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In CHRISTMAS EVEN, the case of a burglar killed in mid-heist leads Bosch to retrace a link to his past. In FATHER'S DAY, Bosch investigates a young boy's seemingly accidental death and confronts his own fears as a father. In ANGLE OF INVESTIGATION, Bosch delves into one of the first homicides he ever worked back as a uniformed rookie patrolman, a case that was left unsolved for decades. Together, these gripping stories span Bosch's controversial career at the LAPD and show the evolution of the haunted, legendary investigator he would become. Utterly unputdownable, they are proof that 'Connelly is a crime writing genius' INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY.

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Amina says

Two stars and a half

Hitessh, thanks for the recommendation!

It wasn't really what I expected, it was too simple and too obvious.. I guess I got used to Agatha Christie and James Hadley Chase complicated kind of crimes that these three cases didn't impress me much, gonna read more Connolly in the future and we'll see!

Robin says

Three Harry Bosch short stories set at three different times in Harry's long career. In "Christmas Even" a burglar is found dead in a jewelry store that he was in the process of robbing. In "Father's Day" Harry Bosch looks into the death of a young child left in a hot car. In "Angle of Investigation" Harry is working in the Open-Unsolved Unit when he runs across a case from 1972. A young Harry and his partner were making a welfare check when they ran across a dead body. The case was never solved. Now Harry gets another chance.

All of these stories were short but interesting. I would recommend them to any Harry Bosch fan. My rating: 4 Stars.

Metodi Markov says

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William says

A MUST for Bosch fans

Three short stories, of which "Angle of Investigation" is the best. We get to see Harry on his second day in the police, as a patrolman, discovering his first murder. Very nicely done.

Father's Day was a bit too short, and cruel.

Christmas Even was nicely done, a bit clever, but also too short.

Quotes that show the true calibre of Mr Connolly's writing and insight into the human condition -

Angle of Investigation -

He knew that passion was a key element in any investigation. Passion was the fuel that kept his fire burning. So he purposely sought the personal connection or, short of that, the personal outrage in every case. It kept him locked in and focused.

But it wasn't the Laura syndrome. It wasn't the same as falling in love with a dead woman. By no means was Bosch in love with June Wilkins. He was in love with the idea of reaching back across time and catching the man who had killed her.

David Highton says

Three short stories featuring Harry Bosch - what a great character he is!

Lakis Fourouklas says

This short story collection that came out only as an eBook is better than *Suicide Run*, which I reviewed recently, since not only the stories are more interesting but also because it gives the reader a chance to get to know better Connelly's detective Bosch.

In Christmas Even Bosch and his partner Jerry Edgar are called to investigate a not so common death. The scene of the crime, if ever there was one, is a pawnshop that belongs to a man of Russian origins. According to him his shop has been victimized by a burglar three times in the past and he's quite certain that the dead man was behind those crimes. How did he get in though and what was it that killed him? Harry will get the answers to these questions with no difficulty at all. But now, and most importantly, he also has to find out who killed him. It's Christmas Eve. All his colleagues are in a hurry to call it a day and go home, but he knows that he will never get peace of mind if he doesn't solve the riddle. So he'll start wandering from one place to the next, arresting people and posing questions until he reaches his goal. At the same time, the accidental recovery of a stolen saxophone will bring back to him memories from the Vietnam War and that's exactly when one will be able to take a better look into his psyche.

The story in Father's Day somehow reminds us of an episode of *CSI Miami* in which something similar has happened. A fifteen month old boy is found dead in his father's car. The cause of death is heatstroke and now it falls to Bosch and his partner Ignatio Ferras to discover whether it was an accident or rule it a crime. The child was handicapped and in cases like this no one can be certain about anything.

Bosch takes a journey into the past in *Angle of Investigation*. The year is 1972 and he is just starting his career as a cop in the LAPD, when he and his partner-mentor Ron Eckersly are ordered to visit the house of a woman who, according to her daughter who lives in a different town, has been missing for a few days now. As it turns out the latter had every reason to worry since the two of them will discover the corpse of the woman in her bathtub along with that of her dog. That case has never been solved and now Bosch, who works along with Kiz Rider on the cold case division, is more determined than ever to solve the case and bring the truth to light.

Three nicely crafted tales by one of the best American crime fiction authors.

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Eric says

I really liked these stories -- which seem almost like ideas that Michael Connelly realized weren't robust enough to turn into novels. If each Harry Bosch novel is a big budget Hollywood movie, these stories are the serialized police procedural television show. They also fill in little gaps in Harry's career that are alluded to in the novels.

Mark says

Another collection of short stories about Harry Bosch consisting of three separate tales.

"Christmas Even" This is a case of a burglar who got killed during heist, and not just a heist but his third visit to a pawnshop during the the not-so-opening hours. This does somehow alerts Bosch's suspicions. And when he visits the appartement of the murder victim he finds a link to his past.

