

***The Cold Cold Ground* by Adrian McKinty**
Book Club Discussion Questions

In *The Cold Cold Ground* what is so difficult about being a Catholic cop in the Northern Ireland police force: the RUC?

Why is Duffy considered to be a traitor by Northern Irish Catholics and is not trusted by Northern Irish Protestants?

What are Duffy's relationships with his neighbours like on Coronation Road and how do they change throughout the course of the book?

What are Duffy's relationships with his fellow 'peelers' like and how do they change throughout *The Cold Cold Ground*.

What is the significance of music in Sean Duffy's life?

Who was fighting whom in Northern Ireland in 1981 and where did the police fit into all of this?

Do you think Duffy was right to go to Italy and do what he did there at the end of the book?

What are the ways Protestants and Catholics find out what religion strangers are and why does this matter in 1981 Ulster?

What would it have been like to be gay in Northern Ireland in 1981?

Why are there so few women policemen, doctors and other professionals in Northern Ireland at this time?

