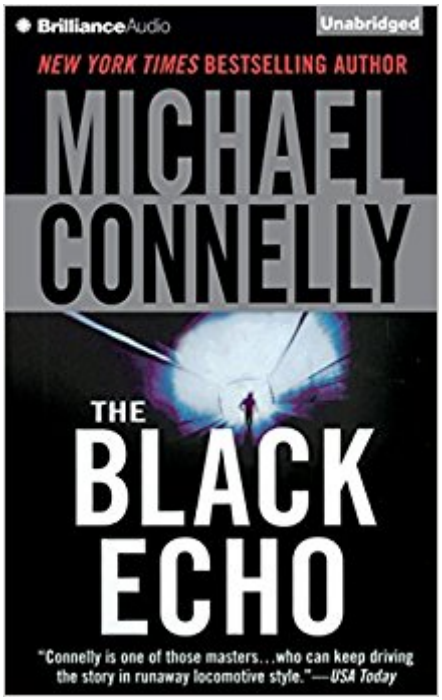
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Synopsis

BOOK 1 OF THE NATIONALLY BESTSELLING HARRY BOSCH SERIES, NOW A HIT TV SHOW!"Michael Connelly is the master of the universe in which he lives, and that is the sphere of crime thrillers." - Huffington PostFor maverick LAPD homicide detective Harry Bosch, the body in the drainpipe at Mulholland Dam is more than another anonymous statistic. This one is personal...because the murdered man was a fellow Vietnam "tunnel rat" who had fought side by side with him in a hellish underground war. Now Bosch is about to relive the horror of Nam. From a dangerous maze of blind alleys to a daring criminal heist beneath the city, his survival instincts will once again be tested to their limit. Pitted against enemies inside his own department and forced to make the agonizing choice between justice and vengeance, Bosch goes on the hunt for a killer whose true face will shock him.

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Customer Reviews

Connelly transcends the standard L.A. police procedural with this original and eminently authentic first novel, featuring Hieronymus (aka Harry) Bosch, a former hero cop exiled to the small-time Beverly Hills force. In July, Little, Brown will publish a sequel, Black Ice . Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

YA-- Harry Bosch likes order, contends that there are no coincidences, and keeps meticulous records in his ``murder book.'' When the body of a former ``tunnel rat'' from Vietnam is found in a

drainpipe, Harry is the detective on duty and is called to the scene. His identification of the body begins an investigation that leads to more murder, bank robbery, heroin, diamonds, and betrayal. Connelly's descriptions of autopsies, murder scenes, and police procedure are vivid and realistic. The use of acronyms and police jargon puts readers in the middle of the action. A real page turner with gutty realism and an unusual twist.- Debbie Hyman, R. E. Lee High School, Springfield, VACopyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I've read a few books in this series before so it was fun to go back to the beginning of this series to the early days of Harry 'Hieronymus' Bosch and interesting to learn of his time in the Vietnam war as a tunnel rat and the way in which it has shaped him. Written over 20 years ago, Harry now seems a little cliched in terms of antihero detectives (a loner, who drinks, smokes, forgets to eat, ignores his health, has few friends and pisses off his work colleagues) but nevertheless he is still very good as the honest cop who prefers to take his time to reconcile all the facts of a case and not jump to conclusions for an easier life.The plot is complicated one, with it's origins in Vietnam involving some corrupt Vietnamese officials and some ex-tunnel rats who know their secrets. After an ex comrade of Harry's is found dead, Harry believes he has been murdered and suspects a link to a previous bank unsolved robbery and he is paired up to work with an FBI agent, Eleanor Wish. There are many layers to the plot and Connelly handles them masterfully, keeping a good pace and unravelling the story piece by piece. Even then the final revelations were a surprise to me.

