

Nora Dean

Synopsis written by
K&M Dean
TheDeans2

Format Description: A limited crime drama of 4 - 6 episodes, "*Nora Dean*" is a tense, suspenseful, intriguing dark crime drama, set in the present day and explores the phenomenon of influencers and the people who follow them.

Setting: Modern day with multiple urban and rural locations internal and external.

Story Outline: A ferry arrives at Seydisfjörður, a young woman (Vilde) gets onto her motorbike, turning on her helmet camera and disembarks heading for this year's Iceland Adventure Bikefest where she is the guest of honour.

We follow her journey. An empty road beckons, excited, she opens up the throttle on the motorbike. A steel cable across a roadway can decapitate a rider very easily at 60kph. A motorbike can slide a long way without its headless rider. A camera mounted on a helmet can be tossed a great distance at those speeds.

On her daily rounds, Nora is the first responder and being a motorbike nut herself, recognises the bike and the outfit the decapitated form is wearing. A Detective Inspector finally arrives – the road is some distance away from police HQ – and recognizing Nora and understanding the skills she brings, tries to involve her in the investigation. Against her will and the wishes of her husband, Nora agrees to share her knowledge but there are conditions. In a compromise with her husband, she will only work until 4pm, will not be called out at night or the weekends.

Nora leads us through the investigation with dogged determination as she struggles to assimilate, keep her husband and her sanity. The investigation works through each of the suspects in turn as the darkness of each one is revealed and Nora's mental wellbeing deteriorates as she searches desperately for the missing head.

Finally settling on Nils, a cat and mouse chase begins as his behaviour escalates at the prospect of being brought down by a woman. Will he be caught? Will Nora make it out of this in one piece and with her marriage and career in tact?

Main Characters:

Protagonist – Nora Dean (35): Nora is at an emotional crossroads. Seemingly successful in her career as a fast-tracked Detective Inspector, with a loving husband and settled home life. However, Nora became a workaholic feeling the need to prove herself worthy of her position. Hostility towards her gender, her fast tracking, missing out the beat police stage and the sudden death of her mother all took their toll on her wellbeing and her marriage. An ultimatum from her husband Jorn, sees Nora take up a secondment/exchange to Iceland in a post lower in status than her current role in the UK's National Crime Agency. Always wanting to prove herself, Nora sets about immersing herself in the language and culture. We often see her with air buds and speaking out loud to herself as she grapples learning the language.

Victim: Vilde Antrobus (late 20s early 30s): Vilde instantly regretted marrying her husband Tommy and hating her life, set off on her own on an adventure around the world. Now, Vilde is a successful influencer and motorbike vlogger. Her online handle – “*Vildeness Rider*”. Her solo world motorcycling channel has grown from being unwatched to now having over 450k subscribers. Building her channel wasn’t easy so in the early days to make ends meet, Vilde smuggled Ketamine across borders for a mid-level OCG. Always on the move, Vilde tries to escape that part of her past, but it keeps catching up with her.

Suspect 1 - Tommy (Vilde’s husband): Tommy inherited a small chain of less than successful Norwegian hotels. Tapping into the trend for all things boutique, he transformed their fortunes and is now wanting to sell them on to do something else. He is driven, obsessive and has a super ego which was rocked by his wife’s disappearance so soon into the marriage. Tommy and Wilda are still legally married. Tommy wants to sell his chain of boutique hotels and start a new life. A pre-nup stands in his way of having 100% of the sales proceeds.

Suspects 2 & 3 – Jimmy & Steven: Mid-level drug dealers who pounced on Vilde when she was at her lowest and who are not accepting of her “retirement” from their network.

Suspects 4 & 5 - Dervla & Olivia, married for 5 years but together for over 15. Olivia is a Vilde super fan following every move Vilde makes and shows up at events where Vilde makes an appearance. Olivia is a toxic fan, following Vilde only because she thinks she could do a better job. Dervla’s sole aim in life is to make her wife happy and she will do anything to ensure that.

Suspect 6 - Christian (late 50s): A café owner who is furious that his summer trade is being “stolen” by the ADV Bike Fest. It used to be so different. So what he scrimped on quality and charged a small fortune. Now he faces financial ruin and is very vocal to the local media about who he believes is to blame.

Suspect 7 – Nils (killer, mid 30s): Delusional bordering on psychotic, Nils believes his motorbike image should make him irresistible to all women and cannot understand why he is not. Spurned by Vilde on a number of occasions, Nils seeks and finds like-minded men on the dark web who challenge him to rid the world of one more uppity, man hating female. Nils sets his sights on Vilde.