



Summary of Possibly Pertinent Information from "BAD TWIN" by Gary Troup
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From the book jacket:

"In Bad Twin, Gary Troup spins a mesmerizing tale of mystery and suspense, weaving clues throughout the story that are more consequential than they seem. Touching on themes of good versus evil, purgatory, and redemption, Bad Twin shows how fate can turn when all seems lost."

Character Names

- Paul Artisan (family name Berasategui)
- Cliff (Clifford) Widmore
- Shannon Widmore (Maiden name Rogers)
- Vivian Widmore (Alban) (1st husband Monty Alban aka Sexton)
- Alexander Widmore (Zander) aka Cameron Purdue
- Manny Weissman
- Arthur Widmore
- Keith Baker (Moth) Power of Attorney for Zander (deceased)
- Argos (who is a dog)
- Monty Alban (who changed his name to Sexton)
- Walter Sammler (corpse in morgue when Paul interviewed coroner)
- Dr. Richard Edmonds
- Christine DeVries
- Sally Handler
- Joe Ferrer
- Sky (Yoga teacher, friend to Zander)
- James Hennessey (Crunch)
- Captain Jocko
- Hector
- Elio (Eddie Ippolito) (Mafia? Leader of Helios)
- A boat called Escape Hatch
- A boat called Fish Lips
- Prudence (Pru) Cunningham (private eye for Intercontinental; sister works in biotech)
- Mr. Cameron Perdue
- Bernard Bryce Widmore (founder of Widmore foundation)
- Cindy (stewardess)
- Chavez (head of Cuban medical foundation)

On page 146 appears this quote, "You said there was a kind of truth to be found in books, and a kind of truth that can be found in deeds. And that if a person, deep down, had a yearning for the kind of truth that came from deeds, then he would never be completely satisfied with the truths that came from books." The Character Manny Weissman is a former college professor. He references many books and authors throughout the book.

Here is a list of written works referenced:

- Herman Melville's Encantadas (enchanted islands with magic outposts offshore)
- Eros and Thanatos (love and death)
- Odysseus
- Hemingway
- New Testament-The book of Luke
- Sherlock Holmes
- Beowulf p.23
- Gilgamesh p. 23
- Prodigal Son p. 46
- Great Gatsby p.80
- Dante's Inferno, Divine Comedy, Purgatorio, Paradiso p. 98
- Trent's Last Case p. 129
- Turn of Screw p. 130
- Lord of the Flies p. 154
- Ivanhoe p.156
- King Lear p. 174
- Confession of St. Augustine p. 257

Throughout the book there are many color references (black, white, red, orange/gold, blue, and green). For me, green references stood out the most (maybe because one of them was for Hanso). Green symbolizes Life and Renewal: Green is life. Abundant in nature, green signifies growth, renewal, health, and environment. On the flip side, green is jealousy or envy and inexperience.

Here is a list of references to the color green:

- Workers at Hanso wore white or mint-green lab coats
- Cliff Widmore wears a mint-green shirt
- Widmore estate has a sitting room tinted with a greenish hue from facing the sea.
- Arthur Widmore is wearing a green tunic
- The corpse of Walter Sammler has a green tinged foot
- The clouds over the Florida Straights have a greenish tinge
- The character Sky has green eyes
- The water, when meeting Captain Jocko, is described as milky-green
- Green vegetation is described on pg. 159
- The sunset off of Key West had a swath of green
- In Cuba there was a man in a mint-green guayabera (shirt) at the Floridita.
- In Australia, the black pearls have a moody green hue like the bottom of the ocean,
- There was a green grass rug on Cliff's grave.

References to The Widmore Corp.:

- Widmore building is in NYC
- Rumored to participate in possible offshore illegal scientific enterprises, both mainstream and fringe.
- Also reported to do defense contracting and private security work.
- When the main character Googled the Widmore Corp. he got 97,000 hits.
- That they have an office in Singapore
- They are developing a technique for reinforcing concrete
- They have many environmental violations in obscure corners of the Earth.

References to The Hanso Foundation:

- It is on the 42 floor of the Widmore Building
- The men and women seen there had neat, short hair
- They wore white or mint-green lab coats
- There is a plaque that Artisan is directed to when he asks what they do there it says, "The Hanso Foundation stands at the vanguard of social and scientific research for the achievement of the human race. For forty years, the foundation has offered grants to worthy experiments designed to further the evolution of the human race and provide technological solutions to the most pressing problems of our time. The Hanso Foundation: a commitment to encourage excellence in science and technology and furthering the cause of human development."
- Later, through conversation between Cliff and Arthur Widmore we find out that Mittlewerk is on the board of Widmore, and that Alvar was once too.
- The only ally that Cliff has on the Widmore board is a man named Mittlewerk from The Hanso Group. Other members thought Mittlewerk was, "...dangerous-ambitious and brilliantly two-faced, a man of action on an agenda of his own." (pg. 254)

References to Paik Heavy Industries:

- The "big business deal" in South Korea with Paik Heavy Industries was supposed to be Zander's project, but the board wanted someone with more experience.

The Concrete Connection?

- Widmore was creating a technique for reinforcing concrete (from Artisan's Google search).
- Vivian Widmore's late husband (Monty Alban-Sexton) ran a cement company and suddenly disappeared. He was connected to the mob, screwed some of the wrong people on a certain deal and was slated to be whacked, back in the 90's.
- Elio (Eddie Ippolito) was from a mob family in New Jersey that paved roads and did construction.

