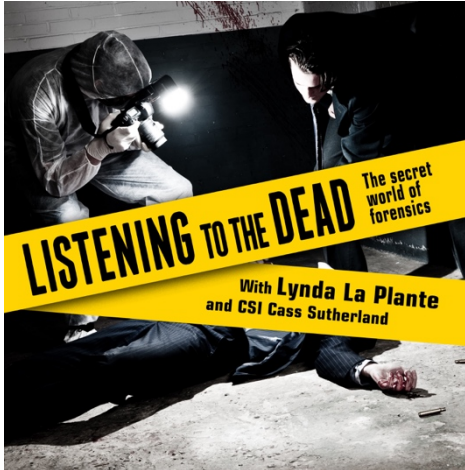


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Announcing a new podcast
Listening to the Dead
with **LYNDA LA PLANTE**
and **CSI Cass Sutherland**
Coming 27th February 2020

Bonnier Books UK is thrilled to announce the launch of a new podcast series, *Listening to the Dead*, with bestselling crime author Lynda La Plante and former Met detective Cass Sutherland. The series will explore the secrets of today's real CSIs and will launch late February.

'Every contact leaves a trace'. This is the mantra of the forensic scientist. Their job is to find these hidden clues that are left at every crime scene: to identify, preserve, interpret and finally present them to a jury. It's an exhaustive process and it's becoming more difficult.

This series will look at the latest developments, the famous cases, and how the scientists are meeting the challenge laid down by criminals who are increasingly forensically aware.

Lynda La Plante has always been fascinated by criminality and the people that solve crime. Her books are celebrated for their authentic depictions of crime scenes and police procedures – something she achieves through meticulous research with her colleague CSI Cass Sutherland.

Over six episodes, Lynda and Cass will investigate six branches of forensics: discussing their own experiences, talking with experts, hearing how real-life crime scenes are worked, exploring the latest innovations and demonstrating how CSI fact is even more thrilling than CSI fiction.

Episodes will reveal how plant regrowth can be used to track a killer's path months after a crime was committed; how a fly on the wall can be more than an observer; why the 'sibling defence' can unravel DNA evidence; and why a dog's nose can sniff out cases of arson that the scientists miss.

If you want to know what criminal investigation is like in real life, then get ready for a podcast that puts YOU at the crime scene.

Available to download from all podcast providers.

Lynda La Plante said: 'I've always been fascinated by forensic sciences, ever since *Prime Suspects* became the first TV crime drama to mention DNA. In my books, I've gone to great lengths to ensure that police and forensic procedures are portrayed accurately, but it's a constantly evolving field and one needs to keep researching to make



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sure one stays up to date. This podcast is helping me to do just that. I'm especially delighted to be working on this project with Cass Sutherland, someone whose knowledge and experience has been invaluable to my writing.'

Jon Watt, Head of Audio Bonnier Books UK, said: 'Lynda La Plante has been delighting crime fans with her novels for over 40 years. One of the pillars for her remarkable success and longevity has been her fastidious research and the accuracy of her police and forensic procedures. In this podcast she gets to dig deeper into this subject she loves and to share some stories from her long career as the Queen of Crime Drama.'

About CSI Cass Sutherland:

Cass Sutherland is a former detective sergeant in the Metropolitan Police London who retired after 30 years' service. Cass is also a former Vice President and Honorary Fellow of the UK Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.

Since retiring Cass has worked with Lynda La Plante as crime drama advisor for her TV productions and books. He has also advised extensively on scripts, and on set, for television dramas made for ITV, BBC, Channel 4 and various film companies.

About Lynda La Plante

#1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author

Over 30 internationally bestselling novels

Over 170 hours of international television scripted

One of the best-loved authors in the world and 5th most popular in the UK

Recipient of four BAFTA awards

CBE since 2008 for services to Literature, Drama and Charity

One of only three screenwriters to have been made an honorary fellow at the British Film Institute

Lynda was the first lay person to be awarded with an honorary fellowship by The Forensic Science Society

Lynda La Plante was born in Liverpool. She trained for the stage at RADA and worked with the National Theatre and RDC before becoming a television actress. She then turned to writing– and made her breakthrough with the phenomenally successful TV series *Widows*. Her novels have all been international bestsellers.

Her original script for the much-acclaimed *Prime Suspect* won awards from BAFTA, the British Broadcasting and Royal Television Society, as well as the 1993 Edgar Allan Poe Award. Lynda has written and produced over 170 hours of international television.

Lynda is one of only three screenwriters to have been made an honorary fellow of the British Film Institute and was awarded the BAFTA Dennis Potter Best Writer Award in 2000. In 2008, she was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Literature, Drama and Charity.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Episode 1 – Forensic Botany and Ecology

Episode 2 – Fire Investigation Forensics

Episode 3 – DNA and Blood Forensics

Episode 4 – Forensic Entomology

Episode 5 – Tech Forensics

Episode 6 – Pathology



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Lynda's latest novel *The Dirty Dozen* is out now, paperback, eBook and audio (Zaffre, £7.99)

In 2020 Lynda is launching a new contemporary series. *Buried*, the first book in the series, publishes 2nd April 2020, hardback, eBook and audio (Zaffre, £14.99)

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If you would like to hear from Lynda, please sign up at www.bit.ly/LyndaLaPlanteClub or you can visit www.lyndalaplante.com for further information. You can also follow Lynda on Facebook and Twitter @LaPlanteLynda. Join the conversation with #BuriedBook.

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