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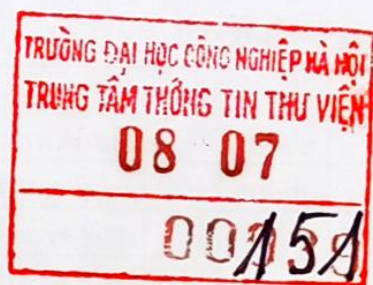
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### **Vocabulary**

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-Intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...<sup>3</sup>. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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## Notes About The Author and This Story

Sue Grafton was born on April 24th, 1940, in Louisville, Kentucky, in the U.S.A. Her father, C.W. Grafton, was a writer of mystery stories. Before she became a novelist, Sue wrote scripts for TV plays. She now lives with her husband in Santa Barbara, California.

Sue Grafton's first crime detection novel was "*A*" is for *Alibi*. The main character in that novel, a female private detective<sup>1</sup> named Kinsey Millhone, has since appeared in further novels. "*B*" is for *Burglar* was the second novel in the series, and it was followed by "*C*" is for *Corpse*. Sue Grafton intends to complete twenty-six Kinsey Millhone stories, one for each letter of the alphabet. In the last story, Kinsey—who was thirty-two years old in the first novel—will reach the age of forty.

In these stories, Kinsey lives and works in a town named Santa Teresa, in southern California. There are several towns and cities in California which are named after saints—San Francisco, Santa Barbara, etc. But although there were two saints named Teresa, Santa Teresa is not a real town in California. Some of the places that Kinsey visits during this story are real places. California is a state on the west coast of the U.S.A. Florida, where some of the story takes place, is a state on the south-east coast.

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