

# The Final Curtain (Danielle Ross Mystery Book

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List of New Tricks episodes

*2017. &quot;S5-E1 Spare Parts&quot;. Radio Times. Retrieved 4 March 2017. &quot;S5-E2 Final Curtain&quot;. Radio Times. Retrieved 4 March 2017. &quot;S5-E3 A Face for Radio&quot;. Radio*

New Tricks is a British police procedural comedy-drama that follows the fictional Unsolved Crime and Open Case Squad (UCOS) of the Metropolitan Police Service. The show was created by Roy Mitchell and Nigel McCrery, and premiered in 2003 with a 90-minute special, which later resulted in show's first full series airing. New Tricks ran for twelve series – from 2003 until 2015 – concluding on 6 October 2015. BBC controller Charlotte Moore and BBC drama controller Ben Stephenson explained the reason behind the show's cancellation on 24 February 2015, stating that "it's important to make room for new series and continue to increase the range of drama on the channel".

The original cast of New Tricks consisted of Amanda Redman, Dennis Waterman, James Bolam, and Alun Armstrong, and were dubbed a "dream team" by the Controller of BBC's Drama Commissioning Ben Stephenson; however, on 18 September 2011, Bolam announced he would be leaving the show. Almost three months later, on 11 January 2012, Denis Lawson was revealed as Bolam's replacement. On 18 August 2012, Redman announced she too would be leaving the show. Just four days later, Armstrong also quit the show. Replacements for Redman and Armstrong were former EastEnders actress Tamzin Outhwaite, who was announced on 8 May 2013, and Nicholas Lyndhurst, best known for his roles in Only Fools and Horses, The Piglet Files, Goodnight Sweetheart, After You've Gone and Rock and Chips, whose casting was announced earlier, on 14 November 2012. The show's final remaining original cast member, Waterman, decided to quit the show on 19 September 2014. Following Waterman's departure, former EastEnders and Gavin and Stacey actor Larry Lamb joined the cast.

Waterman, who played Gerry Standing in the police procedural show and had other well-known roles in The Sweeney as DS George Carter and Minder as Terry McCann, died on 8 May 2022.

Gilbert Morris

*Golden Vials, never released This series was originally known as the Danielle Ross Mysteries. It has been republished with new names by Crossway Books, a*

Gilbert Leslie Morris (May 13, 1929 — February 18, 2016) was an American Christian author. He is also sometimes cited as Gilbert L. Morris or Gilbert Leslie Morris.

Gilbert was born May 24, 1929, in Forrest City, Arkansas, the son of Osceola McCoy and Jewell Irene Gilbert Morris.

He was a pastor for 10 years before becoming Professor of English at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas. He has a Ph.D at the University of Arkansas. During the summers of 1984 and 1985, he did postgraduate work at the University of London.

He lived in Gulf Shores, Alabama with his wife, Johnnie Yvonne Fegert Morris. They married May 20, 1949, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and had 3 children, including a daughter, Lynn Morris and a son, Alan Blake Morris, who both co-wrote with him. His other daughter is named Stacy Morris Smith. His granddaughter Dixie, who helped write the Dixie Series, also lived in Gulf Shores, with her husband Brad Downs and their son Jackson Gilbert Downs.

Many of Dr. Morris' books are published by Bethany House Publishers.

Kiss (band)

*October 23, 2023. Savoie, Dan (November 14, 2023). "Gene Simmons – The Final Curtain: Kiss's Canadian Farewell". 519 Magazine. Retrieved November 15, 2023*

Kiss (commonly styled as KI?? or KISS) was an American rock band formed in New York City in 1973 by Paul Stanley (vocals, rhythm guitar), Gene Simmons (vocals, bass guitar), Ace Frehley (lead guitar, vocals) and Peter Criss (drums, vocals). Known for their face paint and stage outfits, the group rose to prominence in the mid-1970s with shock rock–style live performances that featured fire-breathing, blood-spitting, smoking guitars, shooting rockets, levitating drum kits and pyrotechnics. The band went through several lineup changes, with Stanley and Simmons remaining the only consistent members. The final lineup consisted of Stanley, Simmons, Tommy Thayer (lead guitar, vocals) and Eric Singer (drums, vocals).

