

## The 10 Best Crime Shows You've Never Heard Of

Name	Country of Origin	US Channels	Synopsis	Why It's Great
Fauda	Israel	Netflix	A retired Israeli undercover agent gets recruited by his old squad for "one more job" catching a terrorist in Palestine who was presumed dead.	Prepare for hair-raising action and stomach clenching tension. Created by a real Israeli agent (who also stars in the show). This show has been lauded for presenting both sides of the story, as we see the events from the Palestinian point of view as well as the Israelis'. I felt it gave me a deeper understanding of the daily situation over there, even if it is dramatized. Season 2 gets a little silly.
Trapped	Iceland	Amazon	In a small Icelandic town, a ferry carrying 300 passengers from Denmark is trapped at the dock by a horrible blizzard. Meanwhile, a dismembered body washes onshore, leading detectives to believe a murder occurred on board the ship. The detectives must solve the mystery during the storm, before the weather clears and the ship leaves.	Olafur Darri Olafsson! In the US, he usually plays creepy guys, but in this show he is a lovable bear of a detective. Also, the weather. It really adds a unique element to the show. And it's not faked-it took them 6 months to shoot because they had to wait for blizzardy weather in order to film each day.
Spiral	France	Netflix	Police procedural and legal drama following six members of the judicial system in Paris-3 cops, 2 prosecutors and 1 judge. Each season follows one crime story, and a long arc develops for the main characters over 7 seasons.	One of my favorites. It's gritty and the characters are all flawed but still likable. Bonus-you really learn a LOT about the French criminal system-cases are assigned a prosecutor and judge while they are still being investigated, forcing the police into an uneasy working relationship with the judicial system.
Dark	Germany	Netflix	The disappearance of two teens triggers an investigation that opens up three generations of dark secrets in a small town in Germany. The series follows four families whose lives are interconnected in all three generations.	This synopsis may not sound interesting, but this is an intriguing show with a major twist, and saying any more in the synopsis would give it away. Dark was the first German show that Netflix bought and it was very popular here and in its native Germany.
Les Revenants	France	Netflix	A group of kids, teens and adults return home, not realizing that that they have been dead for a few years, and their families have moved on. At the same time, there is a series of murders that resemble those of a serial killer in the past.	This is the original French version of "The Returned". Spookier, sadder and all around superior to the US re-make. Really atmospheric, and a meditation on loss, as well as being a thrilling crime drama.
Tabula Rasa	Holland	Netflix	Tabula Rasa is about a woman with amnesia who is locked in a psych hospital, and is visited by police, who tell her that a man is missing and she was the last person seen with him.	I'm a sucker for amnesia plots. "Did I kill someone and don't remember?" That scares the crap out of me. Also, she doesn't know who to trust, and neither do we.
The Rain	Denmark	Netflix	A Father rushes his family into a sophisticated hidden bunker to avoid a toxic rain that's coming. Then he leaves them behind. 8 years later, with no food and little oxygen left, the siblings are forced to emerge from the bunker to survive outside.	Not really crime. Fun concept. If you liked 28 Days Later or The Walking Dead, you will like this, because it's a drama based on a gang of survivors avoiding a pervasive threat. Two shocking reveals at the end set us up for season 2.
Spotless	UK, France	Netflix	A French man who runs a cleaning business in London gets into trouble when his ne'er do well brother shows up and asks him to clean up crime scenes for his boss.	Unique concept, great acting, mounting drama as you watch a nice family guy get further involved in the criminal underground, and the criminal brother grow a heart. Also some funny moments. They do ask you to swallow a doozy regarding the crime boss, but it's still good.

Frankenstein Chronicles	UK	Netflix	Inspector John Marlott investigates a series of crimes in 19th Century London, which may have been committed by a scientist intent on re-animating the dead.	Sean Bean! Fun concept. Great atmosphere and very well done. Unfortunately they rushed season 2, and it's pretty bad. (True Detective, anyone?)
Perfume	Germany	Netflix	A young female detective is called on to investigate gruesome murders, whose victims are mutilated in a way that ties them to a group of old friends from prep school, one of whom is a famous perfumer.	Unique concept. Very dark. Twisty ending. The solution to the mystery is a little annoying. Let me just say pay attention to EVERYONE. I liked it for its darkness.