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Starting with the idea of a Twitter feed used as evidence, author Elliott Holt ([@elliottholt](#)) will tell the story of a crime. The audience will see that story unfold via three different perspectives, and then will have to weigh the presented evidence for themselves.

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Next up in the #twitterfiction
Festival showcase is
"Evidence". Follow along by
following author
@elliotttholt. - November 28

@TwitterBooks

The Story

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[@elliotttholt](#) - On November 28 at 10:13 pm EST a woman identified as Miranda Brown, 44, of Brooklyn, fell to her death from the roof of a Manhattan hotel. - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - Investigators are trying to determine whether Ms. Brown's death was an accident or if, as some speculate, she was pushed off that roof. - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - At the time of her death, Ms. Brown was at a party. No one witnessed her fall, but three guests were tweeting from the party all evening. - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - None of the tweeting guests appear to have known Ms. Brown, but all observed her at various times in the 2 hours leading up to her death. - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - In an effort to reconstruct the night's events, investigators are analyzing the twitter feeds of those three party guests. - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - The 3 tweeting guests were: 1) [@margotburnham](#), 31, a public relations executive whose firm was hosting the party at which Ms. Brown died. - November 29

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[@elliotttholt](#) - 2) [@simonsmithmilla](#), 44, of London, who was on the guest list because as he put it, "he knows people." - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - And 3) [@elsajohanssen](#), 26, a self-described "Swedish fashion designer" though she is an American citizen who was born in San Francisco. - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - What follows, in chronological order, are all the tweets sent from that party, which began at 7:30 pm EST... - November 29

[@elliotttholt](#) - ...and concluded when police arrived on the scene at 10:17 pm EST. Was Ms. Brown's death a [#homicide](#), a [#suicide](#), or an [#accident](#)? - November 29

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You decide. Read the
evidence. - November 29

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The tweeting guests' point of view

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - tonight's party for my bf's cookbook is going to be off the hook! - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - Our guest of honor isn't here yet! #stress - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - but the flowers look perfect! - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Had a drink at the Soho House, now en route to a party for a chef I've never heard of. Sasha says we have to make an appearance. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - I'm wearing [@alexanderwangny](#), fyi - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - Taste test: the chef's special cocktail is divine. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - But where is the chef? #fashionablylate - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Sasha is late, of course. Whenever I'm in New York, I'm waiting for her. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - New York rooftop in November: not the most practical place to throw a party. I'm told they'll be heat lamps. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - Why is it so hard to get a cab? - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - There will be heat lamps, that is. Can't bloody type on this thing. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - This party is already packed! [#ilovemyjob](#) - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - DJ's spinning Prince, the lamb meatballs are circulating, and our chef of honor has arrived. This shindig is officially in full swing. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - omg i thought i'd never find a taxi [#sixblocksaway](#) - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - What sort of party doesn't have Hendrick's? - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Does this chef have something against good gin? - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Drowning my [#Arsenal](#) sorrows. An uptight PR girl thrust some sort of whiskey cocktail at me. Not bad, I must say. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - "Groove is in the Heart!" - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - what did I miss? - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - these cocktails go down easy - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - The chef's arm candy is very young, very blonde. Sasha says she winked at me. She might have done. ; - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - ummm a woman with red hair just sucked down three cocktails in a row. now she's dancing like a maniac. [#wtf](#) - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - and creepy British guy is checking me out. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I didn't expect people to dance but there's a redhead shaking her booty! And people seem to be following her lead. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - gotta say: the dancing redhead's leather mini-skirt is so not age appropriate. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - i mean, she's gotta be at least ten years older than me. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Woman with ginger hair is doing a show. What is this, Flashdance? - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - but i gotta admit the redhead in the leather mini-skirt has perfectly toned arms. i should really hire a trainer. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - or maybe i just need to go to yoga more often. ashtanga gives you Madonna arms, right? - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - Wait, does Madonna still do yoga? Or is she onto a new thing? - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - I don't want really big arms, just more toned. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I love it when I can tell my boss is proud of me. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Ginger has exited the dance floor. Apparently she doesn't like Joy Division. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - But love will tear us apart. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - The sliders are a huge hit! - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - where's my boyfriend? - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Where's Sasha got off to? - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I can't wait to try these recipes at home. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - And I wore just the right shoes. [#louboutinforever](#) - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - And the temperature is just right. I was worried we didn't have enough heat lamps. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - the woman with the perfect arms is crying in the bathroom. like serious mascara-running tears. do i say something?! - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Right, chef. Your girl goes off to the loo and you chat up another woman. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I don't pay much attention to horoscopes, but [@astrologyzone](#) did say the 28th would be a special night. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - i asked the crying woman if she was okay & she said she just got some bad news. i told her I love her dress. its isabel marant, natch. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - This is one of those nights when I feel like anything could happen. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - she said, it's ruined. i said no, it's perfect. and she said, i'm not talking about the dress. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - Like I could meet the love of my life or something. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - the weirdest stuff always happens in the ladies room - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I mean, why not? Life is full of surprises. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Sasha is always working a room. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - You can't plan everything. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - I meant to ask her what she does to get those arms but she left the bathroom. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - crying lady is back on the dance floor. so i guess she's okay. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I know I'm working, but I feel like dancing. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I'd like to be the kind of person who can dance like no one's watching. Like that redhead. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Dancing Ginger is having a spat with a bloke in a horrid purple tie. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - He's shaking her by the shoulders like a rag doll. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - I'm starting to think the redhead is on something. [#drugs](#) - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - I asked the bloke to leave it, but Ginger said, "Don't worry. This is our routine." - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - OMG. the redhead is swatting at some guy. looks like he's trying to calm her down. lover's quarrel? - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Fucking odd routine if you ask me. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - My old boss used to say, "everything's performance art, darling." - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - speaking of lovers quarreling, my bf has hardly acknowledged my presence all night. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Sasha says Ginger's clearly enjoying it. Says she's probably one of those women who "likes it rough." - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I try to remember that when people get drunk and act crazy. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - Case in point: the redhead is slapping a man. And he's shaking her. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - He's too busy schmoozing. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - But it almost seems like they're fighting in time to the music. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - If he keeps this up, he'll be going home alone. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - Ginger's pissed. Can't stand up straight. Couldn't focus when she looked at me. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - I'm young, but i'm not stupid. -
November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - And now they're kissing. -
November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - I told uptight PR girl to make
sure Ginger doesn't drink anything else. - November
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[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - Unmm now the redhead is
hugging him, trying to kiss him. He keeps saying,
not here, not here. [#getaroom](#) - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - The part of my job I hate?
Policing the guests. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - Red haired woman has had
way too much to drink. Those cocktails go down too
easily. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I offered to call a car to take her
home. She assured me she has a ride. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - The man who was fighting
with her is holding her up. He's got her by the arms. -
November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - That bloke in the purple tie is gripping her too hard. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - He says she just needs to splash some water on her face. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - the redhead stumbled off toward the bathroom. She'll probably throw up and feel better. - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - How did this woman become my problem? - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - The man in the purple tie says "she gets like this." He says he'll go find her, make sure she's okay. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - OMG OMG OMG - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - A scream so infernal I wasn't sure it was human. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - My boss just told me to call 911 because someone went off the roof. - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - It was the redhead. People said they heard her hit the ground. - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - she went off the roof. we heard her hit the pavement. she's dead I just heard someone die she's dead - November 29

