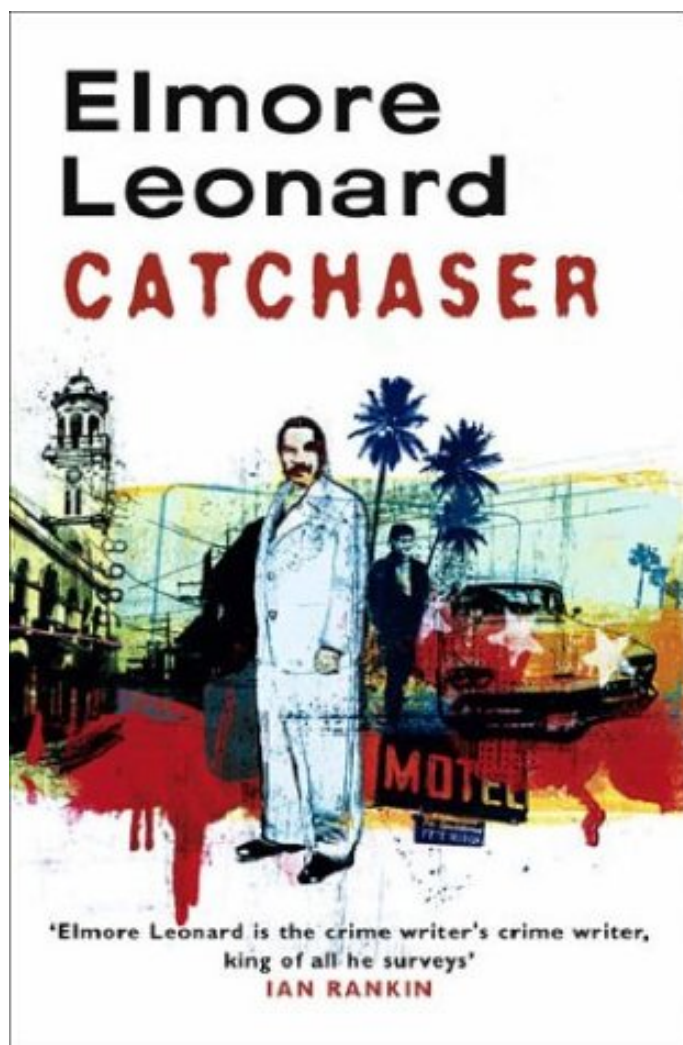

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Cat Chaser



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Description

“*Cat Chaser* is just what one would expect from Elmore Leonard—quirky, peopled with oddball characters...and more twists and turns than a roller coaster.”

—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

“A superior example of gritty writing and violent action.”

—*New York Times*

There are numerous reasons why Grand Master Elmore Leonard is considered “the coolest, hottest thriller writer in America” (*Chicago Tribune*) and “the greatest crime writer of our time, perhaps ever” (*New York Times Book Review*). *Cat Chaser* is one of them. A gripping, lightning-paced tale of an ex-soldier-turned Florida motel owner whose dangerous affair with the mistress of a Dominican general in exile—a former death squad leader—threatens to have lethal consequences...especially when drugs, double-cross, and murderous mob thugs are added into the mix. A classic thriller from crime fiction master who first brought us U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens, currently of TV’s *Justified*, *Cat Chaser* proves once more that when the true greats of mystery and suspense are mentioned—John D. MacDonald, Dashiell Hammett, James M. Cain, Robert Parker, et al—Elmore Leonard tops the list.

Insightful reviews

Webster Fortyone: George Moran should have waited a while before turning down the notorious Mobster General De Boya's business offer. After all, George was poking the man's wife. That's two strikes. Now George has to deal with this former Banana Republic executioner, the man's slippery security chief, and falling in love with Mrs. De Boya.

But George has been in a tight situation before - running over rooftops while being shot at was his job description while in the marines.

Cat Chaser is one of Elmore Leonards finest along with *52 Pickup* in my opinion.

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Steve Hersh: I just moved away from Miami, and I read this book, and it really made me miss Miami...except I don't know if the Miami of Elmore Leonard circa 1982 exists anymore. But this is yet another example of how Leonard was the best crime writer alive.

Kathlyn: Very fun read. I've heard that Leonard's books read like movies, and they kind of do. Well paced, exciting, characters who grow on you, great dialogue. Currently reading *SWAG* and enjoying it even more.

Chris Sanders: enjoyable yet relatively trivial, attempts to herald a few politics, yet this provides

little worth and finally does not say anything.

