

Sam Applewhite

“Bad Monkey meets Happy Valley in this crime drama with chaotic vibes”

Summary: Sam Applewhite has returned to Skegness to help her retired stage magician father fix his money problems. She’s a security consultant for a bloated and bureaucratic corporation. She soon discovers that she is the only employee in a savagely under-resourced office but has to contend with jobs as diverse as fire safety checks, burglar alarm fitting and...solving murders?

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(dream cast: Ella Purnell) is a pragmatic and driven woman who can’t help but get involved when things don’t seem right. When a ‘meals on wheels’ client goes missing from her cottage next to a new housing development, Sam can’t avoid snooping into what’s happened. She’s helped by her junk shop owner friend, Delia, and generally hindered by her dad’s on-going calamitous life choices.



Marvin Applewhite

(dream cast: Hugh Laurie) has had a decades long career as a TV magician and now retired to the seaside town of Skegness. Unfortunately, this delightful and upbeat C-list entertainer has managed to bankrupt himself with one bad financial decision after another. Without the help of his loving daughter, he’s going to lose his home and everything he owns.



Jimmy (dream cast: Josph Gilgun) is desperate to keep a struggling construction business afloat after his boss’s death. When he discovers an access road to a housing development is too narrow to make the site profitable, he illegally shifts the property boundary lines between the site and the nearby church. And when an old lady witnesses his actions, he is compelled to eliminate her. But how will he dispose of the body? Maybe those Odinsons can help...

Ragnar Odinson (dream cast: Rory McCann) is the patriarch of a huge clan of “Vikings” who live on a caravan park on the edge of town. Trying to cling to what they see as a true modern Viking lifestyle in a modern world, they are a band of chancers, thieves, troublemakers and oddballs. And if someone needs their help in disposing of a body, the only thing that matters is the price.



There are currently six books in the Sam Applewhite series (Sealfinger, Doggerland, Sandraker, Tigerheart, Bountyhunter, Jaegermax). Each features a different murder-related crime story, partly told from the criminal’s perspective. Stories including murderers in a retirement community, bank heists, international assassins and hunting humans for sport. Sam, Marvin and the Odinson clan are among the characters consistently present throughout the series.