[@MargotBurnham](#) - I told the bartender to stop serving her, I swear - November 29

[@ElsaJohanssen](#) - off the edge - November 29

[@SimonSmithMilla](#) - just like that. Christ - November 29

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#homicide, #suicide or
#accident?

Then tweet your verdict
(tonight or tomorrow) using
the appropriate hashtag:
(#homicide #suicide or
#accident) & #twitterfiction -
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[@cemsil](#) - great crime story [@elliotttholt](#) ! I think [@ElsaJohanssen](#) bf, a.k.a the chef is the killer, in my opinion it's a [#homicide](#) ! [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@marisabirns](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) Congrats on masterful twitter story! My verdict: [#accident](#) [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@LauraMcWriter](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) I'm so impressed with 'Evidence' - thanks for the cool [#twitterfiction](#) experiment. I'm going with [#accident](#). - November 29

[@LouTreleven](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) Just caught up with your [#twitterfiction](#) crime story! I reckon her death was an [#accident...](#) - November 29

[@RachelFersh](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) Okay, so! In real life, I'd think [#accident](#). She was tanked, right? But in [#twitterfiction](#), definitely [#homicide](#). - November 29

[@megan_m](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) I've gotta go with [#suicide](#) - she was not a happy person. [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@koul_k](#) - [@koul_k](#): puzzling over the verdict - [@elliottholt](#) - story for the [#twitterfiction](#) festival. Thinking [#homicide](#) - London dude did it. - November 29

[@dannysc](#) - [@elliottholt](#) [#twitterfiction](#) it was an [#accident](#). She was drunk enough to trip and fall over the edge. Not ruling out [#homicide](#) though. - November 29

[@alanawhitman](#) - [@elliottholt](#) “Red hair, sir, in my opinion, is dangerous.” - P.G. Wodehouse. I'm leaning towards a [#twitterfiction](#) [#homicide](#). - November 29

[@ChrisEigeman](#) - [@elliottholt](#) read in crush of jfk, so my vote pre-destined; [#suicide](#). [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@ninawyo](#) - [@elliottholt](#) Whew, what a story. I am going to say [#homicide](#) [#twitterfiction](#). Never trust a purple tie. - November 29

