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a girl that talks online every week."*

— Alex Cooper

Looking for a new podcast to add to your listening library? These five shows are new and noteworthy and could be the next "Serial," the next "SmartLess," or simply your personal favorite:

**Documentary: "Call Sign Condor: Latino Soldiers Fighting in Ukraine"** — In this weekly series from Germany's international public broadcaster DW News and the LA Times Studios, we meet the men who felt a sense of duty to join the Ukrainian side of the war against Russia — only these soldiers aren't from Eastern Europe. They're among the thousands of Latinos who joined the fight without having ever stepped foot in Ukraine before committing. Who are these "Stormtroopers," as their grateful commander calls them, and what motivated them to fight a war more than 5,000 miles from home? (Condor.Simplecast.com)

**True Crime: "Heart"** — This is the true story about a donor recipient named Sonny, who received the heart of an organ donor and later suffered the same cause of death 12 years later. Many speculate on the possibility that the heart and its cells carried its original inhabitant's trauma. But is this even possible? The two men also shared a

love for the same woman, with whom Sonny began a correspondence that led to what the media called "a miraculous love story." However, Sonny's family feels differently, and this is when the true-crime elements begin to unfold ... (Apple.co)

**Fiction: "Care Protocol"** — In this audio novella, five strangers die a violent death at separate times on the streets of a relatively safe city: a software engineer waiting for a ride, a pharmacy tech crossing a bridge, a retiree in a parking garage, a man carrying groceries in from the curb, and a schoolteacher in her own driveway. The crimes at first appear unrelated until an FBI agent discovers the connection they all share from something that occurred 40 years earlier. What was it, and who's now making them pay? (Shows.Acast.com)

**True Crime: "Miami Mystery"** — Award-winning journalist Dana Dean delves deep into the October 1962 disappearance of Miami city attorney Olavi Hendrickson; he just so happens to be her grandfather. One day, he walked out of his home in a sharp black suit and never came back. Dean and her sister dig into the mystery by sifting through Freedom of Information Act requests, archival newspaper stories, and a hidden letter. Did he have a connection with organized crime and political corruption, or was he killed for fighting against it? (MiamiMystery.com)

**Society and Culture: "Generation: Baby-Sitters Club"** — In the third season of the "Generation" podcast from Connecticut Public, millennials and Xennials will rejoice in revisiting "The Baby-Sitters Club," the extremely popular book series by Ann M. Martin. In the first episode, time travel back to the Scholastic Book Fair and learn about the origin of the novels that shaped a generation of young readers. (CTPublic.org)

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