

PODCAST REVIEW



Mortem

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“ Spending your days in a cold clinical mortuary with a fridge full of dead bodies isn’t everyone’s number one career choice...but I beg to differ. ”

Mortician Carla Valentine’s podcast takes listeners from the mortuary to the scene of a crime and follows how the body reached her slab.

From the first cut to the final stitch, Carla examines each body and, working alongside forensic scientists, joins the dots to tell the tale of each victim, where the smallest of clues may hold the answer.

Mortem, a *BBC Sounds* podcast, uses fictional cases, but real science and experts in each story.

The first case looks at the badly-burned remains of Tom Harris, found in a nature reserve in East

Anglia. Initial signs point to suicide, but a death like this must be treated as suspicious. Is there more to the story?

What do traces of soot inside a victim’s lungs prove? What can a grain of pollen in the deceased’s hair tell us? Carla talks the listener through the evidence a corpse can provide as to the cause of death.

Carla can be found on Twitter @ChickAndTheDead and the *Mortem* podcast can be downloaded via the *BBC Sounds* App.

