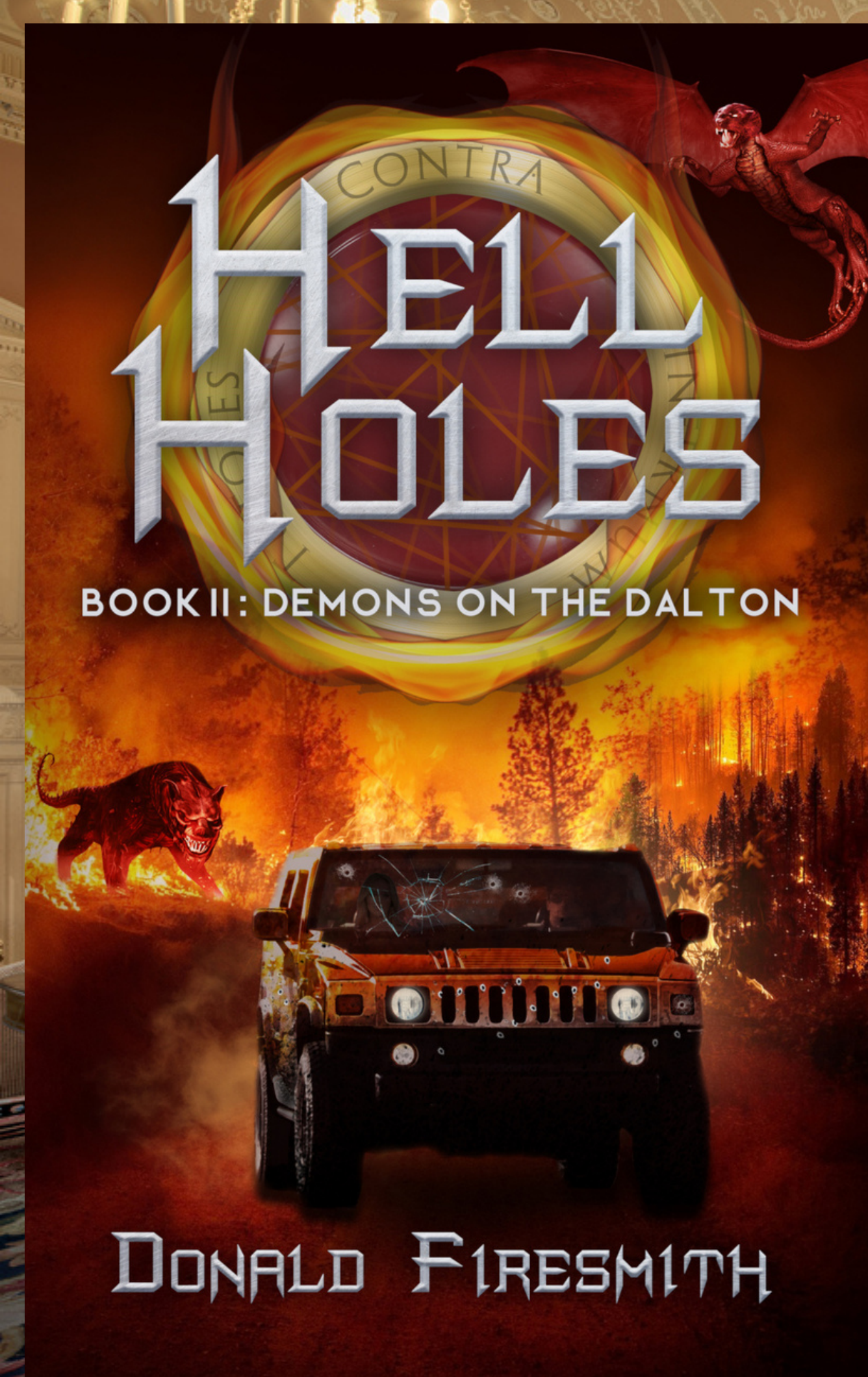
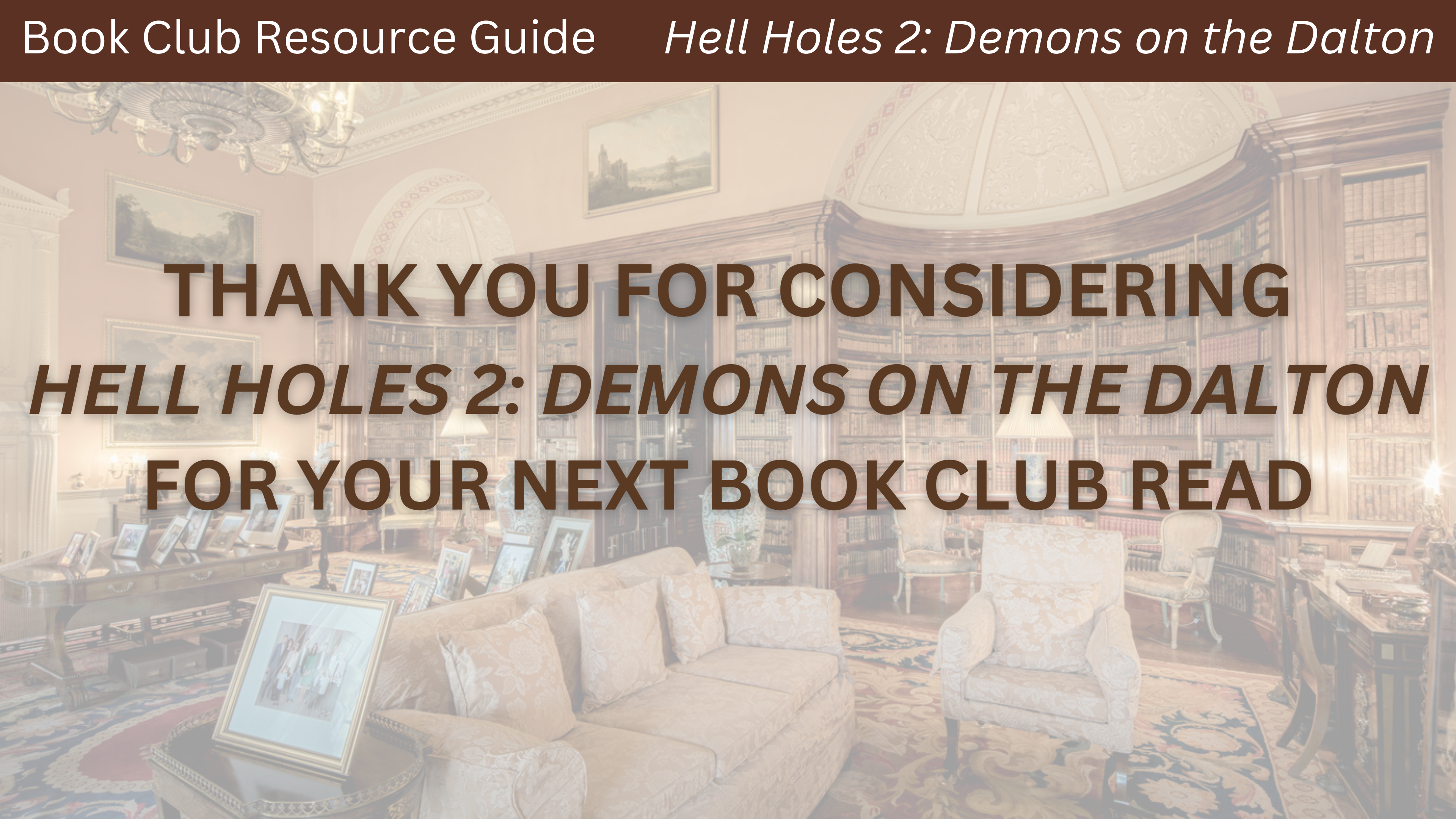


