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Introduction

A awesome routine character in a chain you like becomes an vintage buddy. You find out about their strange quirks and their haunted pasts and root for them whenever they face chance. But in which do some of the most fascinating sleuths within the mystery and mystery world truly come from?

What changed into the real-existence location that inspired Michael Connelly to make Harry Bosch a Vietnam vet tunnel rat? Why is Jack Reacher a drifter? How did a short come across in Botswana encourage Alexander McCall Smith to create Precious Ramotswe? In THE LINEUP, some of the top mystery writers in the global tell about the genesis in their most liked characters--or, in a few cases, let their creations do the talking.

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