[@mszaghi](#) - [@elliottholt](#) I'll go with [#suicide](#) but I'm unsure about it... I don't think it was an accident though. Can't wait to know! [#TwitterFiction](#) - November 29

[@SweetBaline](#) - I loved it [@elliottholt](#)! I definitely think it was [#homicide](#) [#twitterfiction](#) If only because I was weaned on Law & Order. - November 29

[@penguinpress](#) - [@allisondlynn](#) [@jessicafkane](#) [@elliottholt](#) I think it was [#suicide...](#) [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@PhilKlay](#) - [@elliottholt](#) [#accident](#) [#twitterfiction](#) I like to believe the best of people. - November 29

[@allisondlynn](#) - So, I'm leaning toward [#suicide](#) in [@elliottholt](#)'s [#twitterfiction](#)—more compelling than drunk [#accident](#), I think. [@JessicaFKane](#) [@penguinpress](#) - November 29

[@ms_ahlborn](#) - Concerning the murder mystery that [@elliottholt](#) has been tweeting, my verdict is that Miranda Brown's death was a [#homicide](#). [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@marktrainer](#) - [@elliottholt](#) I want it to be [#homicide](#). Oh please, please, please [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@JoshRadnor](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) [#suicide](#). She seems like the kind of person who would try to win an argument by throwing herself off a roof.
[#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@Jess_Ghost](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) I think it was an [#accident](#), but I'm usually wrong! Enjoyed it though!
[#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@richardgrant](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) [#homicide](#)
[#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@fixitup2](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) Best [#twitterfiction](#) idea!! It has to be [#suicide](#) - November 29

[@JeremyAkers](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) I am going with [#accident](#) for your great [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@tonyturquoise](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) she cray--- [#suicide](#). real fun all the same [#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@Matt_Matros](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) Although accident is plausible, I'm going with [#homicide](#). Miranda had something on the chef, and he tossed her.
[#twitterfiction](#) - November 29

[@bookbent](#) - I'm leaning toward [#homicide](#) of the manslaughter variety for [@elliottholt's](#) [#twitterfiction](#): <http://t.co/AWxrmo4p> - November 29

[@SharpSchuette](#) - [@ElliottHolt](#) You ace it! [#TwitterFiction](#) Story <http://t.co/UNa2xEtT> via [@Slate](#) Oh yeah, [#suicide](#) - November 30

[@DaiEllis](#) - [@ElliottHolt](#) great stuff. [#doublesuicide](#), sadly. purple tie dude hemlocked his espresso in williamsburg this AM. [#twitterfiction](#) - November 30

[@bookgirlsb](#) - [@elliottholt](#) I vote [#suicide](#). But I feel like I might change my vote after a second read! [#twitterfiction](#) - November 30

[@kelly_lou_smith](#) - Check out [@elliottholt's](#) [#twitterfiction](#). Great stuff. I don't know how to call it but I'm going to say [#accident](#). - November 30

[@richardgrant](#) - [@Matt_Matros](#) [@elliottholt](#) I think he slipped her a mickey. There seemed to be more than booze involved at the end. [#twitterfiction](#) [#homicide](#) - November 30

[@TanyaRey](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) Casting my vote for [#homicide](#) in your excellently executed [#twitterfiction](#). Thanks for the fun read! - November 30

[@elesscom](#) - [#accident](#) [@elliotttholt](#) [#twitterfiction](#) Perhaps dehydration caused by heat lamps & overconsumption? BTW, great pacing. Just read it all now. - November 30

[@ElyoftheNorth](#) - Really enjoyed reading the [#twitterfiction](#) by [@elliotttholt](#)! I think it was a [#homicide](#) - November 30

[@randerson](#) - [@elliotttholt](#) [#homicide](#) [#twitterfiction](#) Where was the guy with the purple tie? Hadn't he just gone to look for her? [#suspicious](#) - November 30

[@danimmediacy](#) - [#twitterfiction](#) makes it all better! [@elliotttholt](#) I vote [#homicide](#) -- purple tie man's wife/girlfriend murdered his mistress, the redhead. - November 30

[@dgwriter3](#) - Really enjoyed [@elliotttholt](#)'s [#twitterfiction](#). I think it was [#homicide](#). - December

The verdict

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dicts (counted votes)

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#TWITTERFICTION I'M COUNTING YOUR VERDICTS. A MAJORITY OF READERS THINK MIRANDA BROWN'S DEATH WAS A HOMICIDE: [HTTP://T.CO/DQNWTYVE](http://t.co/dqnwtyve) - DECEMBER 1

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Many who voted for
#homicide named suspects:
the chef, @simonsmithmilla,
@margotburnham,
@elsajohanssen, and the man
in the purple tie. - December 1

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THE END. #twitterfiction -
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And thanks for indulging me
in this storytelling
experiment. Good night. -
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