With their makeup and costumes, the band members took on the personas of comic book-style characters: the Starchild (Stanley), the Demon (Simmons), the Spaceman or Space Ace (Frehley), and the Catman (Criss). During the second half of the 1970s, Kiss became one of America's most successful rock bands and a pop culture phenomenon. The band's commercial success declined during the early 1980s; however, it experienced a resurgence in 1983 when the band members began performing without makeup and costumes, marking the beginning of the band's "unmasked" era that would last until 1996. The first album of this era, 1983's platinum-certified *Lick It Up*, successfully introduced the band to a new generation of fans, and its music videos received regular airplay on MTV. In response to a wave of Kiss nostalgia in the mid-1990s, the original lineup reunited in 1996; at this time, the band resumed using makeup and stage costumes. The resulting 1996–1997 reunion tour was the band's most successful, grossing \$143.7 million. In January 2019, Kiss began its final worldwide tour, and the band retired after performing its final show in New York City in December 2023.

Kiss is regarded as one of the most influential rock bands of all time, as well as one of the best selling bands of all time. Kiss has also earned 30 Gold albums, the most of any band from the United States. Kiss has earned 14 Platinum albums, three of which earned multi-Platinum status. The four original members of Kiss were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April 2014. Kiss was ranked by MTV as the ninth-greatest metal band of all time, placed tenth on VH1's "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock" list, was ranked as the third "Best Metal and Hard Rock Live Band of All Time" by Loudwire magazine, and was placed sixteenth by the British magazine *Classic Rock* on their "The 50 Best Rock Bands of All Time" list.

Donald Trump

*weight if he wins the presidency?" NPR News. Retrieved November 23, 2024. VendeHei, Jim; Allen, Mike (February 26, 2025). "Behind the Curtain: Trump's media-control*

Donald John Trump (born June 14, 1946) is an American politician, media personality, and businessman who is the 47th president of the United States. A member of the Republican Party, he served as the 45th president from 2017 to 2021.

Born into a wealthy family in New York City, Trump graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He became the president of his family's real estate business in 1971, renamed it the Trump Organization, and began acquiring and building skyscrapers, hotels, casinos, and golf courses. He launched side ventures, many licensing the Trump name, and filed for six business bankruptcies in the 1990s and 2000s. From 2004 to 2015, he hosted the reality television show *The Apprentice*, bolstering his fame as a billionaire. Presenting himself as a political outsider, Trump won the 2016 presidential election against Democratic Party nominee Hillary Clinton.

During his first presidency, Trump imposed a travel ban on seven Muslim-majority countries, expanded the Mexico–United States border wall, and enforced a family separation policy on the border. He rolled back environmental and business regulations, signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and appointed three Supreme Court justices. In foreign policy, Trump withdrew the U.S. from agreements on climate, trade, and Iran's nuclear program, and initiated a trade war with China. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020, he downplayed its severity, contradicted health officials, and signed the CARES Act. After losing the 2020 presidential election to Joe Biden, Trump attempted to overturn the result, culminating in the January 6 Capitol attack in 2021. He was impeached in 2019 for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, and in 2021 for incitement of insurrection; the Senate acquitted him both times.

In 2023, Trump was found liable in civil cases for sexual abuse and defamation and for business fraud. He was found guilty of falsifying business records in 2024, making him the first U.S. president convicted of a felony. After winning the 2024 presidential election against Kamala Harris, he was sentenced to a penalty-free discharge, and two felony indictments against him for retention of classified documents and obstruction of the 2020 election were dismissed without prejudice. A racketeering case related to the 2020 election in Georgia is pending.

