





Series	Setting
	<p>Erik Skjoldbjaerg’s <i>Insomnia</i> (1997). After mistakenly shooting his partner and allowing a murderer to go free, guilt eats away at him, the setting of the Arctic with its never-ending sunshine symbolically threatens to expose his dark and hidden secret. Engstorm becomes increasingly unhinged and starts to hallucinate and develops insomnia as his guilt becomes all-encompassing.</p>
	<p><i>The Hunt</i> of trees and forest to create a sense of isolation in the small-minded, parochial town. The main character is also being ‘hunted’ by his community after his friend’s daughter accuses him of exposing himself to her – a lie that is taken for the truth. The forest acts as a kind of metaphor for this idea as people cannot see the ‘wood for the trees’ or, in other words, the truth. As Lucas gets his life back and the lie is exposed, the forest also ‘hides’ someone who shoots at Lucas but we never get to see who it is, which suggest that his persecution might not have ended.</p>
	<p><i>Thicker Than Water</i> (Sweden, 2015, Channel 4) is set on the Swedish seaside of the remote Åland Islands. The conjure themes of isolation and secrets that accompany the dark plot twists. The water that surrounds the family is also in the title of the show, and is a reference to the saying ‘blood is thicker than water’, which is a nod to the intrigue regarding family relationships that follows.</p>
	<p><i>Lilyhammer</i> nightclub owned by Frank Tagliano, a former American gangster turned informant. Having been given immunity and a new identity by the FBI, Frank decides to start life anew in a small town in Norway called Lillehammer. This show takes the Scandi setting and combines it with the gangster tale to create Nordic Noir with a dark humorous twist.</p>

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Activity
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<http://www.radiotimes.com/news/2015-09-12/if-you-like-scandi-dramas-youll-love>