

Luther



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Eyeballs in a jar, creepy masked murderers on the no.15 bus and a study of extreme, fetishistic sexual behaviour. "Is this normal?" asks fast-tracked new side-kick DS Catherine Halliday, played by BAFTA winner Wunmi Mosaku (*Damilola, Our Loved Boy*), of John Luther. In the darkly, gruesome world of writer/creator Neil Cross, as he and Idris Elba reunite for the first time in three years, the answer is still yes. Both are teeing this fifth season up as the most ambitious and far-reaching yet. The return of Ruth Wilson as Luther's serial-killing bestie/chief tormentor, Alice, has, surprisingly, already been revealed. New to all this is Hermione Norris, relishing the opportunity to go considerably darker than *Cold Feet*.