Trump began his second presidency by initiating mass layoffs of federal workers. He imposed tariffs on nearly all countries at the highest level since the Great Depression and signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. His administration's actions—including intimidation of political opponents and civil society, deportations of immigrants, and extensive use of executive orders—have drawn over 300 lawsuits challenging their legality. High-profile cases have underscored his broad interpretation of the unitary executive theory and have led to significant conflicts with the federal courts. Judges found many of his administration's actions to be illegal, and several have been described as unconstitutional.

Since 2015, Trump's leadership style and political agenda—often referred to as Trumpism—have reshaped the Republican Party's identity. Many of his comments and actions have been characterized as racist or misogynistic, and he has made false or misleading statements and promoted conspiracy theories to an extent unprecedented in American politics. Trump's actions, especially in his second term, have been described as authoritarian and contributing to democratic backsliding. After his first term, scholars and historians ranked him as one of the worst presidents in American history.

## Agatha Award

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Early meetings of the Malice Domestic Committee occurred in fall 1987, with the first convention held on April 21–23, 1989, in Silver Spring, MD. Malice Domestic Ltd was incorporated in 1992. It is governed by a volunteer board of directors.

List of female detective characters

*detective in this Swedish series by Kjersti Scheen. The only book translated to English so far is Final Curtain. Nora Mulcahaney is a NYC police detective appearing*

This is a list of fictional female investigators from novels, short stories, radio, television, films and video games.

Cats (musical)

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Cats is a sung-through musical with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It is based on the 1939 poetry collection Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot. The musical tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make the "Jellicle choice" by deciding which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new life. As of 2024, Cats remains the fifth-longest-running Broadway show and the eighth-longest-running West End show.

Lloyd Webber began setting Eliot's poems to music in 1977, and the compositions were first presented as a song cycle in 1980. Producer Cameron Mackintosh then recruited director Trevor Nunn and choreographer Gillian Lynne to turn the songs into a complete musical. Cats opened to positive reviews at the New London Theatre in the West End in 1981 and then to mixed reviews at the Winter Garden Theatre on Broadway in 1982. It won numerous awards including Best Musical at both the Laurence Olivier and Tony Awards. Despite its unusual premise that deterred investors initially, the musical turned out to be an unprecedented commercial success, with a worldwide gross of US\$3.5 billion by 2012.

The London production ran for 21 years and 8,949 performances, while the Broadway production ran for 18 years and 7,485 performances, making Cats the longest-running musical in both theatre districts for a number of years. Cats has since been revived in the West End twice and on Broadway once. It has also been translated into multiple languages and performed around the world many times. Long-running foreign productions include a 15-year run at the Operettenhaus in Hamburg that played over 6,100 performances, as well as an ongoing run in a purpose-built theatre in Japan that has played over 10,000 performances since it opened in 1983.

Cats started the megamusical phenomenon, establishing a global market for musical theatre and directing the industry's focus to big-budget blockbusters, as well as family- and tourist-friendly shows. The musical's profound but polarising influence also reshaped the aesthetic, technology, and marketing of the medium. Cats was adapted into a direct-to-video film in 1998 and a feature film in 2019.

Mamie Van Doren

*memoir about her pet parrot China. Van Doren describes the story as "a look behind the curtain into my everyday life. It's often funny, but, like so many*

Mamie Van Doren (; born Joan Lucille Olander; February 6, 1931) is an American actress, singer, and model. A blonde bombshell, she is one of the "Three M's" along with Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield, who were friends and contemporaries. In 1953, Van Doren, then named Joan Lucille Olander, signed a seven-year contract with Universal, which hoped that she would be their version of Monroe. She starred in teen dramas, exploitation, musical, comedy and rock and roll films, amongst other genres, many of which

have gone on to become cult classics. She was one of the leading sex symbols in the 1950s.

