



# MARNOW MURDERS

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**A seemingly idyllic setting hides a deadly danger.**

Marnow Murders

Overview

Seasons

# Information

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**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



# Why it Works...



## Strong Audience

Up to **18.6 %** market share...



...which means up to  
**12.8 million viewers.**



## Award-Winning Actors

Leads played by Sascha Geršak and Petra Schmidt-Schaller, who won the German TV award.

## True Events

Based on the West German pharmaceutical industry's real-life history of testing drugs in East Germany.



## Suspense Story

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

*Holger Karsten Schmidt (Author of the Series)*



# Comparables



ZDF



ARD &amp; Sky



ZDF



Yellow Bird



BBC



# Series Synopsis

Detectives Lona Mendt and Frank Elling have little in common, but a complex murder case draws them into a web of secrets, cover-ups and personal entanglements.

As they dig deeper, powerful interests and buried truths come to light – forcing both to confront moral dilemmas and cross lines they never intended to.



# Lona Mendt

## Detective.

*Resilient detective who is fuelled by a desire for justice.*

Lona Mendt is a fiercely independent detective with a rebellious streak and a past she'd rather keep buried. Her partner, Elling, trusts her instincts – even when they push boundaries.

But this case tests them both, as Mendt's cool logic gives way to a deep, burning need for justice. Once that fire is lit, it's hard to contain.



# Frank Elling

## Detective.

*Compassionate yet morally compromised detective.*

Frank Elling is a committed detective and family man, eager to do right – even if it means sacrificing himself.

But behind his good intentions lies a darker side: infidelity, blurred ethics, and questionable choices. As he faces the fallout, Elling is forced to confront just how fragile his moral compass really is.



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 is looking back at him with a serious, slightly concerned expression. They appear to be outdoors with a blurred green background.

## **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 investigate a string of murders that seem random – but are anything but. As powerful forces work to bury the truth, the pair are pushed into murky territory: Elling, weighed down by debt, takes bribes; Mendt begins an affair with her young colleague.

Their search for a killer unearths a scandal involving ex-Stasi agents, western spies, and the pharmaceutical industry.



# Season 2 Synopsis

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When detectives Lona Mendt and Frank Elling are shot and left in a coma during a case involving 12-year-old orphan Sarah, the girl vanishes without a trace.

Special investigators Maja Kaminski and Hagen Dudek step in – but with missing files and hidden motives, the search for Sarah becomes a dangerous race against time and buried truths.





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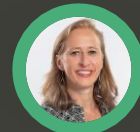
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