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### About the author

LM Milford is a crime fiction author who writes the Allensbury Mysteries, covering the exploits of local newspaper reporter Dan Sullivan.

A former newspaper journalist, Lynne's experience has influenced her work, although her stories were never as exciting as Dan's.

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## When State of Play meets Midsomer Murders...

### Welcome to Allensbury - a small town with a deadly reputation

Betrayal and murder are on the programme at Allensbury Dance and Drama School.

When local crime reporter Emma Fletcher is asked to help identify her friend's blackmailer, she discovers a link to the recent death of a teacher.

Meanwhile, a police investigation is uncovering some dark secrets, and it is clear that someone is seeking revenge for past wrongs.

As Emma's list of suspects continues to grow, the discovery of a second body puts her in the killer's sights.

Warned off the investigation by the police for her own safety, Emma decides the best way to save herself is to find the culprit first.

With the help of fellow news reporter Dan Sullivan, Emma must work out who is targeting Allensbury Dance and Drama School before the killer strikes again.

Readers say:

'A thrilling page turner...completely blew my socks off'

'A well paced mystery that had me gripped'

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