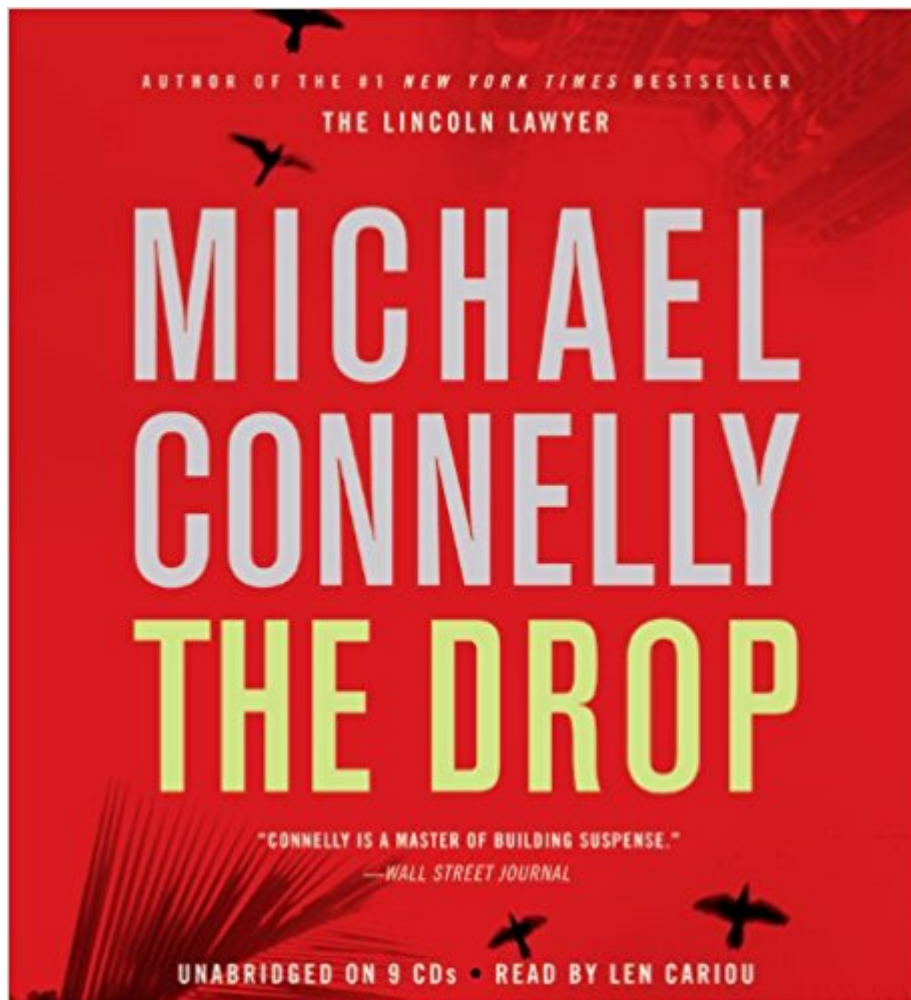




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The Drop (Harry Bosch)



Synopsis

Harry Bosch has been given three years before he must retire from the LAPD, and he wants cases more fiercely than ever. In one morning, he gets two. DNA from a 1989 rape and murder matches a 29-year-old convicted rapist. Was he an eight-year-old killer or has something gone terribly wrong in the new Regional Crime Lab? The latter possibility could compromise all of the lab's DNA cases currently in court. Then Bosch and his partner are called to a death scene fraught with internal politics. Councilman Irvin Irving's son jumped or was pushed from a window at the Chateau Marmont. Irving, Bosch's longtime nemesis, has demanded that Harry handle the investigation. Relentlessly pursuing both cases, Bosch makes two chilling discoveries: a killer operating unknown in the city for as many as three decades, and a political conspiracy that goes back into the dark history of the police department.

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Customer Reviews

Best Books of the Month, December 2011: With his retirement looming, LAPD's Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch takes on two seemingly unrelated cases. The first is a botched DNA test from a 1989 rape and murder, which has been pinned on a convicted rapist who was only eight years old at the time of the crime. Harry's pursuit of that case is interrupted by the apparent suicide of a councilman's son. A former police chief and no fan of Harry's, the councilman insists that Harry investigate his son's death. In pursuit of the truth, and an elusive killer, Bosch and his partner uncover secrets and a political conspiracy deep within the police department. Connelly's aging hero is a flawed, haunted,

and unforgettable character; his creator is a master craftsman. --Neal Thompson --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

