**Prescribed Structure 7 – Cluedo**

**Story Surrounding Richard Green Lancelyn:**

* Richard Green Lancelyn was investigating Arthur Conan Doyle (author of Sherlock Holmes) to write a biography
* He was the chairman of a Sherlock Holmes fan club
* Before he died he had been warning people someone was after him
* He was looking for missing documents and found the family had been hiding them and was going to auction them
* March 27th his sister (who called the night before with no answer) knocked on the door, worried
* No answer so she calls police
* He was found dead downstairs on his bed
* Scattered around him was Sherlock Holmes posters and books
* There was a small cord around his neck
* He had been garrotted (strangled)
* He warned a London Times Reporter “something might happen to him”
* He gave his sister 3 phone numbers to keep safe

**Odd Facts About the Crime Scene:**

* The ‘weapon’ was a small black shoe lace
* There was a wooden spoon near Green’s hand
  + This is said to possible have been to help him strangle himself
* Several stuffed animals on the bed
* Partly empty bottle of Gin
* No sign of forced entry or theft
* Assumed suicide, but garrotting is really hard to do to yourself
* The coroner had only ever seen one other self-garrotting
* He had a phone conversation with his friend almost just before he died
  + “You’ve got nothing to worry about”
  + “No, I am worried.”
  + “What? You fear for your life?”
  + “I do.”
* Nothing was stolen
* He was blind in one eye
* No history of poor mental health or depression
* When his sister called him the night before, there was an American voice on the phone (and Green had warned an American was after him)
  + Was this the murderer? Added by the murderer? Just the pre-recorded tone?
* “The Curse of Conan Doyle”
* <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2004/may/23/books.booksnews>

**Other Whodunnits:**

* The Problem of Thor Bridge (Sherlock Holmes novel)
* Scream (film)
* Jack the Ripper (serial killer)
* Riverdale (TV show)
* Whodunnit (TV show)
* Zodiac Killer (serial killer)
* Zodiac (film)
* Murder on the Orient Express (film)
* Gone Girl (film)
* Wind River (film)
* Identity (film)
* Dr. No (serial killer)
* Rainbow Maniac (serial killer)
* Alphabet Killer (serial killer)
* Atlanta Ripper (serial killer)
* Volga Maniac (serial killer)
* <https://www.insider.com/serial-killers-who-were-never-caught-2018-5>