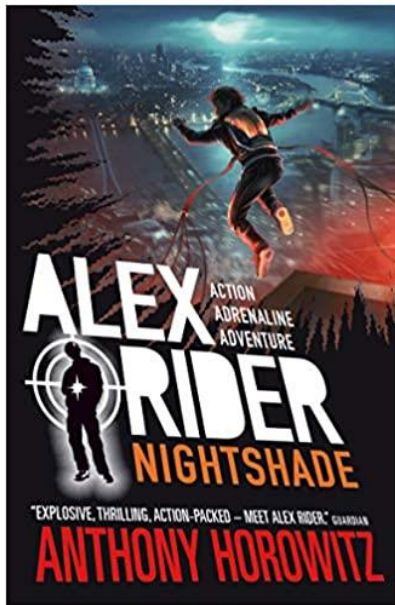


Berkshire Book Award 2021 – Longlist title Nightshade by Anthony Horowitz



In this new adrenaline-fuelled adventure, from the number one bestselling series, Alex Rider is sent by MI6 Special Operations to infiltrate a new and sinister organization known only as 'Nightshade'.

Alex is on his own, with the fate of thousands of people resting in his hands.

Another mind-blowing adventure from Anthony Horowitz!



Book Group Discussion Questions

'Nightshade' stands alone as a story, and there are references to some of Alex Rider's previous adventures. If you haven't read any others in the series, would this inspire you to read the series?

The deadly plot that Alex Rider was trying to thwart involved parachutes. Were the descriptions believable? Would you like to try parachuting?

Did you remember the Prologue, as the adventure unfolded? Did you guess the connection?

Did you notice that the four sections of the story are all named after books in the Bible? (Genesis, Exodus, Numbers and Revelation). Did you use the list of chapter headings to try and work out the plot in advance?

Near the end of the book is a chapter called 'A Few Loose Ends' and mostly describes a conversation. Do you think this is a good way to explain to the reader what happened after the climax of the story?

The final chapter allows for a sequel to this story. Did you like these characters enough to want to read it?

If you were creating a cult to control others, what would you call yourself, and how would you do the controlling?