



## 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 *High Treason* 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 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.
- 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.
- Discussion Questions: Lastly, but not least, you will find in-depth discussion questions to help you delve deeper into *High Treason*, 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! View DiAnn's Pinterest Board High Treason Novel to set the stage for fun. <https://www.pinterest.com/diannmills/high-treason-novel/>
- *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 Prince Omar's sisters. 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 [Chili con Queso](#) and chips or [Enchiladas](#). Maybe a [Middle-Eastern Dessert](#) like Kanafeh will appeal to your guests' sweet tooth. 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 *High Treason* 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?*



## 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.



*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](#))

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



## High Treason Discussion Questions

1. FBI Agent Kord Davidson seems initially reluctant to accept help from his CIA counterpart. Monica Alden, meanwhile, has her own hesitations about working with a partner. For what reasons do both Kord and Monica want to work alone? How do their skills complement each other? When given the option of working alone or with a team, what's your preference? What advantages and challenges are inherent with teamwork?
2. Kord has forged a strong bond with the Saudi men in the prince's detail, but Monica and Kord's superiors fear he might be blind to an inside threat. Is he able to look at this investigation objectively? Do you tend to err on the side of trusting those around you or being suspicious? What can you do to set aside your emotions and remain unbiased?
3. In joining the Saudi prince's security detail, Monica faces some cultural gender inequalities. How does she handle the discrimination? When encountering cultural differences, when is it appropriate to stand up for your perceived rights and when is it better to step back?
4. As a CIA agent, at times Monica feels forced to lie to her friends and family. How does this affect her relationships? Her emotional health? Are there situations where not revealing the truth is completely justified?
5. Kord's family history left him searching for answers in the Bible and the Quran, as well as Hindu and Buddhist teachings, and ultimately becoming an agnostic. What causes him to revisit his thoughts about the existence of God? How do you approach someone who's well-read or well-versed in world religions but doesn't see the truth?
6. After Monica catches Princess Yasmine meeting secretly with the prince's press secretary, she worries that telling Prince Omar the truth could have dire consequences. Is her concern justified? Does she do the right thing?
7. Ali is a rather passionate man—swinging from extremes of being bloodthirsty at the possible betrayal within the prince's inner circle to sharing a lighthearted moment with Monica. What was your favorite moment for this character? Do you think he was significantly changed after this trip to the States?





8. Monica struggles to forgive herself after Liam's betrayal. What happens to convince her to begin the process of forgiveness? Have you ever felt stuck in a similar state of being unable to forgive yourself? What steps could you take to get unstuck?
9. When Monica shares her story about Liam with the princesses, she briefly worries that the prince might not approve of her words but rationalizes, "What good was her faith if she didn't stand for it?" Describe a time when you stood for your faith or when you could have taken a stand and didn't. What happened as a result?
10. Kord wonders why, if God is good and in control, innocent people suffer in the face of evil. What would you tell him? What does he learn about grace?
11. In chapter 44, when Yasmine declines to learn self-defense techniques, Monica has some harsh words for the young woman. Does she go too far in what she says, essentially telling the princess to stop being selfish? How would you respond in that situation?
12. Monica's perfectionism becomes a barrier to her spiritual growth. What would you say to someone struggling to "let go and let God" work in their life?

