The Delightfully Popular Midsomer Murders by Carolyn Ann Clayton

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The British TV detective drama Midsomer Murders first aired back in 1997, and as of October 26th 2011 there have been 88 episodes that have aired on British ITV. This has included fourteen series as well as two Christmas specials. The detective drama is based on books by author Caroline Graham. DCI Tom Barnaby (wonderfully played by John Nettles) is the showâ€™s lead character who works for the Causton CID. Nettles left in 2011 and was subsequently replaced by Neil dudgeon who is the younger cousin of Tom called DCI John Barnaby.

All of the stories centre on the efforts of the Barnabyâ€™s in solving the many murders taking place within the fictional county of Midsomer in England. There have been numerous Sergeants all through the running of the show. They are DS Gavin Troy (played by Daniel Casey) as well as DS Dan Scott (played by John Hopkins). DS Ben Jones (played by Jason Hughes) is currently in the series.

The county town in Midsomer county is called Causton. It is a mid-sized town where DCI Tom Barnaby (Detective Chief Inspector) lives with Joyce, his wife. The CID (Criminal Investigation Department) is also located here. Many of the small towns and villages within this county have Midsomer in their names. The crime rate in the county is particularly high, and the Constabulary gets inundated with murder cases.

Midsomer Murders is filmed on location within Buckinghamshire and the nearby counties of Surrey, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hertfordshire. Lead characters include and have included Detective Chief Inspector (DCI) John Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon), DS Ben Jones (Jason Hughes), Sarah Barnaby (Fiona Dolman), Gail Stephens DC (Kirsty Dillon), Dr. Kate Wilding (Tamzin Malleson), Detective Chief Inspector (DCI) Tom Barnaby (John Nettles), Joyce Barnaby (Jane Wymark), Dr George Bullard (Barry Jackson), DI Gavin Troy (Daniel Casey), DS Daniel Scott (John Hopkins), and Cully Dixon (Laura Howard).

The show is just as popular in other diverse countries such as South Africa, Japan, Russia, Italy, Iceland, Germany, Finland and Poland to name a few. Midsomer Murders bus tours are offered in London that can transport fans into the delightful yet sinister backgrounds that are so familiar to Tom Barnaby and the rest of the clan. Fans will get to see the actual locations where the series is filmed and that give the show its distinctive character. The bus tours visit grand houses, quaint stores, delightful village greens, cosy pubs, ancient churches and fairytale houses that all feature significantly in the deadly but magical Midsomer. Quizzes are always held after the tours with special prizes on hand. Tour highlights will also include visiting the church that was seen in the film â€˜Four Weddings and a Funeralâ€™.

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