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SUPPORTING BOOKS CLUBS

Joining a book club is a great way to build a community around books. Chris is honored when clubs select his novels to read and discuss. So honored, in fact, that he wants to be included in those discussions, if at all possible.

BOOK CLUB APPEARANCES

For clubs with more than five members,

- Register for possible involvement in the meeting from Chris, either in-person or via video conference/phone call.

Please understand Chris is very busy but tries hard to accommodate all books clubs who submit for appearance; however, he's not always able to work out the details.

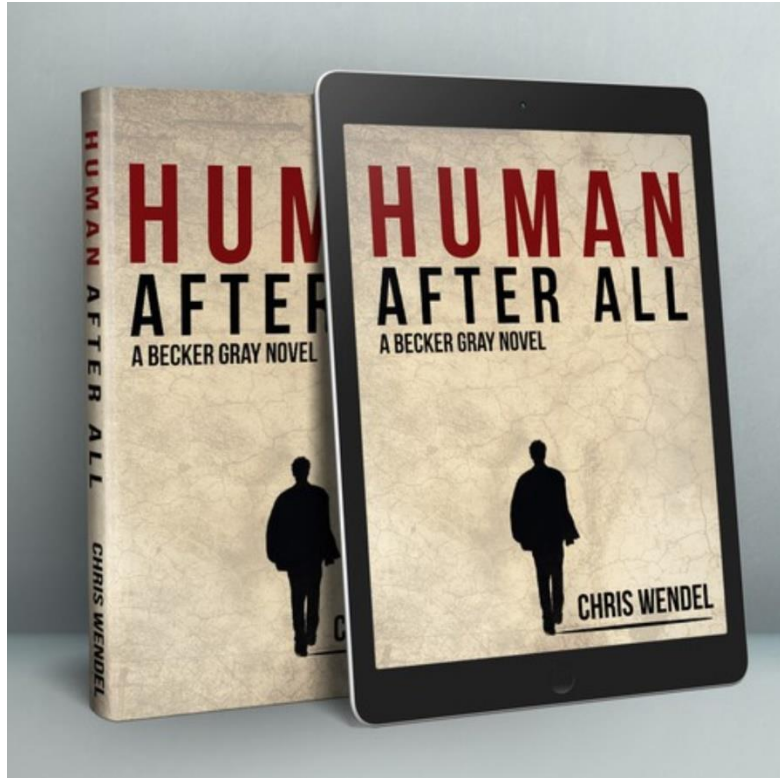
To submit for appearance, please follow these guidelines:

1. Email me@cwendel.com. Please include in the email at least the number of people in your club, the book you're going to read, and the date and time of your meeting.
2. Include the group leaders' name, working email address, and phone number.

Chris needs at least 30 days' notice prior to your meeting date.

BEWARE: SPOILERS AHEAD

HUMAN AFTER ALL – QUESTIONS TO START YOUR DISCUSSION



There are spoilers within these questions. If you haven't completed the book, you may not want to read the questions.

1. Do you like Det. Becker Gray? What about him to you like/dislike? In what ways do you identify with him?
2. Gray's desire to live a detached and indifferent existence stems from the tragedy of his daughter's death, but instead he lives a hypersensitive existence. He's an emotional livewire. In what ways do you see Gray dealing with that existence in the future? How can he come to terms with his emotions?
3. Do you like Valerie Hardy? How would you behave if you'd been locked up for your own protection by your parents for a decade?
4. Jack Hardy felt like he had to protect his daughter at all costs after the threatening messages from the Pen Pal. What would you have done as a parent to protect your child? What if you didn't have the resources to move your family? Or hire a security team? Where would you go? How would you keep your child safe?
5. The author believes that most of the decisions people make in life are based on what they fear. Fear plays an important part in this novel. How does fear impact your life and the decisions you make? Does fear drive you to be a better, stronger person? Or does it act as an obstacle to your hopes and dreams?
6. Gray looks up to Timothy McDonough. He emulates the man's strength after he lost his own child to crime. However, when McDonough shows his weakness, Gray let's go of his strength as well and his personal life spirals out of control. Have you ever been let down by someone you admire? What happened? How did you respond/handle the disappointment?
7. The most pivotal scene for Gray is when he mistakes Valerie Hardy for his own daughter and she allows him to get the closure he's desperately needed for years. How do you think that will impact his character in the future?