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Of Dolls and Murder is a great little documentary about the art of the crime scene. The film is wonderfully narrated by the famous John Waters who's added flair makes the gruesome subject matter oddly enjoyable.



While the film jumps around a bit, studying everything from the popularity of the CSI franchise to a local body farm, the main focus is on Frances Glessner Lee. Lee was frustrated about her home life, a strict father kept her from continuing her education like her brother. Her Brother, George Burgess Magrath, would occasionally visit home and share stories of crime and the criminals who were literally getting away with murder. These stories would eventually inspire Lee to create a series of intricate dollhouses depicting various crime scenes.

While it might seem juvenile to some, these detailed doll houses helped mold the science of forensics into what it is today.

As mentioned earlier, the film has a few subjects all related to the study of the crime scene. There are various interviews with experts in the field, from seasoned detectives to the creators of television shows. We get a behind the scenes look at everything, no stone is left unturned. As a fan of not just documentaries, but also true crime, I was intrigued from beginning to end. My one and only complaint is that it wasn't long enough!

Do yourself a favor and check this one out!

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