

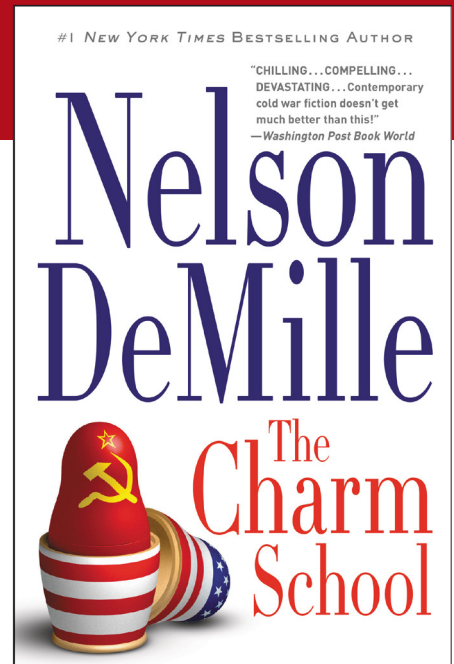
# Nelson DeMille

## BOOK CLUB GUIDE

### About The Charm School

On a dark road deep inside Russia, a young American tourist picks up a most unusual passenger - a U.S. POW on the run with an incredible secret to reveal to an unsuspecting world. The secret concerns "The Charm School", a vast and astounding KGB conspiracy that stands poised against the very heartland of America.

Arrayed against this renegade power of the Soviet state are three Americans: an Air Force officer, who will fly one last covert mission into the center of a mad experiment; an embassy liaison, who will have her hopes for a saner superpower balance brutally tested; and the chief of the CIA's Moscow station, who will find his intricate dance of destiny and death reaching its devastating conclusion.



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### Book Club Questions for Discussion

1. Discuss the title of the novel.
2. What is the significance to Sam Hollis of missing-in-action Ernie Simms in connection with the Charm School?
3. While at the Charm School, Sam says, "Tim Landis just gave me my freedom." What does he mean?
4. What is the tipoff to Sam which indicates that the reporter, Mike Salerno, is a graduate of Mrs. Ivanova's Charm School?
5. What was it like for Sam Hollis and Lisa Rhodes when they stayed overnight in the village of Yablonya?
6. Do you think something like the Charm School could really exist? If so, what would be the implications?
7. Do you think it is possible to see a return of the Cold War?
8. Some say the TV show "The Americans" is a similar story to this book. Do you agree?

***Fun Fact:** In Chapter 28, Lisa Rhodes mentions that she collects barf bags from airline flights. So did Nelson DeMille.*

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