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Season 5 Episode 2:

Questions and Antlers
Featuring Laurie Dove

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In this episode

Daniel interviews local author Laurie Dove to talk about her bestselling new crime novel *Mask of the Deer Woman.*

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About Laurie L. Dove

Laurie Dove is the author of the bestselling crime novel *The Mask of the Deer Woman,* an award-winning journalist and founder of Dove Media Group, a creative agency that operated for two decades serving a variety of national and international clients. She holds a master's degree in creative writing and literature from Harvard University and once served as Mayor for Valley Center, KS.

More About Laurie L. Dove

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Books By Laurie L. Dove

- *Mask of the Deer Woman* (2025)
- *Wrath of the Water Tiger* (sequel to Mask of the Deer Woman – Expected Publication 2026)

Topics discussed in this episode (with timestamps)

- About *Mask of the Deer Woman* 5:28
- Exploring Indigenous heritage and identity in the novel 8:14
- Research for the novel 10:17
- About MMIW/MMIR (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Relatives) 11:30
- Data discrepancy around MMIW 13:50
- Other advocacy groups or legislation to follow around the issue of MMIW 18:20
- Transition from journalism to fiction novels 20:50
- Harvard's MFA program 23:11
- Political intrigue in the book 29:40
- Approaching a story about an indigenous community in a respectful way 34:50
- Laurie's reading recommendations 39:20
- More Marshall Starr books? 40:58

Books, authors, films & other media mentioned in this episode

- Masters of Horror: "Deer Woman" Season 1, Episode 7 (TV Series, 2005)
- Reservation Dogs (TV series, 2021-2023)
- *The Whistler* by Nick Medina (To be published – September 2025)
- *The Bone Thief* by Vanessa Lillie (To be published - October 2025)
- *The Grass Dancer* by Mona Susan Power (1994)
- *Tommy Orange*
- *Louise Erdrich*
- *The Indian Card: Who Gets to be Native in America* by Carrie Lowry Schuettpelz (2024)

- *Indian Burial Ground* by Nick Medina (2024)
- *Sisters of the Lost Nation* by Nick Medina (2023)
- *My Heart is a Chainsaw* by Stephen Graham Jones (2021)

Relevant links to topics mentioned in this episode

- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR)
- Arcgis.com: Missing and Forgotten: Missing Persons Cases in the U.S. (April 21, 2024)
- NPR: Benita Long Disappeared. So Why Wasn't She Added to This Missing Person Database? (March 10, 2025)
- Forensic Magazine: How Many Cases Have Been Solved with Forensic Genealogy? (March 3, 2023)
- Unidentified Wiki: Dora Doe
- Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women
- Partnership with Native Americans: American Indian Education Fund

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