Crime Scene Investigation

Splatter patterns, fiber samples, DNA testing, shell casings, plaster casts and meticulous autopsies -- the use of science to help solve a crime has become more and more important. Teams of highly trained officers and scientists tackle tasks that are more and more complex. What would have been unsolved a few years ago can be unraveled today.

Sherlock Holmes, with his application of science and logic to solve crime, fascinated the reading public. The use of science to solve crime exploded in fiction and nonfiction, and the process of discovering evidence, analyzing it and presenting it can make for a powerful story. The publishing boom is also fed by a television boom in forensic shows, news shows and documentaries.

In forensic fiction, novels fall into two main categories. The first category is that of mysteries solved by forensic or behavioral scientists. The second category is mostly romantic suspense that features forensic scientists, which also includes inspirational romantic suspense. Many forensic fiction titles are series books, and some have even been spun-off onto television, like Gerritsen's *Rizzoli* and *Isles* or Reichs' *Bones*.

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Forensic nonfiction also tends to fall into two main categories. The first are memoirs of forensic scientists who outline famous cases or true crimes that were solved by science or profilers. The second category is for those that explore the science involved. WVDeli has college-level books on criminal justice and forensics. http://bit.ly/2gur4F7

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Internet resources- background

- We love this book: Forensic Science Fact vs Fiction -- http://www.thebookseller.com/feature/forensic-science-fact-vs-fiction-338400

- **Internet resources – book suggestions.**

- GoodReads Popular Forensic Fiction -- https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/forensic-fiction
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- GoodReads Popular Forensic Science Nonfiction https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/forensic-science-non-fiction
- Good Reads Forensics: If it doesn't walk, we bring out the chalk (nonfiction) -- https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/8613.Forensics_If_It_Doesn_t_Walk_We_Bring_Out_the_Chalk#7054123

- Novelist Catching Killers (nonfiction) -- http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=neh&tg=UI&an=427657&site=novp-live&scope=site