Summary

Edinburgh police inspector Jenny Logan is told that convicted murderer Ronnie Campbell has escaped from prison. Then, a woman’s body is discovered in Holyrood Park. Logan and Sergeant Grant investigate. The victim’s throat has been cut, probably by a left-handed killer. It is probably Morag Mackenzie, a key prosecution witness in the trial of Ronnie Campbell, imprisoned for the murder of Craig Sinclair. Logan visits Jimmy Brown, Morag’s partner, and discovers that Morag had left the flat at midday, most likely to see her ‘main man’, a mysterious character that she received money from. Later a car stolen by Campbell is found in the vicinity of Morag’s flat. Logan decides to interview Sinclair’s sister Jean Drummond. She tells Logan that Sinclair and Campbell used to work together, and that shortly before Sinclair was murdered, he had boasted of becoming rich on the proceeds of crime.

Sinclair had talked of ‘bags of money’, which Grant realises was actually ‘Bag’s money’ – a nickname once given to Robert Baxter, now a businessman and suspected local king of crime. Logan interviews Baxter at his sports centre. Strangely, he seems unsurprised at being asked about Morag Mackenzie’s murder and denies any connection with Craig Sinclair.

Logan also observes that he is right-handed. Logan is then tipped off by journalist Tam MacDonald; he explains that Campbell is begging on Princes Street. He is apprehended and taken to London Road police station for interrogation. Campbell claims that Morag Mackenzie had lied in order to implicate him in Sinclair’s murder. Logan questions Jimmy Brown again, who admits that he had followed Morag after she had left the flat and had seen her get in a car on Dalry road. Unusually that day, Morag had phoned the main man herself, rather than being phoned by him. Logan suspects that Baxter could be Morag’s main man.

Logan visits the site where Sinclair’s body was found. She falls into conversation with a homeless alcoholic, Gus MacLeod, who reveals that he had witnessed Sinclair’s body being dumped by a big, tall man who drove a car with an unusual number plate. Logan chooses to believe him.

Meanwhile, the knife used in Morag’s murder has been found, with a fingerprint matching one found on an envelope in Morag’s pocket. Logan interrogates Baxter again. By using the cunning ploy of throwing him a pack of cigarettes, Logan proves that he can use his left and right hands. Logan convinces him that a witness saw him dump Sinclair’s body. Also, Logan has evidence that Morag phoned Baxter on the day of her murder. It is enough to force Baxter into confessing to the murders of both Sinclair and Morag Mackenzie. Sinclair had been a threat to Baxter, and Morag had demanded extra money from him to keep quiet about the lies she had told to the police in order to implicate Campbell. Baxter had decided to silence Morag permanently by murdering her.

Before reading

4.  b  Chapter 1
d  Chapter 2
a  Chapter 3
e  Chapter 4
c  Chapter 5
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Check your reading

Chapter 1
1. a SURE, b SURE, c SURE, d NOT SURE, e NOT SURE, f SURE

Chapter 2
1. a Morag Mackenzie  
   b Craig Sinclair  
   c Inspector Logan  
   d Ronnie Campbell  
   e Jimmy Brown  
2. Student’s own answer.

Chapter 3
1. a T, b F, c T, d F, e T, f F

Chapter 4
1. Jean Drummond was sad but not surprised when her brother Craig was killed. Craig had been in trouble with the police since he was fourteen. She told the police that Craig and Campbell were probably working together. She had hoped that Craig would get a job but then knew he would always be a criminal. When she last saw Craig, she thought he said that he was going to become very rich.

Chapter 5
1. 1 g, 2 a, 3 f, 4 e, 5 b, 6 c, 7 d

Chapter 6
1. f, d, c, e, b, a
2. Student’s own answer.

Chapter 7
1. 1 f, 2 a, 3 b, 4 e, 5 d, 6 c
2. Student’s own answer.

Chapter 8
1. a OLD, b OLD, c NEW, d NEW, e OLD, f NEW, g OLD, h NEW  
2. Student’s own answer.

Chapter 9
1. b , c , d

Chapter 10
1. Logan needs to compare Baxter’s fingerprints to the ones on the envelope and the knife. She needs to know if he can use his left hand. She also checks his mobile phone number and his handwriting, and organises a search of the sports centre to see if he has hidden clothes with blood on.

Chapter 11
1. The fingerprints on the envelope and the knife belonged to Baxter. Logan told him that Gus MacLeod had seen him leave Sinclair’s body in Beaverhall Road and had remembered his car number. Finally, Baxter said that he had murdered Sinclair and had made the police believe that Campbell was the killer. Also, he had paid Morag Mackenzie to tell the police that she’d seen Campbell with Sinclair on the night of the murder. When Campbell escaped from prison, Morag Mackenzie had demanded more money from Baxter, who killed her to keep her quiet.