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True Crime
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Hey, Podcast Fan! You are going to be so glad that you signed up to receive this True Crime Podcasts list!

Something I try to do over on [the Podcast Maniac blog](#) is recommend podcasts that you haven't necessarily heard of before. Sure, we all love *Serial* and *Criminal*, and *My Favorite Murder* has a cult following, but **the shows in this list are ones that don't always get talked about.**

I hope you'll find some great new podcasts to listen to! Please shoot me an email at info@podcastmaniac.com to let me know what you end up loving!

And don't forget - you're on the list, now! My email list, that is. You'll get a few different emails from me over the next week, and then you'll get new podcast recommendations every other Thursday.

That's all for now. Don't forget to check out [the blog](#) when you need more podcast recommendations!

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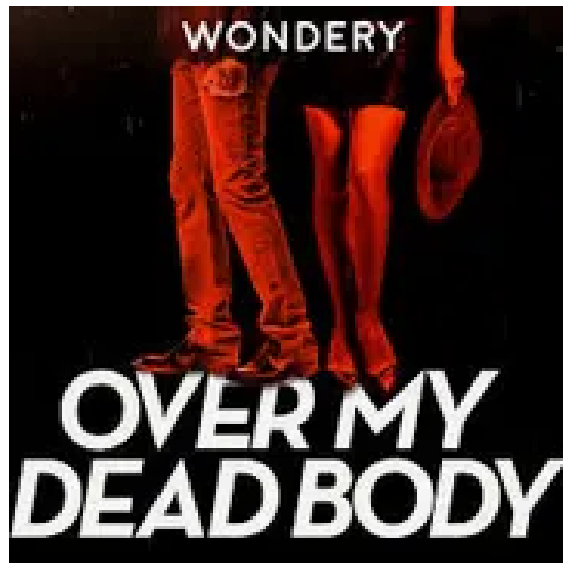
Who The Hell is Hamish?

This show from The Australian tells the story of a white collar conman. "Soft crime", you might say. It features interviews with people who were scammed out of crazy amounts of money (some of the amounts will make your head explode).

I like how the podcast breaks down the different victims and cons. Hamish's crimes could probably fit into one or two categories, but they played out in numerous ways, and the podcast explores each one.

(Note: I can usually understand the Australian accent just fine, but I had to slow this podcast down to 1.1 speed to listen; anything faster than that, and it was difficult for me to follow!)

[Listen to Who The Hell is Hamish?](#)



Over My Dead Body

This story of small town murder tells the story of a seemingly fairy tale love match that devolved into a bitter divorce and then...you guessed it: murder.

Over My Dead Body is one of the shows in Wondery's series of short-run true crime reporting podcasts (like *Dirty John* and *Dr. Death*).

The high-level reporting is more of a bird's-eye view of the case, but there are interviews with people close to the families, and audio of secretly recorded conversations between suspects.

[Listen to Over My Dead Body](#)



Case Closed

As the title implies, the premise of the *Case Closed* podcast is to present true crime with a resolution.

A lot of true crime cases are left unsolved, and that can be intriguing. But there are plenty of cases that have resolutions, and this podcast aims to satisfy the listener's need for closure.

Season 1 tells the story of Erin Corwin, a young military wife who was murdered in 2014. The podcast is based on the book *Secrets of a Marine's Wife*.

Case Closed is hosted by Charlie Spicer, an editor who has worked in the true crime genre for decades.

[Listen to Case Closed](#)



Crimes of Passion

This podcast is about love stories that turn into crime stories.

Sure, a lot of true crime is related to love or obsession, but *Crimes of Passion* focuses only on these types of story, which is unique (and hooked me!).

I'm always fascinated when romantic relationships goes from "normal" to "criminal". There's a certain psychology to these cases that I just can't wrap my head around, and I'm thrilled to have a podcast that goes down this road in every episode.

[Listen to Crimes of Passion](#)



Making a Mania

This podcast is more about the TV show *Making a Murderer* than it is about the actual case. I think the concept of the show is an important exploration of society's infatuation with true crime.

Making a Mania is subtitled, *The Steven Avery Saga and Why We're Obsessed*, and the first episodes dropped just before Netflix released Season 2 of *Making a Murderer*. The podcast includes interviews with key players from the Steven Avery story.

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The Truth About True Crime with Amanda Knox

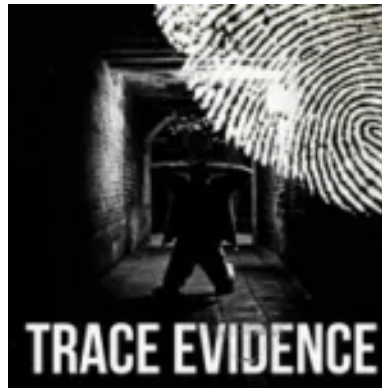
I won't lie: I was struck by the fact that Amanda Knox was hosting a true crime podcast. Whatever you think about her and the murder case she's infamous for, did you think she'd actually choose to stay in the true crime genre? **I didn't.**

Honestly, seeing her name in big letters on the cover art was the hook that reeled me in.

