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MrBallen Podcast: Strange, Dark & Mysterious Stories - Hosted by John B. Allen, this podcast delivers true crime stories in a podcast format.

Ukrainecast - Hosted by Victoria Derbyshire, Vitaly Shevchenko, and Frank Gardner, it covers the War in Ukraine, a humanitarian crisis, and reaction in Kyiv, Westminster, and beyond.

The Rest Is Politics - Hosted by Rory Stewart and Alastair Campbell, this podcast lifts the lid on the secrets of Westminster with former Downing Street Director of Communications and Strategy Alastair Campbell and cabinet minister Rory Stewart.

Club Random with Bill Maher - Hosted by Bill Maher, this podcast rewrites the rules of podcasting in a series of one-on-one, hour-long conversations with unexpected guests.

Scamfluencers - Hosted by Scaachi Koul and Sarah Hagi, it explores the world of influence and exposes Scamfluencers.

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**American Hostage**
- **Star**: Jon Hamm, **Director**: Shawn Christensen
- **Type**: Fiction
- Based on a true story, American Hostage stars Jon Hamm as Fred Heckman, a beloved local radio reporter who is thrust into the middle of a life-or-death crisis when hostage-taker, Tony Kiritsis, demands to be interviewed on his popular radio news program. Kiritsis has tied a shotgun...

**NEW: That Peter Crouch Podcast**
- **Host**: Peter Crouch
- **Type**: Sports
- That Peter Crouch Podcast: Back Stronger

**State of Ukraine**
- **Host**: Steve Inskeep
- **Type**: News
- With reporters on the ground, conversations with politicians and officials, and breakdowns of what’s going on, we’ll bring you everything you need to know about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, multiple times a day. We’ll discuss the conflict’s past, its possible futures, and what each...

**Putin**
- **Host**: Jonny Dymond
- **Type**: Society
- Jonny Dymond tells the extraordinary and revealing story of Vladimir Putin’s life with the help of guests who have watched, studied and dealt with the Russian president.

**Ridiculous Crime**
- **Hosts**: Zaron Burnett, Elizabeth Dutton
- **Type**: True Crime
- True Crime is more than blood, guts, mayhem, and murder. Zaron Burnett and Elizabeth Dutton share outlandish tales of capers, heists, and cons that shine a light on the absurd and outrageous side of criminality. Always 99% murder-free and 100% ridiculous, this is Ridiculous...

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11. Twin Flames (ART19)

Host: Stephanie Beatriz

Culture: We all want love, that happily-ever-after feeling of finding your soulmate. What if someone not only claimed they could help you find that perfect partner, they guaranteed it? Jeff and Shaleia, a young couple famous on YouTube, teach about “Twin Flames” — a deep, romantic...

Publisher: Wondery

Power Score™: 80

12. Liar, Liar: Melissa Caddick and the Missing Millions (Omny Studio)

Hosts: Kate McClymont, Tom Steinfort

True Crime: Since late 2020, the case of missing Sydney woman Melissa Caddick has captivated the country. A seemingly successful businesswoman from Sydney’s eastern suburbs went missing after authorities raided her Dover Heights home amid questions over an unlicensed financial...

Publisher: The Age and Sydney Morning Herald

Power Score™: 80

13. Will Be Wild (ART19)

Hosts: Ilya Marritz, Andrea Bernstein

Politics: Will Be Wild is a new 8-part series about the forces that led to the January 6th insurrection and what comes next. Through in-depth stories from a wide range of characters – from people who tried to stop the attack to those who took part – hosts Andrea Bernstein and Ilya Marri...

Publisher: Pineapple Street Studios | Wondery | Amazon Music

Power Score™: 80

14. Ukraine: The Latest (ART19)

News: War in Ukraine, a humanitarian crisis and reaction in Kyiv, Westminster and beyond. The Telegraph's top journalists tell you what you need to know every weekday.

Publisher: The Telegraph

Power Score™: 79

15. What Happened To Sandy Beal (Omny Studio)

Host: Melissa Jeltsen

True Crime: What Happened to Sandy Beal investigates the violent death of a young woman who dreamed of a career in law enforcement. The search for answers leads to accusations of conspiracy and cover up that have haunted her family for more than 40 years. Investigative...

Publisher: iHeartPodcasts

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Host Jacob Goldstein

**What's Your Problem?**

*Technology* Every week on What's Your Problem, entrepreneurs and engineers talk about the future they're trying to build – and the problems they have to solve to get there. How do you take a drone delivery service you've built in Rwanda and make it work in North Carolina? How do you convince...

Host Marianna Spring

**Death by Conspiracy?**

*True Crime* How one man was drawn into online conspiracies and how they led to his death - an investigation by the BBC's disinformation reporter Marianna Spring.

Host Blake de Pastino

**Eons: Mysteries of Deep Time**

*Natural Sciences* Dig into the past and explore the greatest mysteries of natural history with the team behind the hit YouTube series PBS Eons. From the dawn of the dinosaurs to downtown Los Angeles, we're covering what we know — and what we still don’t know — about the history of life on Earth.

Hosts Brian Gaar, Patrick Brown, Charlotte McGrath

**Ship Hits The Fan**

*True Crime* What’s worse than death? How about meeting your end on the high seas, marooned, while sharks swim hungrily by? Or being trapped in a toppled ship in the middle of a bustling city? Set sail with Charlotte, Patrick and Brian as these three landlubbers delve into the depths of history to find th...

Hosts Elyse Willems, Jessica Vasami

**30 Morbid Minutes**

*True Crime* 30 Morbid Minutes investigates morbid and creepy topics, people, places, and events, pulled from history and the headlines of today. Hosted by Jessica Vasami and Elyse Willems.

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