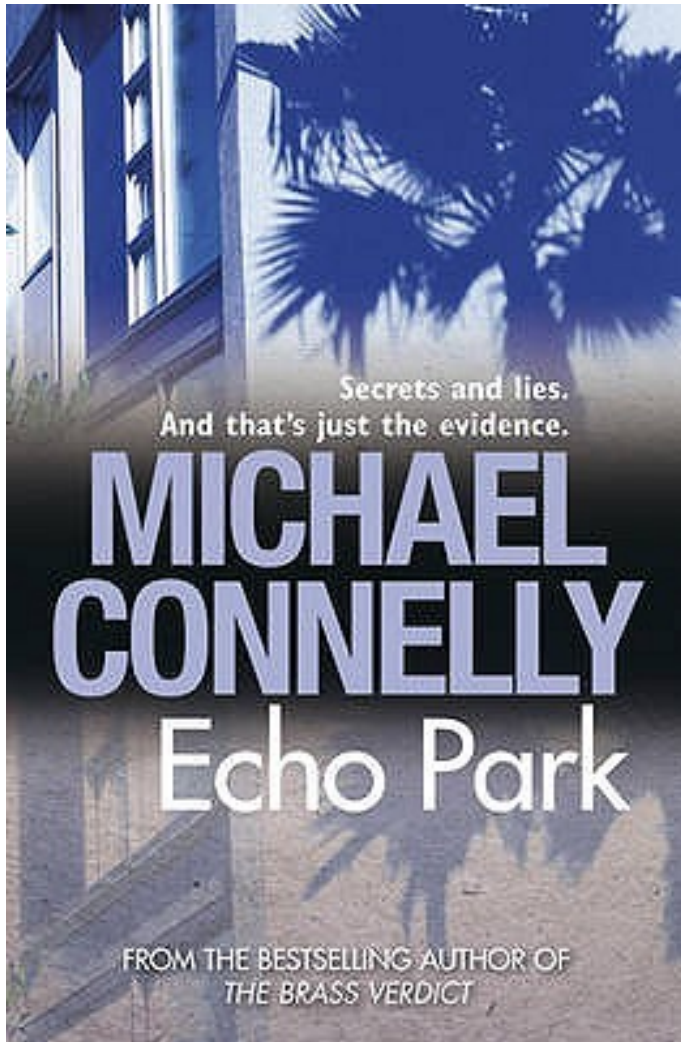

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Description

In 1993, Harry Bosch was assigned the case of a missing person, Marie Gesto. The young woman was never found - dead or alive - and the case has haunted Bosch ever since. Thirteen years later Bosch is in the Open-Unsolved Unit, where he still keeps the Gesto file on his desk, when he gets a call from the DA's office. A man accused of two heinous killings is willing to come clean in regard to several other murders in a deal to avoid the death penalty. One of those murders, he says, is the killing of Marie Gesto. In confirming the confession Bosch must get close to the man he has sought - and hated - for thirteen years. Bosch's whole being as a cop begins to crack when he comes to realise that he and his partner missed a clue back in 1993 that could have led them to Waits and would have stopped the nine murders that followed the killing of Marie Gesto...

Insightful reviews

Harry: Time saver tip: if you've read my review of any Harry Bosch book, you've read 'em all. Since I don't reveal plots and reserve my comments to the overall book/author, characterization, style, etc...I just don't feel the need to repeat myself as in most cases *series books* if any good at all do remain consistent. The star ratings might change, but not my opinion of the series as a whole.

[Michael Connelly](#) is a well know and very popular author in the mystery/detective and police procedural genres. Exploding onto the scene in the early nineties with his first six novels, and topping it off just recently with his 18th Bosch novel ([The Black Box](#)), Connelly has garnered most awards worth getting. Let's face it, the awards are well deserved, especially for those first novels (more on that later).

Having emerged onto the fictional world after a career as a journalist, culminating with his job as crime reporter for the LA times, and admitting to becoming interested in writing fiction as a result of reading [Raymond Chandler](#) early on in his journalistic career, Michael Connelly has since involved himself in several collaborations: notable the television series [Level 9](#), and as co-writer with [Val McDermid](#)'s Wire In the Blood series (and that spawned the wildly popular [grim, noir BBC television series](#) of the same name). If you're into Noir than this TV series is a must see.

