



Glossary

THE DAY

Section 1: Chapters 1–6

alabaster (ăl'ə-bās'tər): *adj.* pale yellowish pink to yellowish gray, – the color of a smooth hard mineral of the same name *p.* 22

blackout (blăk'out'): *n.* the concealment or extinguishing of lights that might be visible to enemy aircraft at night *p.* 6

booby (bōō'bē) *n.* a tropical sea bird with a pointed bill, a long tail, and short, web-footed legs *p.* 38

channel* (chăn'əl): *n.* a broad waterway connecting two larger bodies of water *p.* 7

dike (dīk) *n.* an embankment of dirt and rock built to hold back floodwater *p.* 5

douse* (dous) *n.* to plunge into a liquid; put out (a light or fire) *p.* 37

drone* (drōn) *n.* a continuous low, dull humming sound *p.* 36

ebony* (əb'ə-nē) *n.* dark black, like the wood of the ebony tree *p.* 23

flimsy* (flīm'zē) *adj.* lacking solidity or strength *p.* 24

lull* (lūl) *v.* to cause to sleep; to soothe *p.* 24

pontoon bridge (pōn-tōōn' brīj) *n.* a temporary bridge using floats for support *p.* 6

refinery* (rī-fī'nə-rē) *n.* a factory that makes useful products out of raw materials such as oil or sugar *p.* 5

Section 2: Chapters 7–11

abruptly (ə-brūpt'lē) *adv.* suddenly, unexpectedly *p.* 62

anguish* (ăng'gwīsh) *n.* agonizing physical or mental pain; torment, torture *p.* 52

catchment (kăch'mənt) *n.* a structure for collecting water *p.* 56

conniving* (kə-nī'vīng) *adj.* secret, sneaky, and dishonest by plan *p.* 64

frond (frōnd) *n.* a large palm leaf *p.* 48

rancid (răn'sīd) *adj.* having the disagreeable odor of rotten oils or fats *p.* 58

reeve (rēv) *v.* to fasten together by passing through or around *p.* 54

salvage* (săl'vīj) *v.* to save from loss or destruction *p.* 64

scorpion (skōr'pē-ən) *n.* a tropical relative of the spider, with a long tail and a venomous sting *p.* 49

slack off (slăk ôf) *v.* to begin to stop, to slow down *p.* 57

submerged* (səb-mûrjd') *adj.* hidden under water **submerge** *v.* *p.* 62

tatters* (tăt'ərz) *n.* torn and hanging pieces of cloth *p.* 59

PRONUNCIATION KEY

ă	at, gas	lr	dear, here	th	thing, with
ā	ape, day	ng	sing, anger	th	then, other
ā	father, barn	ō	odd, not	ū	up, nut
ār	fair, dare	ō	open, road, grow	ūr	fur, earn, bird, worm
ē	egg, ten	ō	awful, bought, horse	zh	treasure, garage
ē	evil, see, meal	oi	coin, boy	o	awake, even, pencil,
hw	white, everywhere	ōō	look, full	o	pilot, focus
ŷ	sch, fit	ōō	root, glue, through	er	perform, letter
i	idle, my, tried	ou	out, cow		

SOUNDS IN FOREIGN WORDS

kh	German ich, auch; Scottish loch	œ	French feu, cœur; German schön	ü	French utile, rue; German grün
n	French entre, bon, fin				

* The words followed by asterisks are useful words that you might add to your vocabulary.