

MARNOW MURDERS

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A seemingly idyllic setting hides a deadly danger.

Information

Original title: Die Toten von Marnow

Genre: Crime

Format: Season 1: 4 x 90' or 8 x 45'
Season 2: 6 x 45'

Year of production: 2020

Country of origin: Germany

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Good to know...



Features leads

played by

German TV award winners

Sascha Geršak and Petra Schmidt-Schaller.

A cast of complex characters:

Multi-dimensional characters face moral dilemmas, adding depth to a story packed with suspense.



"It's a crime drama that evolves into a thriller spotlighting the detectives' personal dramas."

Holger Karsten Schmidt, author of Marnow Murders.



Up to

18.6 %

market share...



...which means up to

12.8 million

viewers.

Based on the West German pharmaceutical industry's real-life history...



...of testing drugs in East Germany.

Series Synopsis

Two detectives with very different working methods, Lona Mendt and Frank Elling, find themselves embroiled in a complex murder investigation that unravels a web of cover-ups, power struggles and personal turmoil.

As they dig deeper into the dark underworld of crime, they put their own lives on the line. The investigation reveals powerful interests and long-buried secrets as both detectives grapple with their own moral dilemmas and personal compromises. As the line between their professional and personal lives blurs, they are drawn further into a dangerous game of lies and deceit.



Lona Mendt

Detective.

Resilient detective who knows her own mind and is fuelled by a desire for justice.

Lona Mendt is an unconventional detective who values her independence and lives by her own rules. But her carefree demeanour hides a dark past. Her partner, Elling, knows he can rely on her to have his back and challenge the status quo. With this case, however, they find themselves treading a very fine line between taking their investigations forward and safeguarding the past. Something that proves particularly challenging for Mendt, whose rational nature is offset by anger sparked by her desire for justice. And once that spark is lit, a blaze is sure to follow.



Frank Elling

Detective.

Compassionate yet morally compromised detective facing an impossible dilemma.

Frank Elling is a dedicated detective and devoted family man who strives to overcome his moral failings and lead the best life he can. He is always keen to please others, whatever the personal cost.

Despite his efforts, his life choices reveal a darker side to his character: infidelity, dubious ethics and a tendency to opt for murky compromises. As he grapples with the consequences of his actions, Elling's journey highlights the fragility of moral codes and self-perception.



A close-up shot of a man and a woman. The man, on the left, has dark, curly hair and a beard, looking towards the woman. The woman, on the right, has long, light-colored hair and a serious expression, looking back at the man. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

2 Seasons

As they embark on a tense journey fraught with danger and deception, two detectives navigate a web of secrets and corruption across two seasons, uncovering chilling murders that threaten their own lives as well as those of innocent victims.

Season 1 Synopsis

Detectives Lona Mendt and Frank Elling are investigating a serial killer who appears to select victims at random. But nothing is as it seems, and powerful forces are at work to conceal the truth.

As Elling, a devoted family man, and Mendt, an enigmatic investigator, dig deeper, the obstacles in their path proliferate, forcing them to make morally questionable choices. Elling, crippled by debt, accepts bribes, and Mendt starts an affair with her young subordinate, Sören Jasper. As the gruesome murders unfold, a scandal comes to light involving former Stasi agents, western intelligence services, and the West German pharmaceutical industry.



Season 2 Synopsis

Two senior detectives, Lona Mendt and Frank Elling, have been tasked with solving a complex murder case involving a 12-year-old Bulgarian orphan, Sarah. Two weeks into the investigation, both Mendt and Elling are shot and left in a coma, while Sarah mysteriously disappears.

Special investigators Maja Kaminski and Hagen Dudek are brought in to take over the case. However, with key files erased and Dudek harbouring his own hidden agenda, their search for the truth turns into a perilous journey. As the mystery unfolds, they find themselves in a race against time to find Sarah and uncover the secrets that threaten to destroy them all.





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