

SUMMERS

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to WMT Studios. It is our pleasure to invite you to join us in a short experimental evening in crime. Down through the ages, murder and mayhem have fascinated each and every one of us. So tonight we have brought together the outstanding mystery writers of their time. Look at these five people, ladies and gentlemen. What do you see?

Genius! That's what you see. Five brains which have been dedicated to murder. WMT Studios has brought together, at great expense, these five minds to collaborate and become one, to bring you the greatest mystery series of all time, what we hope will be television's finest hour. It is my idea, or rather the idea of the WMT Studios to combine these talents, to put a little Maxwell here, a splash of Benedict there, a dose of Duckton, a few dashes of Olives, and come up with a tossed salad of murder. As you can see, we're all very informal at this gathering. Tonight our authors will get acquainted with each other and their working methods. It will just be a little fun. Immediately following this show, our five authors will be flow to the Caribbean where tomorrow they will travel by small boat to Vulture's Vault. There, ladies and gentlemen, they will create--create stories of suspense, intrigue, and murder. (This line builds to a shout:) A series rivaled by none in the history of television.