Connelly has a knack for writing suspenseful tales that take quite a few twists and turns before being resolved with a stellar Who-Done-It that has most readers guessing till the very end (at least in his earlier books).

Heironymous (Harry) Bosch, the hero in this series, is named after a Renaissance painter who specialized in [earthly sins](#), debauchery, fanciful and gruesome visions of hell, violent consequences from high above if not detailed looks at the tortures reserved for earthly residents. Score 1 for Connelly in choosing a very apropos name for our own tortured detective Harry Bosch.

Bosch is a complicated and conflicted character, a character that slowly develops across this

series but whose emotive origin lies in the Viet Cong tunnels where Harry got his education in fear: underground, claustrophobic, dark, drenched with blood, gruesome deaths, peopled with a savage enemy crawling within the absence of all light, hunting for the American soldiers like bloodthirsty rats. From these dark tunnels emerges Harry Bosch, LAPD detective, bent on setting the world right. From this darkness where pacific military command has sent Bosch to discover the inevitable conflict between a military order and the reality of carrying out that order, we find a detective in perpetual defiance of LAPD authority.

The Harry Bosch series, for me, are divided into two sets: the first 4 books, and the rest that follow. As mentioned earlier, the classic early 90's novels were better for me. Books starting with [The Black Echo](#) on through [The Last Coyote](#) all inherit the tortuous origins of Harry's artistic namesake. Reading these books I could actually feel my heart begin to race as I sped towards the inevitable ending, ones that actually kept you guessing to the very end. One reviewer (sorry, can't remember who it was) says the following of these earlier book titles:

[...]Even the titles of the books used to be cleverer. Compare [The Drop](#) (a simple reference to Deferred Retirement Option Plan) to [The Concrete Blonde](#) (a reference to both lady justice statue on the courthouse and the body of a blonde entombed in concrete. [...])

Compare that to the later books in the series where we find a Harry Bosch notably mellower in his older age, where we find endings easily guessed at, where procedure begins to trump a superb plot. Bosch no longer smokes, doesn't drink and drive, doesn't slap people around anymore, where his defiance of LAPD authority is tempered by retirement, and let's face it, where my heart just doesn't race as often anymore. Let's say that his later novels are beginning to show an author's haste (is it me, or are the novels shorter and shorter?)

Don't get me wrong, I still love reading the latest Bosch novel. Where the earlier novels have a few things that can be improved on (dialogue could have been better) the later novels are polished, almost a little too much so. After 18 Bosch novels, is Connelly tiring? Maybe.

Beginning with the last 90's novel ([Angels Flight](#)) in which we are introduced to Bosch's latest romantic interest, Eleanor Wish, with whom Bosch is to have a daughter this mellowing process takes root. Connelly is absolutely right to introduce this notable character shift in Bosch from this book forward because as I can attest to in my own personal life: when you see your child born, a fundamental shift takes place in a man. For me, I was reborn from a devilish bachelor into a man who now bore the responsibility of an innocent life. It completely turned around my life for the better. And so it is with Harry Bosch. It is the presence of his daughter that transforms him from Heironymous to Harry.

Overall, I highly recommend this series.

Anna: I should quit reading Harry Bosch books out of order. Such as first reading [The Overlook](#), then this one... when in [The Overlook](#) there were a number of times references what happened in the end of this one.

A solid Harry Bosch story, and it lacks the annoyance elements of [The Overlook](#).

But slightly too predictable in some ways (after reading all but one or two books in Bosch

series). Slightly too bizarre.

But I craved for a Harry Bosch as a break from Jo Nesbø, and I got what I wanted.

A hint for those who haven't tried the series yet: read them in chronological order, and read the oldest ones first. I somehow enjoyed those most.

Mitch Duckworth: Read a Michael Connelly novel, probably any Michael Connelly novel. Close it. Set it aside. Read maybe another 100 novels and a thousand short stories before you pick up another Connelly novel. Read it. Close it. Set it aside. Search your shelves for a forgotten volume secured for just such a rare moment as this, when you're uncertain about what to read next; when you've dropped the ball somehow and neglected to align the next volume in your queue. The only thing you know is that you want your next book to be as good a read as the book you just finished. Your iPad, Kindle, and bookshelves are filled with unknown quantities, but you want to hedge your bets. You want a safe choice. You hope to see a forgotten Michael Connelly novel purchased for just such an unlikely eventuality. You are now a Michael Connelly fan.