In addition to the famous host, this podcast aims to explore well-known cases through a different lens. As Knox explains, she knows firsthand how stories, suspects, and victims can be sensationalized.

One thing of note: *The Truth About True Crime* is created by Sundance TV and Sundance Now, and they do not miss an opportunity to mention this! Ignore it; the podcast itself is good.

[Listen to The Truth About True Crime with Amanda Knox](#)



Trace Evidence

The cases covered in this podcast (a mix of unsolved murders and disappearances) are totally new to me. I love the background music as the host builds suspense and examines the evidence and theories behind the cases.

[Listen to Trace Evidence](#)



Suspect Convictions

If you like *Serial* and Netflix's *Making a Murderer*, this podcast is for you. It tells the story of the 1990 killing of a 9-year-old girl, and the suspect who says he didn't do it. Both the host and audio mixing are fantastic.

[Listen to Suspect Convictions](#)



My Aryan Princess

The seven-episode drama podcast tells the true story of drug trafficking, white supremacy, undercover informants, and more. You feel like someone is reading from a crime novel. The episodes are short; I was always left wanting more.

[Listen to My Aryan Princess](#)



The Conspirators Podcast

I was originally drawn to this one because of the title. I've always been fascinated by how two, three, or more people all come to agree to do a horrible thing. That's not exactly what this podcast is about, but it does cover some great lesser-known cases. And I love the host's voice and pacing.

[Listen to The Conspirators](#)

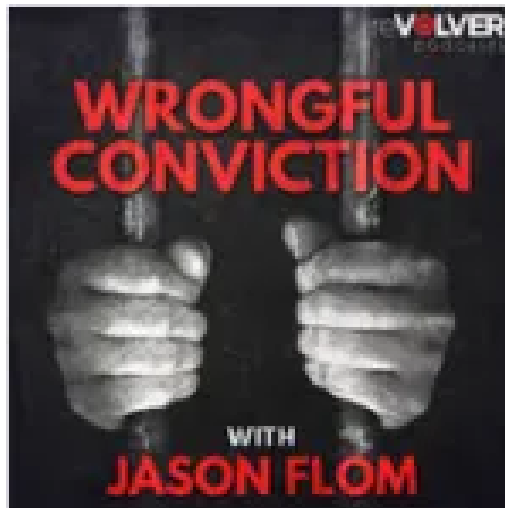


Death, Sex & Money - Episode: "I Killed Someone. Now I Have Three Kids: Update"

This podcast is NOT a full-time true crime podcast. But this episode is an interview with a prisoner who has been in jail for 24 years, and is up for parole at the time of recording.

He tells the story of his crime, his years in prison, and how he ended up a married man and father. There's also a [follow-up episode interview with his wife](#); it's is equally as intriguing as the first episode.

[Listen to Death, Sex & Money](#)



Wrongful Conviction

If you were hooked by Netflix's *Making a Murderer*, then *Wrongful Conviction* is the podcast for you. It will make you shake your head at the US criminal justice system (if you don't already). This episode is just one of the many that will blow you away.

A good episode to start with is *Season 3 Episode 6: 10 Separate Charges And 23 Years Later: The Egregious Framing of Robert Jones*

[Listen to Wrongful Conviction](#)

WRITTEN INSIDE

Written Inside - Episode 3: On The Move...Again

This episode is part of an 8-episode series. Each episode is adapted from an essay written by an inmate at a Chicago prison. The voices are of local Chicago actors.

All of the episodes are interesting, but I chose to recommend this episode because I think a lot of people will be surprised by the details. I certainly was.

[Listen to Written Inside](#)



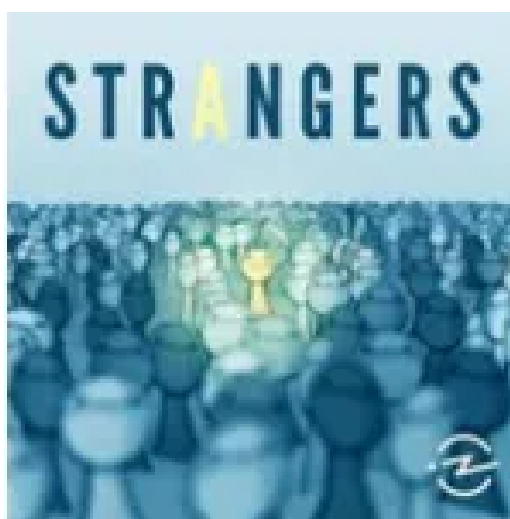
Radio Diaries - Episode: Matthew and the Judge: Juvenile Court Diary

Radio Diaries podcast is also NOT a full-time true crime show, but this episode is really interesting.

I had a mix of emotions when listening to this episode. The story featured in this episode first aired on NPR in 2001. It tells the story of a convicted teen, but not the way you think.

Tape recorders were given to both the teen and the judge in charge of his parole hearing. You get to hear the story from both sides, including how the judge comes to his decision, and what happens afterwards.

[Listen to Radio Diaries](#)



Strangers - Episode: Franky Carrillo: Life

I usually get really pissed off when I hear about obvious wrongful convictions. But somehow, the guy featured in this podcast episode made me feel better by the end!