This is the first in the Bosch series. It's a little dated, but a good mystery. I started to read it because the 3rd Bosch movie series is based on book 1 and 7. I can now see the similarities in story lines. Next I will read #7. But, you have to know what a Black Echo is. Read to find out. Hint, it's a military thing.

Very complex story you want to stay with to the end. But it's outrageously long with too much repetition. Considering how highly I admire the more current novels of Michael Connelly, my praise for this one is mediocre. I liked the ending although I thought it was rough hewn and deserved to be a bit smoothed out. All in all, if you settle in for a good story and don't care how long it is, you'll find the mystery fun to solve.

Below are a few of my favorite quotes or scenes from The Black Echo, then my thoughts at the end.BOSCH is a methodical, traditional, superstitious and intriguing detective!! As one of Bosch's

bosses was talking to him, Harry stopped listening to what he was saying and all that Bosch could think about was this guy's eyebrows. . . "Bosch decided that watching his eyebrows was like watching two caterpillars charging each other." THEN later. . . "The caterpillars seemed to quiver with fear. " LOVE IT! !When he teamed up with J. Edgar for the first time . . . Hieronymus Bosch . . . Jesus, thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s your first name?ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• Edgar said. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Harry for short. HowÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢d your momma come up with that one?ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“She had a thing about fifteenth-century painters. It goes with the last name. Go check on the file, then call me back. IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll wait here.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t even pronounce it, man.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Rhymes with ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Ëœanonymous.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Okay, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll try that. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Hieronymus Bosch.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¦ The only thing your mother gave you was the name of a painter dead five hundred years. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Harry, be careful with that stuff about an inside man. If you go trying to sell that and itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not true, you could give your enemies all they need to bury you.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• Enemies, Bosch thought. Who are my enemies this time?" Bosch had taken a shower, but his clothes were as fresh as the ashtray in a used car." I really liked HARRY BOSCH - THE BLACK ECHO !!! And I have really enjoyed all of the Seasons of BOSCH on Prime! Great show! I am looking forward to the next book BLACK ICE and to the next season! Thanks Michael Connelly , I AM NOW A ADDICT OF HARRY BOSCH! Rp

It was a pleasure to reread Connelly's first Bosch novel. I remember being very impressed with the character and the force of the narrative way back in the early '90s. Black Echo is remarkably polished, dense and assured for a first time novelist, though Connelly was an an accomplished reporter before turning to fiction. It's a great introduction to the character of Bosch, though here he is much darker and angrier than in more recent novels. If you are coming to the book series from the TV series, it is good but not necessary to read the books in order; there is a natural progression to the character and his career, and many recurring characters - some of whom have made it into the TV series in quite different personas. Bosch on TV is pretty much the guy in the books, though his daughter Maddie doesn't come into the books as a major character until pretty far along.

Our introduction to the character Harry Bosch is skillfully done. The plot revolves around murder and high stakes theft which have their roots in Vietnam and the tunnel rats of the 1970's; as well as some self-serving South Vietnamese officials.Harry's non-conventional character is developed well

in this first installment of the Bosch series. In addition, the author leaves Harry's character room to grow in the future, as well.Harry winds up with a love interest in FBI agent Eleanor Wish. Many authors provide the almost required girlfriend, but here we wonder if she's as straight an arrow as projected. The story, as it unfolds, is very detailed and full of twists; its sure to hold the readers' interest. Mr. Connelly ends with an epilogue which wraps the novel up very well.

Watched the Bosch Prime Original and cannot wait for the second. After power watching the season, I looked up the author. Since this was the first in the series, I figured that this was the best place to start. The story was fantastic and the character is great as well. I read most of the book on flight from PA to TX with some layovers. Finished and bought up the second. I have not cracked it yet as studying and work is taking up a lot of my time at the present but cannot wait to get into it. If you are a person that likes the genre crime/drama and action, this is a book for you. Loved each page and the characters.Don't forget to check out the series on Prime. If that does not peak your interest in this author, just wait for more seasons. I know I am.

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