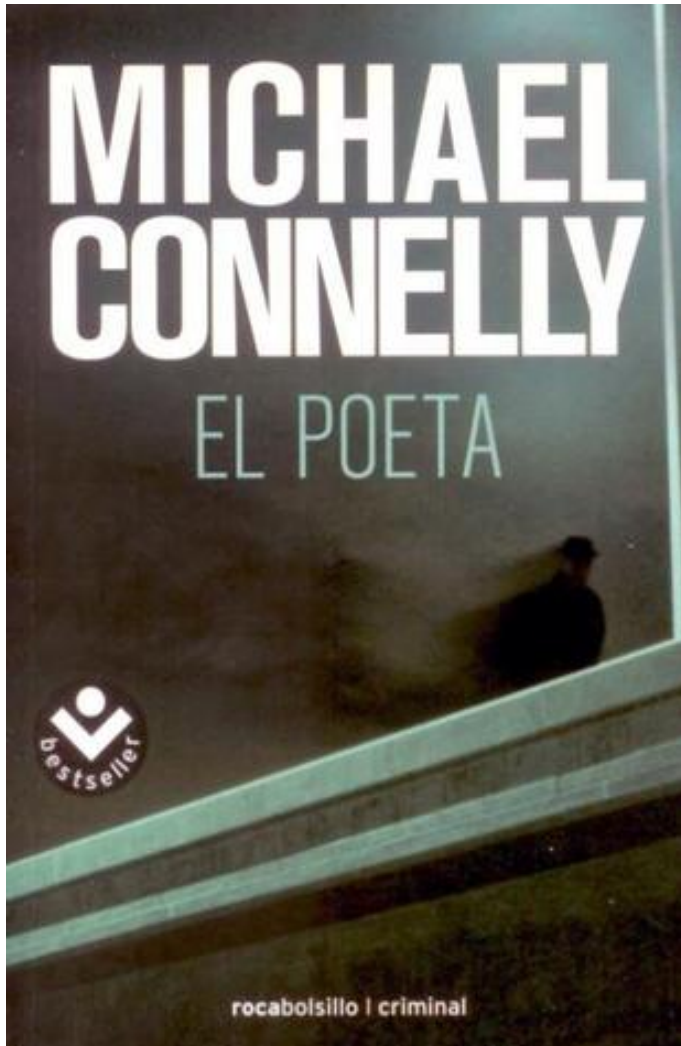

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Description

Jack McEvoy es un periodista especializado en crímenes. Su hermano, policía de homicidios, aparentemente se ha suicidado. Cuando se decide a escribir sobre el asunto, descubre el rastro de El Poeta, un asesino en serie que ha dejado junto a sus ocho víctimas, todas ellas policías, falsas notas de suicidio con versos de Edgar Allan Poe.

Su descubrimiento hace que intervenga el FBI. Una de las agentes, Rachel Walling, personaje habitual en las novelas de Michael Connelly, desempeña un papel fundamental en la investigación, aunque finalmente el asesino consiga escapar.

En *Cauces de maldad* continuará la persecución de El Poeta. En esta ocasión, junto a Rachel Walling encontraremos a Harry Bosch.

Insightful reviews

Ritwik: I wanted to love this book. I really did. Mr. Connelly is considered as one of the biggest crime fiction writers out there and after a thorough research I decided to start with this one. I still remember the start, 'Death is my beat'. It gripped me but the hold loosened up and I decided that maybe crime fiction is not my cup of tea or any kind of thriller for that matter. I took up 'Casino Royale' before finishing this book and Lo! the writing, the prose, the compactness, the solidity was much better.

The first person narrative grips you at the start but it tapers off in the middle and leaves a lot of questions unanswered at the end.

Right up to the page 400 I had made up my mind to give it a 2. The last 80 pages gave me the thrill I was looking for continually in the first 400 pages. It keeps you guessing right up to the end. This and the reasonably good writing made me give it another star. It seemed as if the pieces or various plots were joined together and the story was somehow put in place resulting in the inconsistencies of the characters and the plots in the book.

All this put together the story seemed intangible to me at times.

Overall the book is good enough for an effort to read it once. Just once.

Mike (the Paladin): I read [The Lincoln Lawyer](#) about a week ago and have been on a sort of "Michael Connelly marathon" ever since. I like the writer and I like his books. I think I still like The Micky Haller character best of his creations but this is my favorite book "outside that series" so far.

The Poet is a psychopathic killer who has been killing for a fairly long time. Not sure how long because see, his victims have so far been mistaken for suicides. That is they were until one of them was Jack McEvoy's brother. Jack is a reporter and as such the cops (nor the FBI) wants to listen to him, that is until he comes up with irrefutable proof that not only was his brother not a suicide but that his death is tied in with other deaths.

