“L” is for Lawless

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1 1  a At 9 o’clock on Thursday morning, November 21st, the week before Thanksgiving.
    b The Lee family.
    c To help get a military burial for Johnny Lee.

2 Johnny left home in 1942 and returned on August 17th, 1944.

3 Ray Rawson, an old friend of Johnny’s. He wants to rent Johnny’s apartment.

2 Because he thinks Johnny was a double agent during World War II.

3 1 They have found a wooden panel at the back of the clothes closet with a safe in the hole behind it and a key inside the safe.
    2 a Maybe Johnny was in prison.
    b Ray Rawson.
    c That she can think anything she wants and he’s not going to help her.

4 1 She’s following a man in a Stetson hat and a woman because they have a duffel bag possibly containing things from the Lees’ apartment.
    2 She takes her boarding pass from the seat next to her when she’s in the toilet.
    3 Laura Huckaby got off the plane in Dallas, not Palm Beach; she didn’t have her suitcase, only her duffle bag; and she had booked a hotel using a different name.

5 She pretends to be: Sara Fullerton, hotel sales office assistant so that she can talk to Laura and find out her room number; Vikki Biggs so that she can steal some hotel uniforms; and a hotel maid to get into Laura’s room and take her key.

6 1 Kinsey has three keys: one from Johnny’s safe – she doesn’t know what it unlocks; one to her own room; and one to Laura’s room.
    2 a He tells her that she was right about Johnny – he was never in the air force, but he was in prison.
    b He had been in and out of jail for the past 40 years.
    c Gilbert Hays was in jail with Ray and probably followed him to steal Johnny’s money.
7 1  She drops it into the linen cart.
2  The five-dollar bill is very old. The date 1934 was printed on it.

8 1  That Laura is not pregnant, but hiding the money in a vest under her dress.
2  Laura says that five robbers robbed the bank, but Ray says that there were six.
3  Because he was beaten by the police, so his arrest was illegal.
4  Farley is Gilbert’s nephew and is working together with Laura. He is in love with her.

9 1  Because she’s afraid Gilbert is going to kill Ray and Laura. She gets a private car to drive her there.
2  She has left her bag, with her plane ticket in, on the catwalk because it was slowing her down.

10 A folded card with a black-and-white photograph of a cemetery and a small key stuck to the back of it.

11 1  Because he’s not going to take the gun to the police for them to check for fingerprints while Gilbert has Laura.
2  Because she is going to her friends’ wedding.
3  They’re going to the Louisville Locksmith Company to try and get a copy of the key made.

12 1  Lawless is the family name on one of the mausoleums in the Twelve Fountains Cemetery.
2  They have a map of the cemetery and they find the Pelissaro monument from the photograph and the Lawless mausoleum is one of the mausoleums around it.
3  On the highest concrete-covered vault because they were nameless and contained money, jewelry, stamps and diamonds, not dead people.
4  That he had told the police about the robbery and not Darrell as Johnny had thought.
5  Laura hits her over the head with a shovel and she wakes up in hospital. She calls a friend who brings her a plane ticket to Santa Teresa.