



Crime Story Collection

Book key

- 1.1** 1 Open answers
2 Open answers
3 Open answers
- 1.2** Open answers
- 2.1** 2 Ronald's first wife was murdered.
3 True
4 Ronald tried to kill Edyth with electricity.
5 At the end of the story Ronald is going to go to prison for murdering his first two wives and trying to murder Edyth.
- 2.2** 1 a 1 b 8 c 5 d 7 e 6 f 4 g 2 h 3
2 Open answers
- 2.3** 2 had met
3 had fallen
4 had become
5 had left
6 had murdered
7 had written
8 had taken
- 2.4** 1 USA
2 woman
3 private
4 murderer
- 3.1** 1 D & I
2 A & K
3 C & L
4 B & J
5 E & G
6 F & H
- 3.2** Caroline was a second-year student.
Her car hit the red Porsche.
The murderer gave his name as Benny Seco.
His sister shared a room with Caroline.
He stole car numberplates from Ron Cagle.
Kinsey Millhone recognized the car in the photograph.
The murderer crashed his car into a heavy vehicle.
- 3.3** 1 Kinsey asked Mrs Spurrier if Caroline had a job.
2 Mrs Spurrier asked Kinsey why she had been on the freeway.
3 Kinsey asked Emerald if anybody had seen where the shot was fired from.
4 Kinsey asked Lieutenant Dolan if she could talk to the other witnesses.
5 Kinsey asked the restaurant manager what else he could tell her.
- 6 Kinsey asked Judy Layton how long she had known Caroline.
- 3.4** Open answers
- 4.1** Open answers
- 4.2** a 1 b 3 c 2 d 4
- 4.3** 2 b expectations c responsibility d annoyance
e competed f signature
- 4.4** Open answers
- 5.1** 1 b 2 a 3 c 4 b
- 5.2** Suggested answers:
1 The disks were stolen by Tom to get money to repay Smollensky.
2 The cat warned Victoria that someone was in Alicia's house, and saved her life.
3 \$750,000 was the amount that Tom had to pay back to Smollensky.
- 5.3** 2 Victoria was woken by the telephone at 2.30 a.m.
3 Nothing had been stolen from Alicia's house.
4 Victoria was seen by some boys playing football.
5 Defence Department secrets are being sold to the Chinese by someone.
6 'The FBI mustn't be told about your brother.'
- 5.4** Open answers
- 6.1** Suggested answers:
2 Because he refuses to accept any money for keeping quiet about the murder.
3 Because she runs away with young Peter Frosby.
4 Because he refuses to sell him the fishing rights.
5 Because he runs away with Maggie.
6 Because they discover Frosby's body.
- 6.2** 1 Skip doesn't smile when he receives Maggie's letter. He is very angry.
2 Andy refuses to accept any money from Skip.
3 Skip shoots himself before the police can catch him.
- 6.3** 1 Skip used to be married.
2 Skip used to smoke and drink.
3 Skip used to be good at his job.
4 Skip used to live in the city.
5 Skip used to give people advice on managing companies.
6 Skip used to earn a lot of money.
7 Skip didn't use to live on a small farm.
- 6.4** 1 WWT
2 WWT
3 AOE
4 WWT
5 AOE



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Discussion activities key

1–2 Open answers

3 Similarities:

Ronald always used a false name, found a shy, middle-aged, unattractive woman, with money of her own and no family, on holiday by herself, and then talked her into marriage and making a will leaving him all her money.

Differences:

Mary: North of England; story of 'accident' in local paper

Dorothy: Brother at funeral asking difficult questions

Emily: South of England; refused to discuss money; worried about will and changes to bathroom, so went to the police

4–10 Open answers

11 Suggested answers:

Skip shot himself because he couldn't face the embarrassment of people – and especially his daughter – finding out he was a murderer.

Andy didn't give the police the information because, as he said, he was 'not that kind of man'. Also because the police would ask why he hadn't told them before.

Activity worksheets key

1	Mary	Dorothy	Edyth
	north of England young reporter local newspaper	court case difficult questions insurance company	seaside hotel valuable ring girls' school sick father

- 2 a It was **five o'clock** when Ronald started preparing Edyth's murder.
b Mary's funeral took place just **three weeks** after her wedding.
c Ronald's second marriage was **four years ago**.
d Edyth was **forty-three** years old.
e Ronald and Edyth were married **five weeks** after they met.
f Ronald counted down '**One, two ... three**' before turning on the electricity.
g Ronald decided to wait **half an hour** before knocking on the bathroom door.
h Edyth's Post Office savings book withdrawal records showed **£17,000, £18,600, £21,940**.
i **Two days ago**, Edyth wrote a letter to Ronald.