PRAISE FOR THE REVERSAL:"Each of his books is so much more than the sum of its parts....Connelly writes true-to-life fiction about true crime. What makes his crime stories ring true is that they're never really over." (Janet Maslin, New York Times)"Thank God for Michael Connelly....Connelly retains his journalistic gifts; his eye for detail is spot on....Taken together, his 22 novels form an indispensable, compelling chronicle of L.A." (Jonathan Shapiro, Los Angeles Times)"Mr. Connelly, a former journalist, is a master of mixing realistic details of police work and courtroom procedure with the private feelings and personal lives of his protagonists, and of building suspense even as he evokes the somber poetry inherent in battling the dark side." (Tom Nolan, Wall Street Journal)"Another of Connelly's brilliant Los Angeles crime novels." (Les Roberts, Cleveland Plain Dealer)"Connelly's prose is so smooth that it looks easy....The product of a master fully in command of his craft." (Robin Vidimos, Denver Post)"Connelly knows his way around a police investigation, and he knows his way around a courtroom. This knowledge makes his stories believable while his writing skills make them come alive....An exciting writer and one we love to read." (Jackie K. Cooper, Huffington Post) --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

This is later, but vintage Harry Bosch. Connelly carries off juggling two separate story lines deftly, as he has done before, without losing control of narrative, pacing, or characterization. Along the way his characters, many of whom are "survivors" of earlier Bosch stories, evolve and edge their way into new personae that are logical expressions of their experiences and situations. Bosch, however, seems to change little through this story. His strengths remain his strengths and his weaknesses remain his blind spots. Perhaps he has been around long enough as a character that he has little room to change. Or maybe Connelly doesn't intend for him to. Instead we end up with inconsistencies. A love interest who is appalled by Bosch's unrequited antipathy toward a particularly loathsome criminal changes her mind despite no apparent change in circumstances or motivation. Also, the ending, while exciting and satisfying is rather contrived and improbable. All in all, however, this is a great interesting, fast paced, and all around good read.

This story is written in the first person by defense attorney Mickey Haller who gets a strange call to be in the chief judge's chambers immediately if not sooner. A former friend has named Mickey as his 'heir' to his practice. The judge informs he now controls, by, court order, his friend's entire practice

including a high profile case of a studio executive charged in a double homicide. The case & subsequent events are spellbinding!

Significantly interesting, fast paced story, a murder mystery with one death story framing a second cold case murder. High interest plot unfolds as both murders are solved. The ending with Kiz Rider is a bit confusing, and the romantic interest with Hannah is a bust, but otherwise the novel flows well to its conclusion. Good writing worth reading.

I got this book for my mom, she wasn't impressed with it. I read it, but I knew what I was expecting. This is another crime novel by Michael Connelly, I liked it because he is one of my favorite authors. The book, *The Lincoln Lawyer* is better; but this will keep you involved. If you like John Grisham you should like Connelly.

Accidentally downloaded this book when looking for a book by the same name by a different author for my book club. Found it when I'd run out of something to read. Though I've seen all of the episodes of "Bosch" on prime, I'd not read any of Connelly's novels. Now I've gotta read 'em all, I guess.

Another excellent Harry Bosch story. In this one Harry has been granted a 4 year extension to his retirement contract. He is given two cases, one a cold case file since he is assigned to the Cold Case Division and is also assigned to the suicide (or is it?) of the son of his former ex-deputy police chief now a city councilman Irvin Irving. Bad blood runs between these two men. So in the book you are always wondering why the councilman has requested Harry be on this case. And the other case is the discovery of DNA in a blood smear that shows the sex offender was an 8 year old child at the time. Harry is going back and forth between the two cases which makes you not want to put the book down to get to the end of what actually happened in each of these cases. Great book you won't be disappointed.

I came late to the table for this author. First book I read was *The Lincoln Lawyer*", long after the movie came out. *The Brass Verdict* was an excellent read, and I can also recommend the latest in the LL series, *The Gods of Guilt*. Yes, I am now hooked on Michael Connelly. I decided to go back to his beginning, and read the Harry Bosch books in order. I have read 5 of them in the past 10 days! Lots of people review these books, so the details of this one have been covered. If you are

looking for a fast paced story, a good mystery with a twist here and there, something you can finish over a day or two (or a long night, because they are hard to put down!), you can't go wrong.

Follows the same easy flow Michael Connelly offers...The book was hardly about Detective Bosch but rather about his half-brother Mickey Haller. Though their paths intersect, the book focuses on Haller's prowess as a defense attorney..Although a good read, those wanting to read strictly about Detective Bosch's wonderful detective skills, might be a tad disappointed...

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