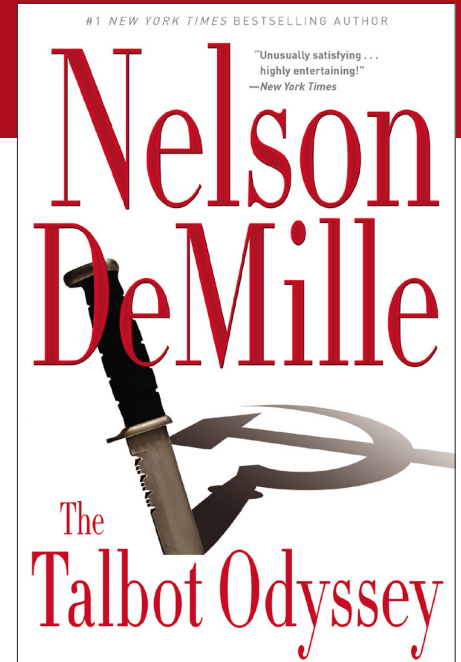


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## BOOK CLUB GUIDE

### About The Talbot Odyssey

For forty years Western intelligence agents have known a terrible secret: the Russians have a mole - code-named Talbot - inside the CIA. At first Talbot is suspected of killing European agents. Then a street-smart ex-cop uncovers a storm of espionage and murder on the streets of New York, while in a Long Island suburb a civic demonstration against the Russian mission masks a desperate duel of nerves and wits. Engineered by Talbot, a shadow world of suspicion and deceit is spilling onto the streets - leading to a new Soviet weapon and a first-strike war plan threatening the foundations of American government. For the U.S., time is running out. For Talbot, the time is now.



### Book Club Questions for Discussion

1. Several scenes in the novel take place at a Russian estate in Glen Cove (Long Island, New York). Killenworth is a 39-room mansion, which was purchased by the Russians in 1951 as a country retreat for its delegation to the United Nations. How does this unique setting enhance the story?
2. Do you think if Stanley Kuchik did not steal the Russian flag that the events of the novel could still have occurred?
3. In Chapter 34, three possible variations of Operation Stroke are mentioned. Discuss the ramifications of each.
4. Who are the four musketeers and what happens to each one?
5. No one in this novel is as he appears to be. Discuss the characters from this perspective.
6. Do you think this Cold War novel is still relevant today?

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