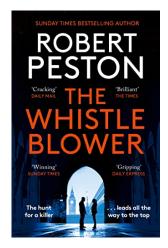


## The Whistleblower

**By Robert Peston** 



1997. A desperate government clings to power; a hungry opposition will do anything to win. Journalist Gil Peck thinks he knows how things work. But is his sister's death an accident? Just what's going on in this fast-moving world of politics and finance, and what can a journalist do about it?

Robert Peston has been a familiar figure on our TV screens for many years. These days he is Political Editor for ITV, and you'll also find him hosting his own programme, Peston, on ITV. This is his first novel, a fast-paced thriller written with insider insight.

## **Discussion Questions**

1	The Whistleblower has been described as a political thriller. Do you have to be interested in
politics	to enjoy this book?

The novel is set in the spring of 1997, during the weeks before the Labour Party's landslide victory under Tony Blair. Do you remember this time? If so, what do you think of Peston's version? If you don't remember it, does that matter?

3	What do you think of Gil as a character? Do you think he is a typical journalist?
4 whistle	Robert Peston describes the title as 'deliberately ambiguous'. Is there more than one eblower in the book?
5 differe	Set in 1997, written during lockdown, and published in 2021: does the world of 1997 look nt to our world?  What issues would you put into a povol set in the political world of our own times?
O	What issues would you put into a novel set in the political world of our own times?  Thank you to Jenny for choosing this title and creating the resource.