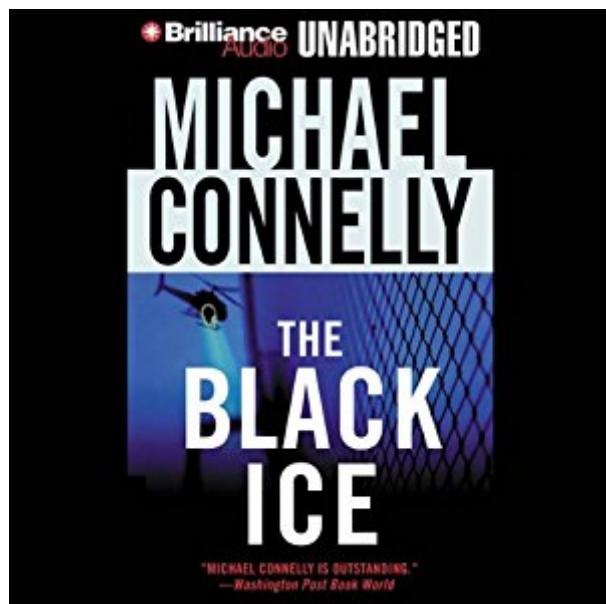


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The Black Ice: Harry Bosch Series, Book 2



Synopsis

Narcotics officer Cal Moore's orders were to look into the city's latest drug killing. Instead, he ends up in a motel room with a fatal bullet wound to the head and a suicide note stuffed in his back pocket. Working the case, LAPD detective Harry Bosch is reminded of the primal police rule he learned long ago: Don't look for the facts, but the glue that holds them together. Soon Harry's making some very dangerous connections, starting with a dead cop and leading to a bloody string of murders that wind from Hollywood Boulevard to the back alleys south of the border. Now this battle-scarred veteran will find himself in the center of a complex and deadly game-one in which he may be the next and likeliest victim. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Let me preface this review by saying that I'm a big Connelly fan. I've read virtually all of his books but never got around to reading his sophomore effort "The Black Ice" until now. And I have to say that I was a bit disappointed. In his Edgar Award winning first novel, "The Black Echo", Connelly delved deep into the demons of main character Harry Bosch's past and relates it to the case before him. In "The Black Ice", Connelly focuses less on the development and insight into Bosch's character and more on Bosch's hard-nosed determination to find the link between two cases, one involving the murder of a "Juan" Doe and the other involving the apparent suicide of a cop in the narcotics unit. First the positives: There are flashes of vintage Connelly in this book, such as attention to detail when involving the reader in the different locales Bosch visits in pursuit of his investigation. And without revealing too much, the investigation takes us to both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, and Bosch's struggle to keep the case moving forward while still trying to

maintain the appearance of compliance with Mexican law enforcement officials is particularly interesting. Now the reason for 3 stars: To be honest, it's a bit slow. Connelly focuses too many pages of the book on the investigation of the narcotics cop's suicide, then once the results of that is revealed, the book then goes into a whirlwind of activity that makes the story seem disjointed, as if one author wrote the first half and another author wrote the second half. You also sympathize less with Bosch's character in this book. Again, without revealing too much, Bosch "intimate" encounters in this book make you almost hate him.

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