The story is very well constructed and the book is what is usually termed a "page turner". I like it greatly and highly recommend it.

So...why then do i give it a 4 instead of a 5? Well, as some of you (who've read many of my

reviews) may know I'm really not into emotional stories. A romance will get the ole "heave-ho" form me on a heartbeat and if a romance or emotionally loaded character line takes over a book I'm still prone to "move on". Well, the romance doesn't actually "take over" here but it does "weigh heavily".

Mr. Connelly has a couple of flaws (at least to me) that tend to show up in his books. Now and then the characters do something totally illogical...well, or fail to do the common sense thing. Also they have emotional baggage, I mean BIG emotional baggage. If these people take a plane cross country they probably have to pay extra for all that baggage...it does get old.

Still that aside it's a good book and I really can recommend it, I like it greatly. Enjoy.

Cameron Wiggins: This is an excellent novel by Connelly and a welcome departure from his Harry Bosch character. I am a firm believer of not posting spoilers in a review and I will holdfast to this belief for the sake of future readers. However, I am simply amazed at how skillfully Connelly combines detailed characterization with a progressively forwarding plot structure. And, Connelly continues to cover all of the bases.

Jack McEvoy, reporter for the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, is our main protagonist (?) in this novel. His twin brother, a member of the police force, commits suicide after a case gets the better of him. Jack works out a deal with his editor to write the story of his brother's suicide, more for the therapy than the story itself.

Jack's family and his sister-in-law are not too pleased about all of this, but Jack feels that he must, at least, for the sake of his mind and for his dead brother's reputation. Maybe, Jack is just going through the motions, but he makes a few inquiries into the ruled suicide and with law enforcement. Questions arise and let it be said that at this point his agreement with his editor to write the story, which the editor really pushed Jack for, becomes compromised in complicated ways.

At this point "The Poet" gets harder and harder to put down. Things are constantly happening and things are constantly changing. Jack doesn't know what he is getting himself into. I revert back to the first paragraph and repeat that detailed characterization combined with a progressively forwarding plot structure really keep this book moving.

Anyone that enjoys reading police procedurals, suspense, thrillers, and murder mysteries will really like Michael Connelly's "The Poet." This book will appeal to a very broad reading audience. It is basically a stand-alone, so it can be read at anytime. There is a second Jack McEvoy novel, "The Scarecrow", which is written later. I only hope that others enjoy this book as much as I did.

Cam

Gerard Oconnell: loved this ebook very much. demanding to place down. i'll be analyzing extra books from this author very soon. because of Cameron for selecting this book.

Richard Reviles Censorship Always in All Ways: Rating: 3.5 very happy stars of five Connelly's Harry Bosch sequence will both make you must learn this book, or run from it. I cherished the Harry Bosch mysteries good enough, yet i actually reply extra to Jack McEvoy, Denver journalist and crusader for the rights of sufferers of crime. This is the 1st visual appeal by way of McEvoy.

he is scorching at the path of a cop-killer, one whose expertise for homicide makes him capable of flip a criminal offense scene right into a suicide scene. Jack's brother, a murder cop, is dead...and certainly Jack desires to understand how the present spate of killings relate to the Poet, as this serial killer is known. What occurs subsequent is everything! Connelly makes use of the now-mundane net and e-mail (how quaint!) to offer the tale immediacy and frightening new dimensions, and people tropes do not get up good as stand-alones. Connelly, however, did not graft them onto the tale he told, he made them half and parcel of the case from the get-go. it's totally well-built stuff, as one might count on from this able author. What's no longer so intriguing is the plot resolution, yet hey...at least it isn't *bad*, simply *expected*. I for one felt no feel of "...wha...where...HUH?" that marks out the superior of thrillers. yet it is streets clear of being blah! simply not...all the way, should you be aware of what I mean. learn and enjoy. simply do not count on to want to do sock patrol after you are done, they may not be blown correct off.

Randy Schultz: In catching up on a few Connelly i might missed, I came upon this, what i think is the 1st of the McEvoy novels. Mid stream, I grew to become to my spouse and confessed that i used to be taking your time simply because this book, used to be candy. Connelly is a brilliant writer, a good personality sketcher and this e-book bears testimony to that. What it does not endure testimony to is the practical finishes that Connelly more often than not includes. i do not suggest that you are left with unfinished business, simply that by the point I hit the top of this 'whodunit' i used to be screaming, hey.. no fair! Still, Connelly in undesirable shape is miles sooner than so much authors during this genre.

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