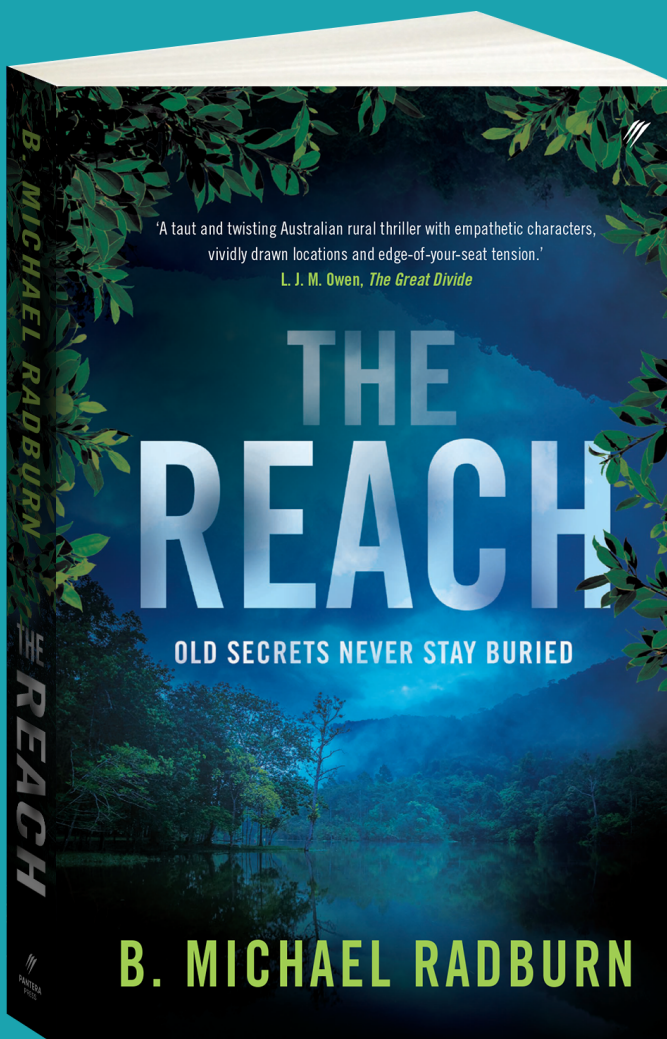




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THE REACH

by B. Michael Radburn

OLD SECRETS NEVER STAY BURIED



An isolated town with a dark past ...

In secluded Devlins Reach, on the shores of the Hawkesbury River, three bodies are unearthed in an excavation site. When a wilderness expert, Park Ranger Taylor Bridges, is called in to assist local police, he soon discovers the town has an unsettling history – one to match Taylor's own haunted past.

But the quiet location and picturesque beauty of The Reach are hiding something darker than Taylor could have anticipated. Within the town's tight-knit community of loggers, store owners and tight-lipped locals, someone is targeting the residents one by one.

As a torrential storm surges ever closer, and the river swells at the levee walls, The Reach goes into lockdown. With no way in or out, Taylor finds himself in a race against the power of nature to find a desperate killer before the whole town goes under.

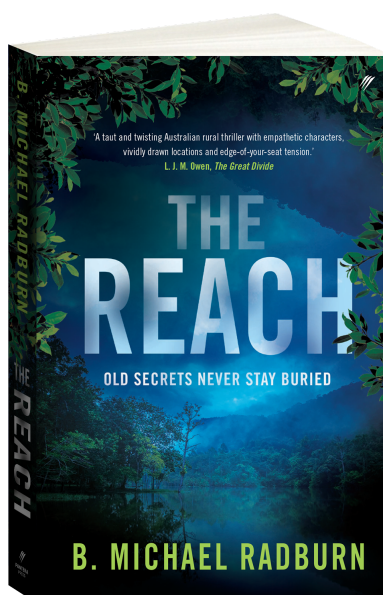
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BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

1. What role does nature play in the story?
2. How does the weather in Devlins Reach affect the story?
3. Do you believe places can be haunted?
4. Do you agree that a person can be born bad? Discuss why/why not.
5. Why do you think the residents of Devlins Reach were reluctant to help with Detective Everett's investigation?
6. What made Taylor and Everett a good team?
7. What is the significance of Detective Everett's two watches? Why do you think the broken one started working again?
8. Do you think Paris's revenge was justified?
9. Do you feel sorry for Paris? Do you believe she felt any remorse?
10. How did you feel about Sister Moore's secret?
11. At what point did you begin to suspect the identities of the killers? What made you suspicious?
12. Do you think Taylor should have gone back to his wife and daughter when the case got dangerous, like he promised? Explain why/why not.
13. Would you be mad or brave enough to drive across the condemned Wilson's Bridge?
14. Do you think Detective Everett handled the case well? Should he have done anything differently?
15. How do you think Heather knew so much about the murder case? Do you think it was all town gossip, or inside information?
16. Do you think Paris will return for revenge? What do you think she will do?



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