

Let's talk about... crime fiction

| English | synonyms (=) , antonyms (#), collocations and word families | German |
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| detective | ~ a detection | Detektiv, Kriminalbeamter |
| (to) detect | (to) detect a crime deduction | aufdecken, ermitteln |
| (to) solve | ~ a solution | auflösen, lösen |
| (to) investigate | (to) investigate the facts (to) investigate a crime | ermitteln, nachforschen |
| investigation | (to) be under investigation | Ermittlung |
| an investigator | chief investigator criminal investigator | Ermittler |
| (to) capture | # (to) elude capture | aufgreifen, gefangennehmen |
| captivity | | Gefangenheit |
| novel | crime novel detective novel | Roman |
| whodunit | = focus on finding the culprit | Krimi, Kriminalroman |
| howcatchem | = focus on the investigation | Krimi, Kriminalroman |
| (to) identify | identification | identifizieren, erkennen |
| culprit | chief culprit / main culprit | Täter, Übeltäter |
| perpetrator | (to) perpetrate sth. | Täter, Verursacher |
| (to) reveal | ~ a revelation | aufzeigen, aufdecken |
| crime | crime fiction crime novel (to) commit a crime | Verbrechen, Straftat |
| a criminal | | Verbrecher(in) |
| murder | (to) murder sb. (to) be accused of murder | jmd ermorden, Mord |
| a murderer | ~ mass murderer | Mörder(in) |
| homicide | (to) report a homicide, a cold-blooded homicide | Mord / Totschlag |
| assault | a brutal assault on sb. | Angriff, Anschlag, Überfall |
| revenge | (to) revenge sb. / sth. | Rache |
| deceit | (to) deceive sb. Deceitful | Betrug |
| (to) suspect sb. | | Jmd. Im Verdacht haben |
| a suspect | | Verdächtiger |
| suspect | ~ (to) become suspect | verdächtig |
| victim | (to) victimize sb. (to) fall victim to a crime | Opfer Jnd/etw. zum Opfer fallen |
| innocent | # guilty | unschuldig |
| suspense | (to) create suspense heart-pounding suspense | Spannung, Ungewissheit |
| tension | ~ nervousness, stress | Anspannung, Spannung |
| plot | | Handlung |
| (plot) twist | | unerwartete Wendung |
| red herring | | falsche Fährte |

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| (to) mislead sb. | Misleading | jnd. Irreführen, täuschen |
| foreboding | a sense of foreboding ~ | Vorahnung |
| flashback | | Rückblende |
| anticipation | (to) anticipate | Erwartung, Vorwegnahme |
| motive | | Beweggrund, Motiv |
| clue | (to) have a clue | Hinweis, Anhaltspunkt |
| (to) question | | fragen, anzweifeln |
| (to) question sb. | = (to) interrogate sb. | jnd. ins Verhör nehmen |
| conviction | prior conviction - Vorstrafe | Verurteilung |
| disposition | personal disposition | Gesinnung, Charakter |
| flawed | flawed character | mangelhaft, fehlerhaft |
| evidence | (to) gather evidence | Belege, Beweise |
| (to) deny | (to) deny murdering sb. | Aberkennen, ablehnen, abstreiten |
| (to) hold sb. accountable | | jnd zur Verantwortung ziehen |