



**CBS REALITY EXCLUSIVELY PREMIERES
ORIGINAL CRIME SERIES “WRITTEN IN BLOOD”
FEATURING YORKSHIRE’S OWN RC BRIDGESTOCK**

Produced by Endemol Shine North, part of Endemol Shine UK, the ten-part series features top UK crime writers discussing real life crime cases that inspired their work

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Written in Blood is a new CBS Reality TV show starting in September features Halifax based RC Bridgestock. Husband and wife crime writing duo, Bob and Carol Bridgestock write gripping realistic crime thrillers featuring a character called DI Jack Dylan which is based upon Bob Bridgestock’s own 30 years serving as a policeman for West Yorkshire police, where he worked as a detective at every rank, retiring as a detective superintendent.

The 10x60 series produced by Endemol Shine North for CBS Reality brings fact and fiction together as bestselling thriller writer Simon Toyne, author of *The Boy Who Saw* and other titles, meets RC Bridgestock and other top UK crime writers to discuss how their works of fiction have been inspired by real life crimes. Each episode delves into a different criminal case using reconstruction, real life footage, interviews with senior police officers who worked on the cases, along with family members, key witnesses, and other experts.

Along with RC Bridgestock the other authors featured in “Written in Blood” are Alex Marwood, Peter James, Angela Clarke, Luke Delaney, Elly Griffiths, Marnie Riches, Simon Kernick and Howard Linskey and Mark Billingham.

Bob and Carol live in Halifax and recently completed filming for the series and ended up shooting promotional trailers in Shepperton Studios in Middlesex. The teasers for RC Bridgestock’s episode begin to air on the channel on the 8th October and the episode is transmitted on October 15th.

“We have loved working on this series and showing to viewers the reality that goes into our fiction. Our books show the complete investigation as it would be, and Bob draws on his 30 years of experience in murder cases to form the basis of the stories we write. Likewise I draw on my experience of 17 years with the same force as a support worker and as the partner of the man in charge.” Carol said.

Simon Toyne said: “Everyone I’ve ever met is obsessed with real life crimes and the people who commit them, and crime writers are no different. In this series I get to talk to some of the brightest lights in crime about the darkest criminals in history; and I absolutely loved every second of it.”

Sam Rowden, Director of Programming, CBS Reality and Executive Producer on “Written in Blood,” added: “Our audience consumes crime across all media, so we were keen to bring the world of crime books on screen and investigate how literature is so often inspired by the true crimes the CBS Reality audience loves to watch. A glimpse into the world of crime authors has brought a great new addition to the traditional true crime re-telling format, with Simon Toyne guiding us perfectly through this journey.”

Rick Murray, Creative Director, Endemol Shine North, said: "Seeing true crimes through the eyes of authors has proved to be as fascinating as we'd hoped."

A podcast with additional, in-depth conversation about each case will be available via Acast and iTunes.

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Editors Notes

CBS Reality is the biggest factual entertainment channel in the UK amongst adult women and a Top 10 most watched non-PSB channel amongst all adults¹. The channel has invested significantly in original programming consisting of in-depth and relevant real life crime stories that resonate well with CBS Reality's loyal audience.

Other CBS Reality Originals include "Murderers and Their Mothers," "Killer Clergy," "Stalkers Who Kill," "The Day I Should Have Died," "Uncovering Melanie's Murderer," "Encounters with Evil," and most recently "Teens Who Kill" and "The Jury Room."

The key art and a portrait of Simon Toyne can be downloaded at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9savocg2h6paknj/AADzdEMC0PtBSvZnfqXMeYaLa?dl=0>

For more information on the channel please visit:

<http://www.cbsreality.tv/>

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¹ based on 0900-2959 daypart, All adults 2016

Source: BARB/Techedge, audience shares based on whole day viewing, adults

than 25 million homes throughout the UK via the Sky, Virgin Media, Freesat and Freeview platforms.

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Endemol Shine North is a label within Endemol Shine UK which specialises in ambitious factual television and content creation for major brands. Based in Manchester, recent global hits include “Idris Elba: Fighter” for Discovery and “Supercar Megabuild” for Nat Geo.