Rob: 3.5 stars. Balancing the stress among cynicism and romanticism has type of been the tale of my life. My default place is to be skeptical and immediately suppose the worst. more often than not I determine the area (globally, locally, personally) is teetering near to a few catastrophe, and it's commonplace for me to imagine that I play a massive function within the catastrophe (literal or metaphorical) to come. I frequently can't break out my tendency to question the explanations of others, yet simply because self-loathing is the bedrock on which my character is built, I constantly determine it's due to anything I've done. And while the troubles are higher than me or are issues during which I don't play a right away position ... well, in these instances the glass isn't empty enough. That will be a horrible, terrible solution to dwell if I didn't additionally think a robust undercurrent of optimism and joy. It's within the manner I'm uplifted via track and books and film, in my unwavering trust within the value of education, and within the approach i will be moved to tears by means of uncomplicated acts of kindness and ads approximately overlooked animals. and naturally i believe it every day simply because I occur to be married to a girl whose generosity, enthusiasm, and reliable humor is familiar with no bounds. And this can be why, up to I reply to artwork that is, as Nigel Tufnel may say, none extra black, i actually connect to paintings that manages to be either bleak and hopeful. I figured this out as i used to be interpreting Elmore Leonard's *Cat Chaser*. In prior studies I've fascinated with Leonard's whip-smart discussion and strategic use of violence, the lengthy cons and borderline nihilism, yet what I'd by no means truly learned till examining *Cat Chaser* – a satisfyingly uncomplicated booklet that's as a lot romance as crime novel – is that each one his male protagonists are love-struck doofuses who are, principally else, unrepentant romantics. His major characters are frequently men, yet cautious readers will detect that his ladies are the place it's at. the lads are the actors, yet they're often performing at the specific or implicit behest of the ladies they've long gone goofy for. In all Leonard's books I've learn – a dozen or so at this element – this can be not more noticeable than it truly is in *Cat Chaser*. Moran runs a down-on-its-luck lodge in Miami, Florida, and he connects – and connects in a massive method – with Mary, the spouse of Andres, a deposed Dominican basic who's remade himself as an American gangster. lots of the first half the booklet is the tale of ways Moran and Mary meet, speedy fall in love, and become aware of she must extricate herself from her highly unsatisfying marriage. working parallel with the significant love tale is a in most cases Leonardian con: Jiggs Scully, a small-time enforcer and debt collector who's labored for Andres within the past, attempts to speak Moran into swiping the cash he understands Andres should have squirreled away in case his Dominican previous catches as much as him and he must flee. The so much interesting factor in regards to the method the tale performs out is how Leonard manages to color Moran as either protagonist and bystander. He ostensibly has the same opinion to Scully's plan, yet he's by no means rather drawn to it, and he certainly doesn't are looking to get in trouble. He regularly desires to aid Mary get out of her marriage – and to that end, his largest function within the heist is to ensure his courting with Mary isn't collateral harm in Scully's plot to get wealthy quick. As a result, many of the crime components in *Cat Chaser* – minus a fully virtuoso scene on the book's climax – occur with no Moran. Scully attempts to govern Andres into fleeing by means of sabotaging and vandalizing his mansion – activities he wishes Andres to learn as more and more violent political statements perpetrated by way of Dominican immigrants with an ax to grind. whilst Andres flees, or so the tale goes, Scully should be there to capture him. Despite all that, Leonard retains the point of interest firmly on Moran

and Mary, and this provides the chance awarded by way of Scully's plan actual emotional heft. This couldn't were entire with no the long part within the book's first part the place Moran and Mary fall in love within the Dominican Republic, and this after all is additional testimony to Leonard's craft. He trusts his readers to appreciate that with none emotional stakes in play the chance to Moran is precisely physical. It's the emotional chance that sticks. In the end, Moran makes a sacrifice that's by some means satisfying, frustrating, and hopeful, all on the comparable time. That's no effortless feat. and that i now see that it's Leonard's facility for this sort of factor that retains this cynical romantic coming again for more. (A observe approximately that title. As with a lot of Leonard's different books, the name Cat Chaser is extra stylistic than meaningful. in the beginning of the book, Moran travels to the Dominican Republic. He observed strive against there as a Marine within the 1960s, and used to be given the nickname "Cat Chaser" by means of Luci Palma, a 16-year-old lady sniper he tangled with. Moran had regularly felt a reference to Palma, and his journey to the Dominican Republic was once at the beginning to trace down Palma. He came upon Mary instead, and the remainder is literary history.) Read all my studies at goldstarforrobotboy.net

Tom Marcinko: The booklet was once written through the Reagan years, and makes a few topical references. I bought the feel that the plot relied a mite an excessive amount of on coincidence, except i am lacking a few deeper point of machination. Still...great characters and dialogue, as usual. George Moran will get kicked out of a rustic membership simply because he would not associate with the wealthy man cheating; he referred to as him on its instead, now not for the guess funds yet for the primary of the thing. I imagine I realize a few minor avid gamers from Gold Coast: Jimmy Cap, a mobster pointed out numerous occasions yet by no means obvious onstage; Vivian (Violet?) Arzola, pointed out simply once. Usually whilst I end an Elmore Leonard novel, I think, Well, this can be the simplest one yet. That's how I felt approximately this mid-career work. First line: ~Moran's first effect of Nolen Tyner: He gave the look of a excessive risk, the type of man who falls asleep smoking in bed.~~He may even search for the woman who as soon as attempted to kill him. See if she used to be nonetheless around.~~He advised himself to not argue with himself; he used to be one of many few associates he had.~~Jiggs said, "George, I give you the stairway to happiness and all you gimme back're ideas."~~She'd need to ask him: are you able to be frightened of anything you're thinking that is absurd? No, she do not have to ask. If the item that is scaring you does not understand it really is absurd you could chuckle all you want, that will not make it pass away.~~Jiggs spotted that Latin-American army gave themselves peak by means of donning these peaked caps that swooped approach up in front, even larger than those the Nazis had worn; which confirmed you even your such a lot pressured rightwingers had a few showboat in them.~

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