional roles and succeed with dynamic outcomes. These are Glock-totin' gals with southern charm who understand grits aren't just for breakfast. These women embrace their femininity with an added boost—they aren't afraid to go after the bad guys or say they love Jesus. This style of heroine understands her "peace" can be more about the caliber of the "piece" in her purse than the state of her spiritual life.

What makes a contemporary woman choose a career that has the potential of ending her life? Experts often point to personality differences or a "risk-gene" as an explanation why some are risk takers and others are content in less stressful lifestyles. I prefer courageous heroines who've been wired with a few more endorphins to balance the adrenaline, and they thrive on it.

If my heroine races down a dirt road on a Harley in the dead of night, or scales a cliff while someone is shooting at her, or stuffs a weapon into the waistband of her jeans, it's to get the edge on the bad guys.

My heroines are not satisfied unless they are placing their lives on the line to protect or save innocent victims. These women are warriors who are trained to protect, defend, and hopefully outsmart the ones who will stop at nothing to obtain money and power.

Yes, I like a gutsy women who can work alongside a man, and a hero who appreciates her abilities, wit, dedication-and her beauty.

If you are still curious what it takes to make the cut, check out these strong female characters from DiAnn Mills' FBI Task Force Series and her first book in the FBI: Rapid Response series.



Deadly Encounter - Veterinarian Stacy Broussard refused to run when her life and home were threatened because she refused to cower to bullies. ([Click HERE to learn more](#))

Deep Extraction - FBI Special Agent Tori Templeton abandoned her fears to find who'd murdered her best friend's husband. ([Click HERE to learn more](#))

High Treason - CIA Operative Monica Alden stepped into culture differences to ensure a Saudi Arabian Royal Prince wouldn't fall into the hands of an assassin. ([Click HERE to learn more](#))

Burden of Proof - FBI Hostage Negotiator April Ramos is caught off guard when a frazzled young woman shoves a crying baby into her arms, then disappears. ([Click HERE to learn more](#))

Fatal Strike - FBI Special Agent Leah Riesel is part of the SWAT team, but she's assigned to a murder case with a new partner to find a killer who is targeting law enforcement officials by using a fatal injection of snake venom to take them down. ([Click HERE to learn more](#))

What do you think? Do you have what it takes to be a Strong Female Heroine?



Fatal Strike Word Puzzle

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 WITNESS
 PHOBIA
 FIRE
 SUNFLOWER
 KNIFE



Fatal Strike Discussion Questions

1. When Agents Jon Colbert and Leah Riesel are asked to team up in a high-pressure situation, Leah wonders how well their partnership will work. What preconceptions does she have about him? What does he know about her? When you meet someone new, what might color your impression of that person? What can you do to overcome negative preconceptions?
2. As an FBI sniper, Leah often finds herself in deadly situations: taking the lives of other people before they can do more harm. What makes her pause before she pulls the trigger? Is this approach to law enforcement the best, even only, option at times? Why or why not?
3. Silvia Ortega remains adamant that her son, Dylan, is not responsible for the recent murders in Galveston. Which side did you land on at the beginning of Fatal Strike: Dylan's guilt or innocence? What factors do you consider when you hear an eyewitness account like Edgar Whitson's? How much weight do you give possible motives and past behavior?
4. Father Gabriel tells Jon and Leah that he believes in "second, third, and as many chances as it takes to help a person find the way to righteousness." Is he being too naive, as Jon fears? Where do you fall on the spectrum between the priest's and the FBI agents' approaches to handling crime? When is it appropriate to show mercy and grace and when should justice be meted out?
5. Why is Jon reluctant to share certain details of his past with his colleagues at the FBI? How is he coping with the deaths of his friends? What counsel would you give someone dealing with survivor's guilt?
6. Like Jon, Leah is carrying a heavy burden from her past and has cut off communication with her family and, recently, even one of her good friends. What led to Leah's decision to sever these ties? What might cause a person to dissociate from their family? What prompts Leah to reach out? What advice or support could you give to help bring about reconciliation (if appropriate)?
7. Police Chief Zachary Everson has a major stake in solving the recent Galveston murders, but Jon fears some of his methods may be problematic. Which of Everson's actions seem to be motivated by revenge or anger and not a search for truth? How do you respond when you've been hurt or wronged?
8. Silvia tries to justify her quest to aid Dylan as just part of what mothers do for their children. But what do the physical clues reveal about how she might really feel? How does a body's response indicate truth, even when we try to deny it?



9. Leah's fear of snakes reaches a tipping point when one is delivered to her apartment. What are you afraid of? Describe a time when you've faced your fear head-on.
10. Several people in Fatal Strike withhold critical information from the FBI, but two who stand out are Rachel Mendez and Ross Kempler. Why do you think they were reluctant to share certain details about Dylan and the judge with Jon and Leah?