In this episode, Franky describes how he spent 20 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. In the follow-up episode, [Franky Carrillo: Life Now](#), he explains how life has been since his release.

I'm being vague and trying not to give away details. Needless to say, I loved these episodes. And I love that the Strangers podcast includes photos of Franky on its site.

[Listen to Strangers](#)

Bonus Podcast Recommendation: [The ACLU's Prison Voices podcast](#) talks about the privatization of the prison system in the United States. I think it's an important episode for every US citizen to learn about.



Broken Harts

The [Broken Harts podcast](#) is an in-depth look at the family behind one of 2018's most devastating news stories: the deaths of 4 children and their adoptive moms.

Two other siblings in the family are missing and presumed dead. And the worst part: Authorities believe that the incident that led to those deaths was not an accident.

The foundation of most episodes is the reading of Facebook posts from one of the mothers. She was one of those people who posted long, detailed stories and thoughts.

The posts really paint the picture that she herself painted for the friends, family, and even strangers who followed her and the Hart family online. There are interviews with friends and neighbors, too.

[Listen to Broken Harts](#)



Maddie

This podcast (which came out in 2019) is an in-depth look at the case of Madeline McCann, who disappeared back in 2007, when she was just 3 years old.

In this 10-episode series, host Mark Saunokonoko, a reporter for Nine.com.au., reviews of the evidence in the case, as well as a look at the investigations by both the police and private investigators.

It should go without saying that you need to start with Episode 1 and listen in order.

[Listen to Maddie](#)



Fake Heiress

This podcast tells the true story of Anna Sorokin, a 20-something Russian woman who convinced New York's high society that she was one of them.

Going by the made up name Anna Delvey, Sorokin conned hotels, banks, and friends out of thousands of dollars between 2013 and 2017.

The story of how she did it is so outrageous that both HBO and Netflix are planning shows around it.

Each episode of Fake Heiress starts with the host, Vicky Baker, explaining that the show is a mix of drama and documentary. The show is partly based on official court documents and transcripts, and played out by actors, including one who plays Anna Delvey throughout all six episodes.

There are also interviews with people who actually knew Anna, most of which were conned by her.

Additionally, the host and playwright Chloe Moss (a co-writer on the podcast), have completely fictionalized some scenes in the show, because—as they put it—What's Anna Delvey's story without a bit of make believe?

[Listen to Fake Heiress](#)



Uncover: Satanic Panic

Uncover reports on unsolved crimes in Canada, usually through short, six-episode series (they call them seasons). The reporter/host changes from season to season with each case.

This season titled *Satanic Panic*, and it's about an alleged satanic cult committing child abuse in a small town in Saskatchewan in the late 80s and early 90s.

The podcast includes tons of clips of news footage, audio of suspect questioning, and interviews with people touched by—and actually charged in—the case.

If you like Netflix's *Making a Murderer*, you'll like the *Satanic Panic* season of *Uncover*. There are striking similarities between the two cases, including how the community is split by the outcome of the case, and how the police handled witnesses.

Listen to Satanic Panic



The Missionary

This podcast is about a (then) 19-year-old American Christian missionary who started her own clinic in Uganda. She claims that she was saving lives; her critics say she was masquerading as a medical doctor, and that more than 100 children died in her care.

The missionary, Renee Bach, has since left Uganda, and she's fighting some serious allegations and criminal charges about the treatment she provided at her clinic.

This podcast is reported by three journalists, all of whom have spent time in Uganda, and some have first-hand experience with missionary work.

One of the journalists manages to interview Renee Bach in person, and maintains an open-door policy with her. You'll hear Renee defend herself in her own words.

The podcast also includes readings from Renee's (now defunct) blog, in which she wrote in detail about her time in Uganda and specific patients; some she helped, some who died in her care.

There are also interviews with people who worked with and for Renee, her critics (both American and Ugandan), and from her mom and other supporters.

[Listen to The Missionary](#)



The Dropout

This podcast actually came out about a year before *The Missionary*, and the two shows tell similar stories. *The Dropout* is about Elizabeth Holmes, the founder and former CEO of Theranos, who claimed that she and her company had revolutionized the medical field.

While much has been written about Elizabeth Holmes and the fall of Theranos, this podcast brings the story to life through speeches and interviews.

Hearing Holmes, in her own words, and her own voice (which is a whole twist to the story in and of itself), makes the events so much more interesting.

And don't forget about all the very wealthy, influential people who believed in Holmes, for no good reason. You have to hear it to believe it.

[Listen to The Dropout](#)

*This podcast was one of the shows I named [Best of 2019](#)



Running from Cops

This podcast pulls back the curtain on the US's long-running television show *COPS*. If you don't know much about the show, you'll be stunned to learn of the cultural influence that this show has had on American society.

Host Dan Taberski (he also hosted the *Missing Richard Simmons* podcast) speaks with former police officers, fans of *COPS*, people who have been featured (aka, arrested) on *COPS*, and the actual producers of the TV show, all to determine just how real the aired footage really is.

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