You did well, resisted for years; erected walls between literature and popular fiction and rarely confused one for the other. Here is genre, and there is top dog critic-approved major award winning ivory tower novels destined to live eternally in hallowed halls filled with the standard bearers of the garlanded greats and near-greats of all time, safely vaulted among the heralded scribes of antiquity forever more . . . And you want a Michael Connelly novel. It's okay. You can admit it. You are now a Michael Connelly fan. It's not illegal. It might leave you itching in the middle of the night, desperate as an addict looking for a fix long after the library is closed and the bookstores downtown and those even in the mall are locked and shuttered behind roll-down metal doors. It's not even immoral, but it's still a bitch. You want a Michael Connelly novel and nothing else will do.

Maybe you have a friend who left for the beach and hasn't yet returned. Break his window, climb right in and pick up Echo Park without hesitation. But don't forget. Your plan must include getting your hands on another volume and securing its place in line. Don't be afraid to tell it to the judge, just the way it is. B&E is sometimes justified if you are a Michael Connelly fan, and if the judge is an MC fan, too, you're half way clear to time served plus eight-hours of community service; all charges expunged from your record. Crime might not pay, but Connelly can help see you through a stretch of time.

LJ: ECHO PARK (Police Procedural-Los Angeles-Cont) – G+Connolly, Michael – seventeenth book Little Brown, 2006- Hardcover*** Back from retirement, Detective Harry Bosch remains to be haunted through the kidnap and disappearance of Marie Gesto from 1993. Now serial killer Raynard Waits is keen to steer police to Marie's grave as a part of a plea discount making sure he'll no longer obtain the demise penalty. whilst Waits escapes in the course of the day trip and the tape filming the development is clearly doctored, Harry suspects politics and occupation development are concerned and that, perhaps, Waits hadn't killed Marie in the end yet in simple terms been advised how to define her grave.*** The bones of this ebook mirror the standard first-class caliber of Connelly's writing. It has an engaging plot, Harry working a little outdoors the regulations, and descriptive, if a bit of predictable, suspenseful scenes. The

references to Harry's previous consistently make his an enticing character, rather within the parallels to the killer. What set the publication back, for me, used to be the focal point at the political mechanisms and the finishing with its vintage clash of legality as opposed to justice. there has been additionally a huge thread left dangling on the end. whereas this was once a more-than-good illustration of Connelly, it used to be certainly no longer his top work.

Debora: Come sempre MConnelly è una maestro degli intrighi. Non posso farci nulla, ho tutti suoi libri ed ogni volta che ne vedo uno nuovo lo acquisto e... non si può rimanere affascinata di questo nuovo capitolo della saga poliziesca-thriller di Harry Bosch. Come sempre il nostro poliziotto solitario (outsider) è alle prese con un fantasma del suo passato. Los Angeles piccola Marie Gesto, caso che period rimasto irrisolto dal lontano 1993 continua advert ossessionarlo, il fascicolo passa periodicamente nelle sue mani nel tentativo di incastrare e scovare l'assassino... finchè un giorno un insospettabile soggetto che non period mai stato neanche preso in considerazione confessa l'omicidio... il caso sembra risolto ma con MConnelly nulla è mai quello che sembra. I colpi di scena sono molti, Harry non si arrende ed il suo sesto senso continua a guidarlo sempre e comunque verso una verità che appare, nel momento, sbagliata. Ma Bosch avrà nuovamente conferma che il suo sesto senso non sbaglia mai... Un libro che vi consiglio vermanete. Scritto benissimo (come sempre) dove i buoni ed i cattivi di uniscono e si mescolano con magistrale bravura. Non vedo l'ora di leggere il nuovo romanzo!

Donna: i've got loved many of the books in Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch series. This one had me glued to it from the beginning. i believe what i love such a lot is that I by no means understand the place he's going next. He zings round and retains it fascinating and connected. the tale line used to be additionally nice and simple to follow, although it appeared to race alongside at a good clip.

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