

Reading Guide Crackerjack by Peter Church

1. What is your general understanding of or perception of the dark web and hackers? How does the character Daniel Le Fleur, not to mention the other hackers that emerge from the pages of this thriller, fulfill or alter your expectations?

2. This book explores a darker reality that many of us are only dimly aware of. How do the events and conflicts of this book relate to real world news stories from the last few years or decade? What does it say about the relationship between the financial and business worlds and the consumers?

3. What kind of ethics or moral code do you believe should guide the world of finance and business? Is there an ethics guideline or moral code to the world of hacking? How are these guidelines or codes presented in this book?

4. *Crackerjack* is set in South Africa. Does the setting contribute to the novel or could it have been set anywhere in the world? Why or why not?

5. Despite advanced technology driving the crime and the solving of the crime in this book, in the end, Le Fleur's life is saved by a low-tech hobo. Do you think the author is trying to send a message about the role of technology in our life or is this just a plot device/coincidence? Why?

6. What was Le Fleur's backstory? How does his back story contribute to or create his current reality?

7. Le Fleur lives a very lonely life. Is his loneliness due to past issues or to his technologically-driven profession/hobby? What do you think is the role of technology in our modern social lives and relationships? Does it enhance or detract from our relationships?