- 3 a A murder
b The next wife he plans to kill
c Edyth's murder.
- 4 a Kinsey Millhone
b The Toyota driver (Terry Layton)
c Michelle Spurrier
d Emerald
e Lieutenant Dolan
f The restaurant manager
g John Birkett
h Ron Cagle
- 5 a Terry Layton
b Michelle Spurrier
c Lieutenant Dolan
d Emerald
e Judy Layton
f Caroline Spurrier
g John Birkett
h Ron Cagle
- 6 a ✓
b ✗ – Mr Potter was too busy to go to Antwerp.
c ✓
d ✗ – Mr Brownlow said he could leave immediately.
e ✓
f ✓
g ✗ – He killed her when he got angry.
- 7 Sergeant Wallace believed that Humphrey had killed his mother because:
• none of the local funeral directors knew about his mother's funeral
• he didn't have a copy of the document saying she was dead
• he had suddenly got enough money to go to Canada
• he had planted roses even though he was planning to go away
- 8 a Louise Carmody
b Louise's murder
c Someone trying to kill Alicia
d Alicia Dauphine
e Some secret designs for plane parts
f Miss Finley
g The story that Tom had sold the designs
- 9 private detective
suitable punishment
top story
loud crash
different interests
angry cry



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- 10 a Skip's wife left him because she could no longer live with his bad temper.
b Skip was able to stop smoking and drinking because when he decided to do something, he did it.
c Andy refused to accept Skip's offer of money because he wasn't that kind of man.
d Skip shot himself because he knew he had reached the end.
- 11 a Skip could see the river from his farm, but *he wanted to feel it belonged to him*.
b Skip made Frosby a very generous offer, but *Frosby refused to sell him the fishing rights*.
c Skip hadn't bought Maggie a horse, but *he had bought her a car*.
d Skip told Maggie to stop seeing young Peter Frosby, but *Maggie and Peter ran away together*.
- 12 a 2 b 5 c 9 d 6 e 3 f 1 g 4
h 8 i 7

- 13 MYSTERY KILLER:
Three Dead in Waxworks Hall
This *morning* at 9.30 ticket man *Fred* Keating and several visitors to Monsieur Thibault's Hall of Waxworks discovered *three real bodies*. They were the bodies of Mrs Mildred Veery, aged 41, George Hartley, 43, and Richard McFadden, 37, all employed at the Hall. Police believe the murders happened at about ten yesterday evening. Because the *bodies* were put in place of *wax figures*, police are looking for a killer with a sick mind.
- 14 a Albert didn't recognize Emily's voice on the phone *because he knew it wasn't Emily*.
b Millicent wanted to know about Cynthia *because she thought Albert had murdered her*.
c Emily took very few clothes with her *because she hoped to lose weight and need new clothes*.
d Albert took a spade into the woods but didn't do any digging *because he hadn't buried anything*.
e Albert told Millicent the letter was from his Aunt again *because he wanted to look guilty*.
f Emily hadn't told anyone about the health farm *because she would have been ashamed*.
g Millicent had tried to trick Albert *because she didn't like him and thought he was a murderer*.
h Albert had tricked Millicent *because he and Emily needed money*.

15–16 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a X – Ronald thought that the more often you murder people, the more dangerous it becomes.
b ✓
c ✓
d X – Ronald decided to wait half an hour before forcing the door open and shouting for help.
e X – The couple next door were police officers.
- 2 a 2 b 5 c 9 d 4 e 10 f 7 g 6
h 8 i 3 j 1
- 3 a 4 b 1 c 3 d 6 e 2 f 7 g 5
- 4 a 2 b 1 c 3 d 2 e 3
- 5 a X – After her parents' divorce Maggie stayed with her father.
b ✓
c X – Young Peter Frosby was educated at Harvard University.
d ✓
e X – Skip felt like drinking again when his daughter ran away, but he didn't.
f X – Skip hit Frosby on the head with one of his two guns.
- 6 a 2 b 2 c 3