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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Miller, a British writer on forensic science, has put together a highly informative collection of true-life criminal cases solved chiefly through the efforts of forensic experts. There is not a dull case among the 16, and some of them, with their airtight alibis, red herrings and maddening paradoxes, are pure Agatha Christie. An American engineer in Buenos Aires, who conceals his secret life as an obsessive gambler and philanderer, dies in his home of carbon monoxide poisoning, though no CO-producing source is evident. A house maid in the Hamptons rubs out her employersAa millionaire barbecue manufacturer and his wifeAin revenge for her brother's accidental death, using bullets made of pork that fragment and dissolve into her victims' bodies. Miller, a British master of the forensic procedural, deftly interweaves just enough detail on DNA analysis, chemistry, ballistics and other tricks of the trade for readers to come away

with a keen appreciation of the uncanny, scientifically grounded sleuthing of forensic investigators who prove that where there's a crime, there's a clue. International in scope, this highly entertaining compendium hops from the murder of a Yorkshire constable's unfaithful wife to the arson of an L.A. retirement home for silent-film performers to cases from Spain, Italy and Hungary. Miller is a wry observer of the vagaries of justice and family psychodynamics, the thirst for redress and even vengeance. Photos.

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From Library Journal Every crime has a story. Finding the story is done with the help of forensic science. Miller, an expert on forensic medicine and the author of forensic mystery novels such as *Skin Deep* (St. Martins, 1992), provides the reader with 15 cases in which forensic medicine helped solve the crime. These true cases are from Europe and the United States. With the exception of one, they each tell a fascinating but sad story of how the victim died and how the killer was caught. The lone exception is a foiled attempt on the life of a famous actor, a case that was solved before the perpetrator succeeded. This well-written book holds the readers attention through all the background and methods of forensic detection. The reader will be amazed how far forensic science has come in helping to finish the story. Highly recommended for all crime collections. Michael Sawyer, Northwestern Regional Lib., Elkin, NC

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