Van Doren was born and raised in Rowena, South Dakota, but her parents moved to Sioux City, Iowa and eventually to Los Angeles in 1942 before she married Jack Newman. In 1949, at the age of eighteen, she won Miss Palm Springs and Miss Eight Ball. As Miss Eight Ball, she was discovered by film producer Howard Hughes, who put her in the RKO films *His Kind of Woman* (1951), *Two Tickets to Broadway* (1951), and *Jet Pilot* (1957) with minor roles. In 1950, she was dating heavyweight boxer Jack Dempsey in New York City and was engaged with him. However, she left him to go back to L.A. On January 20, 1953, Van Doren signed a contract with Universal, who wanted Van Doren to be Universal's equivalent of Monroe. While at Universal, Van Doren changed her name to Mamie Van Doren, with the "Van Doren" part coming from Universal telling Van Doren she was more Dutch than Swedish, and the "Mamie" part coming from then-First Lady Mamie Eisenhower.

During her time at Universal, Van Doren starred in movies such as *The Second Greatest Sex* (1955), *Running Wild* (1955) and *The All American* (1953). Outside of Universal, she starred in *Untamed Youth* (1957), *Teacher's Pet* (1958), *High School Confidential* (1958), *Born Reckless* (1958), *The Beat Generation* (1959), and *Sex Kittens Go To College* (1960). She starred on television shows such as *What's My Line?*, *The Jack Benny Program*, and *The Bob Cummings Show*. After Universal failed to renew her contract in 1959, Van Doren struggled to find work as a free agent. Van Doren starred in many B movies, such as *Voyage to the Planet of Prehistoric Women* (1968), *The Las Vegas Hillbillies* (1966) with Mansfield, and *3 Nuts in Search of a Bolt* (1964), a film which challenged the Hays Code. The same year, she appeared in the June 1964 *Playboy* magazine with nude photos of her on the set of the film.

Van Doren has married five times, and had intimate affairs with many other Hollywood actors. Van Doren went to Vietnam during the Vietnam War to entertain troops in the 1970s. Partially due to the sudden deaths of Mansfield and Monroe, Van Doren decided to retire from acting. In 1987, Van Doren released her autobiography, *Playing the Field: My Story*. On February 1, 1994, Van Doren received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 1998, Van Doren created her website describing herself as "the first authentic kitten on Cyberspace". In 2022, Van Doren released her most recent book, *China & Me*, and has recently begun writing a third autobiography, *Secrets of the Goddess*.

## Roger Scruton

*overseas, some of it teaching at the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour in Pau, France, where he met his first wife, Danielle Laffitte. He also lived in*

Sir Roger Vernon Scruton, ( ; 27 February 1944 – 12 January 2020) was an English philosopher, writer, and social critic who specialised in aesthetics and political philosophy, particularly in the furtherance of conservative views. The founding-editor of *The Salisbury Review*, a conservative political journal, Scruton wrote over 50 books on architecture, art, philosophy, politics, religion, among other topics. Scruton was also Chairman of the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission for the United Kingdom's government, from 2019 to 2020. His views on classical architecture and beauty are still promoted via his foundation, while his political stances remain influential.

His publications include *The Meaning of Conservatism* (1980), *Sexual Desire* (1986), *The Aesthetics of Music* (1997), and *How to Be a Conservative* (2014). He was a regular contributor to the popular media, including *The Times*, *The Spectator*, and *the New Statesman*. Scruton explained that he embraced conservatism after witnessing the May 1968 student protests in France. From 1971 to 1992 he was lecturer, reader, and then Professor of Aesthetics at Birkbeck College, London, after which he was Professor of Philosophy at Boston University until 1995. From then on, he worked as a freelance writer and scholar, though he later held several part-time or temporary academic positions, including in the United States. In the 1980s he helped to establish underground academic networks in Soviet-controlled Eastern Europe, for which he was awarded the Czech Republic's Medal of Merit (First Class) by President Václav Havel in 1998.

Scruton was knighted in the 2016 Birthday Honours for "services to philosophy, teaching and public education".

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