

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

A Kiss Before Dying by Ira Levin

A Before Reading

- 1 (a) Read the back cover of the book. Why is the handsome young man angry? Make three suggestions.
(b) Write the next paragraph of the story.
- 2 Look at the picture on the cover. Make a guess. What are you looking at?

B While Reading

- 3 You are going to meet three sisters in this book: Dorothy, Ellen and Marion. Make a chart like this and keep a record of what you learn about their appearance and about their characters.

PART ONE Dorothy	PART TWO Ellen	PART THREE Marion

- 4 Read to the end of PART ONE. Dorothy's boyfriend has some problems to solve. Find six problems and six solutions.

PROBLEMS
1 Dorothy is pregnant.
2 The pills don't work.
3 Needs to get poison.
4 Needs to get into storeroom.
5 Needs a suicide note.
6 Needs to get photo back.



SOLUTIONS
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
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(e)
(f)
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5 Read to the end of PART TWO. What do you know about:

1312 W26th Street

a disc jockey

Folger's Coffee Shop

Evelyn Kitteridge

Frederick Clausen

Dwight Powell's college notebooks

6 Read to the end of PART TWO. Go back to the beginning of this PART and find clues about the identity of the mystery man.

7 PART THREE.

(a) Read to the end of Page 71. Say what you think is going to happen next.

(b) Read to the end of Page 81. Say what you think is going to happen next.

8 Choose either the end of PART ONE or the end of PART TWO. Write a different, happier ending.

C After Reading

9 Imagine that you have found Bud Corliss's diary. Write three entries for the diary for three very important days in his life.

10 Look at the front cover again. What are you looking at? Were you close to guessing the right answer in Question 2?

11 What do you think about the behavior of Leo Kingship and Gordon Gant at the smelting works? Were they right to do what they did?

12 What are your feelings about Bud Corliss ?

13 Either:

(a) Find a video of a movie of this story. Compare it to the book.

Or:

(b) Plan your own movie. Choose the places (locations) where you will film, the actors who will act in the movie, and design the sets and costumes.

14 Write a newspaper article which follows the one on page 72.

15 What do you think happens now after the book ends? Write no more than 200 words.