References to Purgatory:

- It was used to describe a morgue
- Dante said that suffering has a purpose and meaning. Destinies balance on the knife edge. The slightest slip dooms you to perdition.
- Weissman says, "Purgatory is a second chance. The last chance. The hard road and the only road that can lead to redemp-"
- Zander was living in "...a self invented purgatory here in the midst of paradise." (pg. 210)
- "That's the whole idea of purgatory right....Like in Dante. People suffer, but there's a point to it, a purpose. It's a last chance to cleanse your sins, clear your conscience, so you can qualify for heaven....If there is no afterlife, no eternal reward to shoot for, then purgatory is now." (pp. 224-225)
- "Zander had been stuck for so long wanting to be bad and wanting to be good....Sort of his own private purgatory." (pg. 256)

Quotes of interest:

- New to the area was a magic phrase (pg. 3)
- Booked a lesson was a magic phrase (pg. 3)
- Sinister is Latin for left.
- Quote about the island of Peconiquot: "As with every island, there was something slippery and mysterious about Peconiquot. It was connected to the larger world, and then again it wasn't. It had a logic of its own, a highly local mythology that made perfect sense within its confines yet fitted uneasily with the mind-habits of the world beyond its boundaries."
- "...and when bad things happened on an island, the impulse was to take vengeance on outsiders. Blaming outsiders was less unsettling than facing the possibility that evil lurked within their very midst."
- "It's a yin-yang thing, isn't it? People being capable of big evil are also capable of big goodness. Most people aren't capable of either. They're blandly good just enough to keep out of trouble. But if you think about it, that really isn't what goodness should be about, is it?"
- "...in his recent island hopping, he'd been traveling from tiny world to tiny world, and in each new place he visited, the logic and rules were different."
- "In this earth-sized game of connect the dots, the dots were not markings on a page but outcrops of rock and sand where people lived their lives and blundered toward their destinies."
- "Life is complicated. That's the point. It isn't like a string of numbers, you add them up, there's only one solution. Any number of possible outcomes can emerge from a single set of facts."
- "The clues are all in place. The logic is fine. The deductions are sound-they just don't happen to match reality. Turns out there are other inferences, other deductions that are equally correct."
- "...what do people really mean when they say something is okay? Usually it means they are behaving the way other people want them to. It's not about well-being, it's about doing the expected thing."
- "Not all who wander are lost."
- When Elio is referencing John Locke-"The best use of our reason is learning to be happy."
- "...at testing the limits of a place that really has no limits."

The Helios Foundation:

- Based in Luna, CA and seems to be a place of special healing properties.
- The water there that runs from the mountain has iron and magnesium in it.

Random things:

- In California, Artisan eats at Mr. Cluck's Chicken.
- The last date that Zander was seen was 4/15
- In Cliff's office there is a picture of him stalking a polar bear in the Yukon.
- Zander is the older twin by 23 minutes
- The code to the Widmore estate is 8-15-16
- When leaving Australia the characters flew Oceanic Air to LA via Honolulu.

Questionably pertinent information:

- Only difference between Cliff and Zander: Zander is a lefty (mirror twins). P.15
- Widmore business holdings: arcane construction, engineering projects (mainstream and fringe), possible offshore investments that would be illegal in US, possible classified defense contracting or private security work of questionable ethics. P. 17
- Widmore offices located on 47th floor of building on 57th street. P. 30
- Hanso located on 42nd floor of same building. All in lab coats, white or mint green. All neat short hair. P. 31-2
- Cliff referred to as Widmore heir. P. 33
- Paik Heavy Industry in South Korea in business deal with Widmore. P. 41
- April 15th: date of Zander's disappearance and Shannon's funeral p. 43
- Shannon's suicide attributed to pills, scotch, CO2. p. 58 Questionably murder p. 90
- Arthur Widmore obsessed with Scottish heritage p. 67
- Artisan heritage Basque p. 67
- Primogeniture: law that favors first born at expense of other siblings to prevent estates from being broken up
- Zander older by 23 minutes p. 177
- November 28, 2004: date Scottish feudal system abolished p. 204
- Cliff's only ally on Widmore board: Mittelwerk from Hanso group. Dangerous, ambitious, brilliantly two faced; acting out an agenda all his own.

Possible important words/phrases

- Doppelganger – literally means double goer. The idea that everyone has a double. P. 25
- Escape Hatch- name of Moth's boat p. 53
- "In time for breakfast tomorrow at the Floridita" p. 128
- "It isn't like a string of numbers, you add them up, there's only one solution. Any number of possible outcomes can emerge from a single set of facts." P. 130
- Fish Lips- Crunch's boat p. 131
- "The wise man stays at home." – Emerson p. 143
- "... and a view that was almost oceanic in its scale-" p.149
- "I don't trust [Middlewerk]. I think he's sneaky. I much preferred having Alvar on the board. Alvar is a gentleman....[he has] Everything but morals... Everything except a conscience." P.149-150
- John Locke- philosopher who argued that the highest goal of our intelligence is the careful and constant pursuit of true and solid happiness. p.168
- Purgatory p.224
- Redemption p. 225
- Our meeting with destiny was inevitable p.245

Places

- NYC (setting)
- Peconiquot Island (to find info on Zander)
- Locust Valley (Family home)
- Caledonia (map in Widmore home)
- Key West (to find Zander)
- Australia

Greek names (related to Persephone?)

- Argos
- Eros
- Thanatos

Foundations p.163-4

- Hanso
- Helios
- New Eden
- Spirit Friends
- Noah's Ark