



FEMALE JUSTICE

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Hattie Woolsteen, Yda Hillis Addis, Lea Delmon, and Clara Phillips all claimed they were driven to violent acts because of men. But who really deserved to be punished?

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How important is a woman's reputation in the judicial system? Decide for yourself as you explore four historic court cases that received wide attention in the media. *Due to the frank discussion of adult themes, this program is not appropriate for children under 14.*

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Wicked Woolsteen: A Woman Scorned?

Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin December 20.

In 1887, the disfigured body of a local dentist was discovered in a burned-out barn in Compton. Police quickly suspected Hattie Woolsteen, the rumored mistress of the married man. The story that unfolded during the trial led the press to dub her “wicked Woolsteen” and “she-devil,” but a number of influential L.A. women believed that she acted in defense of her honor. Were they wrong?

The Disappearance of Yda Hillis Addis

Sunday, May 3, 2020 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin March 20.

A broken promise of marriage, accusations of adultery and abuse, poison pen letters, attempted murder, and claims of insanity. The life of Yda Hillis Addis was anything but smooth. Once regarded as “one of the most promising writers of the West,” after almost a decade of legal woes, Addis vanished around 1900. What led to the disappearance of one of California's most gifted female literary figures?

The Justifiable Homicide of Louis Delmon

Sunday, August 9, 2020 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin June 26.

Lea Delmon claimed that her husband Louis tried to force her to return to a life of prostitution. On their fifth wedding anniversary in 1913, she refused him a final time and shot him to death. Though she confessed to the crime, her case was never brought to trial. What was it about her story that allowed her to get away with murder?

The Trial of the Tiger Lady

Sunday, October 18, 2020 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin September 4.

Clara Phillips was dedicated to her husband, Armour. In 1922, when she thought he was having an affair, she murdered his supposed mistress. After breaking out of jail, she evaded police for months. Upon her capture in Honduras, she served 12 years in prison for her crime. Was it enough?