

K Team Discussion Questions

by David Rosenfelt

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David Rosenfelt grew up in Paterson, New Jersey, the middle son of three boys. After working in movie marketing, he began writing full time. He now lives in Maine. He is married, has 2 children, and 27 dogs.



Rosenfelt and his wife started the Tara Foundation, named in honor of the greatest Golden Retriever the world has ever known, which has rescued almost 4,000 dogs, many of them Golden Retrievers, and found them loving homes.

Characters:

- **K Team** – Private Investigating company run by retired police officers and a retired police dog. Partners are Corey Douglas, Laurie Collins, Marcus Clark, and Simon Garfunkel. Located in Paterson, New Jersey.
- **Marcus Clark** – On the K Team. Retired police officer. Good investigator, but better known as the enforcer for the team. Strong and intimidating. Hard to understand when he speaks.
- **Laurie Collins** – On the K Team. Was a lieutenant on the Paterson police force. Married to Andy Carpenter, an attorney. Has a 10-year-old son, Ricky.
- **Corey Douglas** – On the K Team. Retired from the Paterson police force. Easygoing guy, but has a short fuse. Tends to be by-the-book. Knows a lot of film trivia. Takes care of Simon Garfunkel.
- **Simon Garfunkel** – On the K Team. A German shepherd. Retired from the Patterson police force. Lives with Corey Douglas.
- **John Lowry** – IT computer troubleshooter for large corporations. Worked for a company called Equi-net, which facilitates stock trades. Short temper. Convicted of manslaughter for punching and killing Randy, a man who had slapped his girlfriend, Maria, in a bar.
- **Maria Burks** – Maria was slapped by her boyfriend, Randy, in a bar leading to Lowry's conviction for manslaughter. Handy at fixing things and making clothes. Left New Jersey and moved to Dayton, Ohio. Strangled in her garage.
- **Andy Carpenter** – Laurie's husband. Criminal Defense attorney, retired. Co-runs a dog rescue organization.
- **Walter Cummings** – John Lowry's lawyer in his manslaughter case. A high profile and expensive lawyer.
- **Radoslav Duric** – A hired gun. International. Killer.
- **Judge Henry "Hatchet" Henderson** – Chief Judge of the court. Tough but fair judge. Hires the K Team because he is being set up to be blackmailed.

- **Dani Kendall** – Dating Corey. She is smart, funny, and beautiful. Event planner for a PR firm.
- **Drew Lockman** – Financial advisor who ran a Ponzi scheme. Judge Henderson listed an instruction to the jury which helped get him off during his trial. Financial partner is Miles Sloane.
- **Ellis McCray** – The ultimate “fixer”. Has no conscience. Killer.
- **Arthur McKnight** – Man who lost \$1.5 million to Lockman’s Ponzi scheme. Billionaire.
- **Miles Sloane** – Drew Lockman’s partner in their Financial accounting business.
- **Eva Staley** – Girl who was hired to kiss Judge Henderson. Career prostitute. Pimp is Rico.
- **Gerald Stidham, Donald Crossland** – Rich and prominent men working with The Organizer.
- **Denise Tennison** – Kevin Vicker’s girlfriend.
- **Luis Valdez** – On trial for a double homicide. He killed two rival gang members. Henderson is scheduled to preside over the trial.
- **Kevin Vickers** – Man watching the Henderson home for “Ellis”. Former cop and private investigator. Not careful of his clients. Works on the shady side of private investigating.
- **Sam Willis** – Accountant and hacker.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you like the book? Why or why not?
2. The majority of the story is told from Cory Douglas’ point of view, with small interjections from the point of view of the bad guys. Did this story telling device work? Why or why not?
3. What did you think about the pacing of this story?
4. **K Team** is a spinoff of Rosenfelt’s Andy Carpenter series. Could you tell? Do you like reading spinoffs? Why or why not?
5. Who was your favorite character? Why?
6. Who was your least favorite character? Why?
7. K Team is a new Private Investigative agency. Who do you think is actually in charge – Laurie? Corey? Marcus? Responsibilities shared equally? Why do you think that?
8. Do you think the Judge was so impatient due to the K Team’s new status/business? Annoyed by his situation? Or some other reason?
9. What do you think Judge Henderson should have done once he received the blackmail package?
10. What do you think of Corey’s thought process on dating Dani and hoping that something is going to break them up sometime soon? What does this say about him?

11. Corey thinks that using Sam’s hacking skills to find out information is moving to “the dark side”. Do you agree? Should the K Team use those skills even if they are not legal? What if that information helps solves a murder?
12. Considering what happens to Judge Henderson in the end – did he do it himself or was there an outside perpetrator? What makes you think that? What do the characters in the book believe? How do their beliefs impact the story?
13. Were you surprised with what happened to John Lowry at the end? Do you think that there was a way in which he could have better protected himself?
14. At what point in the book did you figure out what was going on? What was the key clue that gave it away?
15. Did you know who was in charge of the financial scheme before it was revealed? If you did, what tipped you off?
16. How did you feel about the ending? Why?
17. Which character storyline were you the most engaged with in this story?
18. Have you read any other books by Rosenfelt? How would you compare them to **K Team**?
19. Rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. Why did you give the book the rating you did? Did any part of this book club discussion change your rating from what it would have been directly after finishing the book?
20. David Rosenfelt has written other books. Will you read any of them?

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David Rosenfelt’s Books

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- Down to the Wire (2010)
- On Borrowed Time (2011)
 - Heart of a Killer (2012)
 - Airtight (2013)
- Without Warning (2014)

Nonfiction

- Dogtripping (2013)
- The Puppy Express (2014)
- Lessons from Tara (2015)

Series:

Andy Carpenter

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2. First Degree (2003)
3. Bury the Lead (2004)
4. Sudden Death (2005)
5. Dead Center (2006)
6. Play Dead (2007)
7. New Tricks (2009)
8. Dog Tags (2010)
9. One Dog Night (2011)
10. Leader of the Pack (2012)
11. Unleashed (2013)
12. Hounded (2014)
13. Who Let the Dog Out? (2015)
14. Outfoxed (2016)
15. The Twelve Dogs of Christmas (2016)
16. Collared (2017)
17. Rescued (2018)
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21. Muzzled (2020)
22. Silent Bite (2020)
23. Dog Eat Dog (2021)
24. Best in Snow (2021)
25. Holy Chow (2022)
26. Santa's Little Yelpers (2022)
27. Flop Dead Gorgeous (2023)
28. 'Twas the Bite Before Christmas (2023)

Doug Brock

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K Team

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 - Angel Eyes (Robert B. Parker) – Ace Atkins
 - First Law – John Lescroart
 - The Finders – Jeffrey B. Burton
 - The Man Who Couldn't Miss – David Handler
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