Book Club Resource Guide

Hell Holes 2: Demons on the Dalton

by Donald Firesmith



A grand, ornate library with a curved bookshelf, a chandelier, and a patterned rug. The room is filled with books and framed pictures, creating a classic and elegant atmosphere.

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING
HELL HOLES 2: DEMONS ON THE DALTON
FOR YOUR NEXT BOOK CLUB READ**

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Win and live; lose and die! (page 1 of 2)

Dive into the dangerous world of *Hell Holes 2: Demons on the Dalton*, the heart-stopping sequel to *Hell Holes 1: What Lurks Below*. And take a harrowing journey through a rugged landscape being overrun by ravenous demons intent on conquest. This adrenaline-fueled adventure pits the survivors of the devastated research team against a relentless army of demonic aliens pouring from hundreds of huge mysterious holes that appeared overnight in the Arctic permafrost.

When Alaska's rugged landscape becomes a battleground for survival, geologist Jack Oswald, his climatologist wife Angele Menendez, and the ageless sorceress-demon-hunter Aileen O'Shannon must rely on their intelligence and courage to survive a treacherous 350-mile race down the Dalton Highway to the relative safety of Fairbanks. But the advancing horde of devils, imps, hellhounds, and gargoyles will stop at nothing to prevent their prey from escaping.

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Firesmith masterfully blends heart-thumping action, spine-chilling danger, intense drama, and nail-biting suspense in a tale that will keep readers on the edge of their seats. The vividly described Alaskan backdrop serves as the perfect stage for the epic struggle between the small group of survivors and the relentless alien invaders. The dynamic interplay between richly developed characters immerses you deeper into the Hell Holes universe, making the extraordinary events they face feel real and immediate.

Hell Holes: Demons on the Dalton is more than a fight for survival; it's a testament to the unconquerable human spirit in the face of overwhelming odds. If you're a fan of apocalyptic alien invasion science fiction, action-adventure, or horror that pits intelligent protagonists against powerful forces of evil, then this book is an absolute must-read.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are designed to delve into the book's deeper themes and character dynamics, providing a platform for engaging and meaningful discussions.

1. How does the change in narrative perspective from Jack to Angele in "Demons on the Dalton" affect the storytelling and reader's connection to the characters?
2. Discuss the psychological and emotional impact of the demonic invasion on the characters, particularly the survivors from the initial research team.
3. The Dalton Highway presents a unique setting for the story. How does the harsh and isolated environment add to the tension and challenges faced by the characters?
4. Analyze the relationship dynamics between Jack, Angele, and Aileen. How do their interactions and dependencies evolve throughout the novel?
5. The theme of survival is prominent in the book. Discuss the different survival strategies employed by the characters and their effectiveness.
6. How do the demonic creatures in the novel compare to traditional depictions of demons in literature and mythology?

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7. The book blends elements of science fiction, horror, and action. Which aspect was the most compelling for you and why?
8. Discuss the role of military and scientific knowledge in the characters' fight against the demonic forces. How important is expertise in such a crisis?
9. The concept of 'win and live, or lose and die' is a driving force in the story. How does this black-and-white view of survival reflect on the characters' decisions?
10. Explore the moral and ethical dilemmas presented in the book. What would you have done differently if faced with similar situations?
11. How does Firesmith use suspense and pacing to keep the reader engaged? Discuss any particular scenes that stood out to you.
12. The novel has a strong emphasis on action. Discuss how the action sequences contribute to the overall plot and character development.
13. Considering the ending of *Demons on the Dalton*, what are your predictions or hopes for the next installment in the series?

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