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## GET OUT



They say that truth is stranger than fiction. But frankly, we think it's scarier, too. Honestly, the mad scientists who cut and stitched Joan Rivers ("She's alive! She's alive!") have caused us more nightmares than those behind the Bride of Frankenstein. And as scary as werewolves sound, we already have goose bumps knowing that when we hit the beach this summer, we're bound to see at least one hirsute guy in a Speedo loping around in the sand like a beast (the horror!). So we quiver in fear of tomorrow night's **Tales of Suspense** at the [Hotel Commonwealth](#) (500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, 617.933.5000). From 7 to 9 p.m., local authors and storytellers (including WHDH-7 investigative reporter and mystery novelist Hank Phillippi Ryan) will don their Sherlock-style sleuthing caps and share unsettling Boston true-crime stories — including major mysteries like the 1960s Boston Strangler case and the \$500 million theft from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. After the tales are told, host Sara Edwards will moderate a Q&A and panel discussion. Your \$30 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine, and proceeds benefit [ReadBoston](#), a charity that promotes literacy among young children — presumably using stories that, unlike these, don't manage to give even adults night sweats. To RSVP, call 617.532.5017 or email [talesofsuspense@hotelcommonwealth.com](mailto:talesofsuspense@hotelcommonwealth.com).