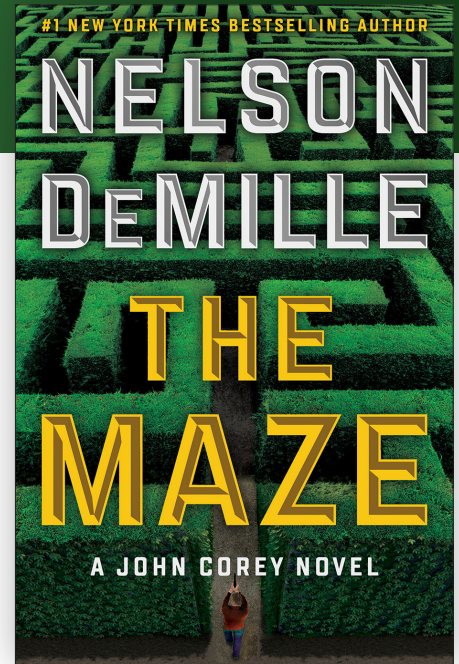


Nelson DeMille

BOOK CLUB GUIDE

About The Maze

In his dazzling #1 bestseller, *Plum Island*, Nelson DeMille introduced readers to NYPD Homicide Detective John Corey, who we first meet sitting on the back porch of his uncle's waterfront estate on Long Island, convalescing from wounds incurred in the line of duty. A visit from the local Chief of Police results in the legendary Detective Corey becoming involved in the investigation of the murders of a married couple who were scientists at the top-secret biological research facility on Plum Island.



Fast forward through six more bestselling John Corey novels and *The Maze* opens with Corey on the same porch, but now in forced retirement from his last job as a Federal Agent with the Diplomatic Surveillance Group. Corey is restless and looking for action, so when his former lover, Detective Beth Penrose, appears with a job offer, Corey has to once again make some decisions about his career—and about reuniting with Beth Penrose.

Book Club Questions for Discussion

1. Does Chapter 1 make you want to read the rest of the book?
2. *The Maze* was inspired by—but not totally based on—the real life Gilgo Beach murders. Are you familiar with the Gilgo Beach murders? Did this make you want to read *The Maze*?
3. Discuss John Corey's relationship with Detective Beth Penrose and with his wife, FBI Agent Kate Mayfield. Do you think John has finally found his true love?
4. Do you think John Corey is *too* politically incorrect? Do you like this character? Or do you think he needs to tone it down?
5. Which of the other main characters in the book did you like or dislike? Were they believable?
6. Do you think the plot worked as an action/adventure/romance/mystery?
7. Would you like to see John Corey return for another novel?

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