

Viveca Sten's 'The Åre Murders' adapted as Viaplay series

- Viveca Sten's crime novels published in more than 40 countries
- Six-part adaptation to stream on Viaplay in 2024
- 'The Åre Murders' produced by SF Studios in partnership with Viaplay

The bestselling Swedish author Viveca Sten's hit crime novels 'The Åre Murders' will be adapted as a drama series by Viaplay. Set in the simultaneously beautiful and bleak mountain landscapes of northern Sweden, the six-part show is produced by SF Studios in partnership with Viaplay and is directed by Joakim Eliasson ('Honour'; 'Gåsmamman'). Sten's books have been published in more than 40 countries and sold over 7.5 million copies, with the screen version of her 'The Sandhamn Murders' reaching nearly 100 million viewers worldwide since 2010.

In 'The Åre Murders', Stockholm police officer Hanna Ahlander takes refuge from her personal and professional problems in the scenic village of Åre. But when a young woman disappears one freezing St. Lucia's Day, Hanna is rapidly drawn into the investigation. Local police officer Daniel Lindskog reluctantly accepts her help — but can they trust each other?

Viveca Sten: "It feels great that this story will now be a series on Viaplay! When I started writing the books in Åre during the coronavirus pandemic, I never imagined they would come to the screen so soon. I hope and believe that 'The Åre Murders' will be just as successful as 'The Sandhamn Murders' and I'm particularly looking forward to participating as an executive producer."

Filippa Wallestam, Viaplay Group Chief Content Officer: "Viveca Sten's storytelling has proven local and international appeal, and we anticipate a broad audience for this ambitious adaptation. 'The Åre Murders' will deliver idyllic winter locations and ice-cold crime, all through the eyes of engaging characters familiar to Viveca's millions of readers. High-quality shows such as this set Viaplay apart and underline once again that Nordic noir has a very bright future."

'The Åre Murders' (Swedish title: 'Åremorden') will start filming in spring 2023, with onscreen talents to be announced in due course, and will premiere in autumn 2024. The scriptwriters are Karin Gidfors ('Snabba Cash') and Jimmy Lindgren ('Honour'), with SF Studios' Brita Lundqvist producing. Alongside Viveca Sten, the series' executive producers are Susann Billberg at SF Studios and Helena Larand at Viaplay Group. Global sales are handled by Viaplay Content Distribution.

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<u>Two major English-language films</u> will be produced by Viaplay every year. The company has also established a UK-based joint venture with <u>FilmNation Entertainment</u> and invested in US studio <u>Picturestart</u>.

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