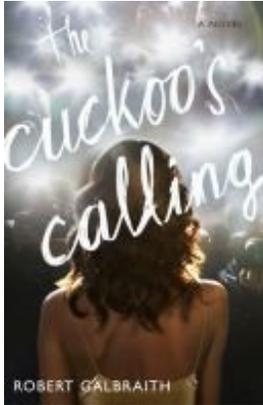


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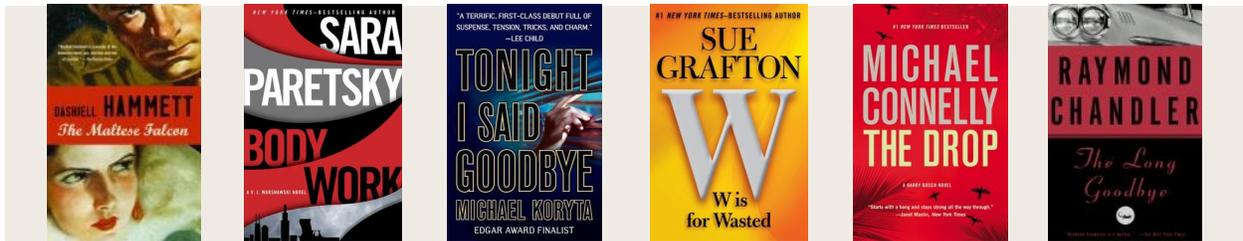
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Biography:



Robert Galbraith is a pseudonym of English author, Joanne (J. K.) Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter series. She also wrote the adult book, Casual Vacancy. Jo was born in 1965 in Yate, Gloucestershire, England. She began writing while a single mother on welfare and became the world's first billionaire author. *Harry Potter* is now a global brand worth an estimated \$15 billion. She has won several awards over the years including British Book Awards and the Hugo Award for best novel. Under the name Robert Galbraith, she has also written The Silkworm, Career of Evil, and Lethal White which are part of the Cormoran Strike series. (Bowker Author Biography)

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Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think of Cormoran Strike? How does Strike's disability affect his investigation? How does it affect how he relates to others?
2. Why do you think the novel is titled? What does "calling" refer to?
3. How important is the setting to the story? How would the story have been different if it was set in the USA? Or anywhere else in the world?
4. What makes Lulu Landry's apparent suicide suspicious? Lulu's character is gradually revealed and the story progresses. What kind of person was she?
5. How does the author portray the culture—and the characters—of worlds of fashion world and the very rich?
6. There are some familiar P.I. tropes (suicide being investigated as murder, P.I. is down on his luck, has a crappy office, little work coming in, eager assistant / sidekick) here. Do they feel like clichés, or merely recognizable features of a classic mystery? Does it seem like a typical mystery to you? Anything that makes it stand out among others?
7. Does the fact that the book was penned by J.K. Rowling affect your view of it? Why do you think she felt compelled to use a pseudonym? If you've read her Harry Potter books, do you detect any similarities, either in style or structure?
8. This is the first of a series—do you think this book does a good job at establishing the series? Will you be reading more? (Adapted from *LitLovers.com*)