"Father's Day" Bosch investigates a young boy's seemingly accidental death and gets tangled up in his own feelings

"Angle of Investigation" This story starts with Bosch 2nd day on the job as a uniformed cop and his first dead body. The story then skips to Bosch last part of his career, were he works unsolved cases. Will Bosch finally put this case to rest and solve it after so many years.?

Three easy to read short stories of which the first and the last are quite well written and the middle one is somewhat forgettable. A nice collection to read while waiting for the next installment of Connelly his Bosch or Haller series.

Heather says

Three short stories with my favorite character, Bosch. Long enough to give me a good, quick read, but left me wanting more. I heart Bosch! If you haven't read any Bosch books, this may be a good start.

Nancy Ellis says

Always great to read a Harry Bosch story! This is a collection of three short stories, each with a good plot and "typical" Bosch brilliance.

Marleen says

In my eyes, Harry Bosch symbolizes the best of what a police detective can be. Over the years, my admiration for this character has grown immensely – and I hope Harry never ages.

In these 3 short stories – at various stages of his career – we still get what Harry is about : A clever and instinctive investigator. A true fan is always happy to read new Bosch material, even if it comes in tiny morsels , like here.

The first short story – CHRISTMAS EVEN – Harry's teamed up with his partner Jerry Edgar – so that's story takes us back to a the 1990ies when Harry's a detective III in the LAPD Hollywood division. They investigate a burglar killed in the middle of a heist.

The second short story – FATHER'S DAY – was more gripping. Together with partner, Det. Ignacio 'Iggy' Ferras, they are able to get a confession of voluntary neglect and manslaughter from a couple who couldn't cope with a disabled child.

For the last one – ANGLE OF INVESTIGATION – Harry's working the OPEN and UNSOLVED cases, being partnered with Kizmin Rider and trying to solve a 35-year old murder, one who takes Harry back in time, when he was first on the scene as a rookie.

Loved all the stories, as I listened to them via audible.com. The narrator, Lou Cariou (grandpa in series Blue Bloods) had to grow on me at first, but in the end, I thought he did a pretty good job.

Jeanette says

These are all good. Very short past Bosch tales. One of them goes back 3 decades plus when he was a rookie discovering his first "home call for missing person" dead body.

The one about the little boy was too obvious. To me it was. All three had little deep sleuthing skills required.

Entertainment for the Bosch lover crowd. 3.5 star but very short.

Sharon says

Delightful shorts, very short. A little more about Harry Bosch when he was a rookie, very interesting. He was a good police officer before he became a detective. Insightful and thorough.

Jim says

Several short stories about Harry Bosch. I'm reading them in the chronology of Connelly's universe which includes all his characters since they intertwine a lot.

11.5 - Christmas Even (2002) - Wow! 5 stars. This story should be read before Lost Light.

Stopping now until I catch up to the other 2 stories.

15.5 - Angle of Investigation (2005) - was excellent, if short. 4 stars because it was such a slam dunk. Actually, maybe that was kind of nice for a change. Sometimes the bad guy isn't that hard to find with new tools. This story really needs to be read in this order, too.

17.4 - Father's Day (2007) - ugh. I'm a father, so this one was tough on several levels. 5 stars. It is best read in order since Harry's partner is different, although that's not a huge point.

Connelly, Michael - Reading Order based on the publishing chronology of each item, including short stories, which fits the internal chronology best. This list currently varies from the GR list due to that & including books that they don't, such as the Cassie Black book Void Moon. See my review of the first book in the series, The Black Echo for the full Harry Bosch Universe chronology. Here is the partial surrounding these stories:

- 09 - Void Moon (Cassie Black #1) (2000)
- 10 - A Darkness More Than Night (Harry Bosch #7, also Terry McCaleb #2), 2001
- 10.5 - Cielo Azul(2001) in Suicide Run, 2011 (HB & TM)
- 11 - City Of Bones (Harry Bosch #8), 2002

11.5 - Christmas Even (2002) in Angle of Investigation (2011)

- 11.6 - Suicide Run(2007) in Suicide Run, 2011 (was 17.5)
- 12 - Lost Light (Harry Bosch #9), 2003
- 13 - The Narrows (Harry Bosch #10), 2004
- 14 - The Lincoln Lawyer (Mickey Haller #1), 2004
- 15 - The Closers (Harry Bosch #11), 2005

15.5 - Angle of Investigation (2005) in Angle of Investigation (2011)

- 16 - Echo Park (Harry Bosch #12), 2006
- 17 - The Overlook (Harry Bosch #13), 2007

17.4 - Father's Day (2007) in Angle of Investigation (2011)

- 17.6 - One Dollar Jackpot(2007) in Suicide Run, 2011
- 18 - The Brass Verdict (Harry Bosch #14, also Mickey Haller #2), 2008
- 19 - Nine Dragons (Harry Bosch #15), 2009

20 - The Scarecrow (Jack McEvoy #2), 2009
21 - The Reversal (Mickey Haller #3), 2010 (Harry Bosch #16,
21.5 - The Perfect Triangle, 2010 Mickey Haller short story
21.6 - Blue on Black - Harry Bosch Short Story 2010
