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Forensic Speak: How To Write Realistic Crime Dramas



Synopsis

Crime stories have always intrigued viewers and storytellers. Today, crime shows rule the airwaves and there is truly a procedural drama out there for every personality and every writer. Born out of the author's real-life experiences growing up around death investigation, *Forensic Speak* unlocks the secrets of forensic science for writers and fans alike. With a filmography of 100 film and TV examples and 80 additional resources, the book provides writers direct access to hundred of ways to make their crime writing more authentic.

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When I was a kid I loved the Medical/adventure TV drama "Emergency!". Roy DeSoto (Kevin Tigh) and Johnny Gage (Randy Mantooth) were two Paramedic/Firemen who were first responders to various accident scenes. They would call Rampart General Hospital over their huge portable radio and ask what to do. The doctor usually told them to "Administer Ringers Lactate with D5W and transport". I didn't know what that meant and I always thought it was funny that no matter what situation, whether it was a lady who fainted or a major car wreck, they always treated people with only Ringers Lactate with D5W. The writers of that show did what they could with limited resources. Now writers of medical/forensic TV and films have access to a great book called "Forensic Speak: How to write Forensic Crime Dramas" authored by Jennifer Dornbush. The book is a reference manual for hundreds of terms you hear in the medical and crime dramas you probably watch all the time. The book covers blood stains and splatter, guns, DNA and courtroom terms plus several other categories. Each page is a topic. Each topic is broken down into a

• What is it? • where she describes what the topic means or is. Then there is a • Where do I see it? •. This is an example from a TV show or movie with a picture from the show or film to back up what is being described. The last section on each page is • How can I use it? •. Here she gives examples of how to use it in your writing and how to tie it together with different parts of the story. In the fingerprint section you will learn about latent prints and poroscopy. Not sure what those are? Look them up. You've probably heard them used in your favorite shows.

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