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## **Phoenix Noir Akashic Noir:**

*Phoenix Noir* Patrick Millikin, 2009-11-01 Sixteen stories reveal the dark side of Arizona's capital including tales from 1 New York Times bestselling authors Lee Child and Diana Gabaldon Even a desert metropolis has its share of cold blooded criminals Along with suburban sprawl Phoenix is home to shady developers police corruption and organized crime Being close to the country's southern border makes it a hot spot for trafficking humans guns and drugs Though known as the Valley of the Sun Phoenix exists under a long shadow In *Phoenix Noir* you'll find stories from powerhouse authors Diana Gabaldon Lee Child James Sallis Luis Alberto Urrea Jon Talton Megan Abbott Charles Kelly Robert Anglen Patrick Millikin Laura Tohe Kurt Reichenbaugh Gary Phillips David Corbett Don Winslow Dogo Barry Graham and Stella Pope Duarte Patrick Millikin as if to prove his witty claim that sunshine is the new noir offers one superb specimen *Whiteout* on Van Buren in which author Don Winslow makes skillful use of a city street at high noon to provide the perfect metaphor for life and death The New York Times Book Review

*Providence Noir (Akashic Noir)* Ann Hood, 2015-06-02 Following the success of Dennis Lehane's best selling *Boston Noir* the Akashic Noir Series delves deeper into New England's underbelly Even Providence's signature public art has a dark side in *Providence Noir Akashic* which includes a story called *WaterFire's Smell Tonight* by Pablo Rodriguez Each tale in this anthology edited by Ann Hood is set in a different part of the city Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout's story takes place at Trinity Repertory Company Thomas Cobb whose novel *Crazy Heart* was made into a movie with Jeff Bridges tees up at Triggs Memorial Golf Course and Dumb and Dumber co writer and co director Peter Farrelly a graduate of Providence College sets his story in the Elmhurst neighborhood near his old college stomping grounds Boston Globe Providence of course has a history of crime the mob corruption and other goodies In this collection of 15 stories we are given a darkly hued tour of the city in all its nooks and crannies by such excellent writers as Hood herself John Searles Bruce DeSilva Peter Farrelly Elizabeth Strout Hester Kaplan and others each with their own style tone and sly approach that will keep you reading waiting for the sudden murder the end of troubled relationships the discovery of bones A wonderful collection Providence Journal Peter Farrelly's story *The Saturday Night Before Easter Sunday* was nominated for an Edgar Award for Best Short Story Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with *Brooklyn Noir* Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Featuring brand new stories by John Searles Elizabeth Strout Taylor M Polites Hester Kaplan Robert Leuci Amity Gaige Peter Farrelly Pablo Rodriguez Bruce DeSilva Marie Myung Ok Lee Luanne Rice Dawn Raffel Thomas Cobb LaShonda Katrice Barnett and Ann Hood Anyone who has spent time in Providence Rhode Island knows that lurking in the shadows are many sinister noir elements and characters The city is ripe for this volume and Akashic is proud to have recruited the amazing Ann Hood as editor The impressive contributor list conveys the caliber of *Providence Noir* which joins *Cape Cod Noir* *Boston Noir* and *Boston Noir 2 The Classics* in sketching a dark and alternative portrait of these New England locales From the introduction

by Ann Hood Providence was founded in 1636 by a rogue named Roger Williams Williams escaped here when Massachusetts was ready to deport him back to England In the almost four hundred years since we've become infamous for all sorts of crimes and misdemeanors including serving as home base for the Patriarca crime family for decades My very own Uncle Eddie I can hear Mama Rose screaming at me He wasn't a blood relative He was related through marriage was gunned down in the Silver Lake section of town in 1964 just a year after he drove me in his white Cadillac convertible in a parade as the newly crowned Little Miss Natick The writer Geoffrey Wolff told me that once he went to a barber in Princeton New Jersey and the barber asked him where he was from Providence Wolff told him The barber put down his scissors raised his hands in the air and said Providence Don't shoot I've asked fourteen of my favorite writers to contribute short stories to Providence Noir We have stories to make you shiver stories to make you think stories that will show you my beautiful noirish city in a way it's never been highlighted before      **Istanbul Noir (Akashic Noir)** Mustafa Ziyalan, Amy Spangler, 2008-11-01

Istanbul Noir presents stories from a city at once ancient and modern Asian and European postcard perfect and simmering with rage Istanbul straddles the divide of Europe and Asia and its polyglot population of 12 million seethes with political religious and sexual tensions as shown in the 16 stories in this strong entry in Akashic's noir anthology series a welcome complement to the mostly historical mysteries set in Istanbul Publishers Weekly Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Brand new stories by Muge Iplik i Beh et elik Ismail Gzelsoy Lydia Lunch Hikmet H kmenoglu Riza Kira Sadik Yemni Baris Mstecaplioglu Yasemin Aydinoglu Feryal Tilma Mehmet Bil l Inan etin Mustafa Ziyalan Jessica Lutz Tarkan Barlas and Algan Sezgin redi      **Venice Noir (Akashic Noir)** Maxim Jakubowski, 2012-05-29 Venice Italy behind the tourist veil is revealed and dissected Drifter by Emily Mandel was selected for inclusion in The Best American Mystery Stories 2013 edited by Otto Penzler and Lisa Scottoline Forget the magnificence of Venice's art architecture and music and delve into this tour of the City of Water's murky depths visions of a Venice not seen in tourist brochures Publishers Weekly Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Brand new stories by Peter James Emily St John Mandel Barbara Baraldi Mike Hodges Mary Hoffman Maria Tronca Matteo Righetto Tony Cartano Francesco Ferracin Isabella Santacroce Michelle Lovric Francesca Mazzucato Maxim Jakubowski and Michael Gregorio From the introduction by Maxim Jakubowski It's one of the most famous cities in the world Immortalized by writers throughout the years frozen in amber by film and photography the picturesque survivor of a wild history whose centuries encompass splendor decay pestilence beauty and never ending wonders A city built on water whose geographical position once saw it rule the world and form a vital crossing point between West and East A city of marchants artists glamour abject poverty philosophers corrupt nobles refugees courtesans and unforgettable lovers buffeted by the tides of wars a unique

place whose architecture is a subtle palette reflecting the successive waves of settlers invaders religions and short term rulers Change in this most curious of cities is something almost imperceptible and invisible to the naked eye Walking just a few minutes away from the Rialto Bridge for instance and losing yourself in backstreets where the canals and small connecting bridges leave just enough space to pass along the buildings without falling into the water it s as if you are stepping into a past century altogether with no indication whatsoever of modernity You wade through a labyrinth of stone water and wrought iron bridges and after dark feel part of another world where electricity isn t yet invented a most unsettling feeling nothing can prepare you for Orange County Noir (Akashic Noir) Gary Phillips,2010-04-01 You may be disturbed or possibly titillated to discover what can happen once you cross the Orange Curtain There s a dark side to most places even California s sunny Orange County Edgar winner T Jefferson Parker observes in his foreword to this outstanding entry in Akashic s noir series one of the stronger of the all original anthologies The crisp often seductive prose of the 14 contributors most of them relatively unknown is a tribute to the critical judgment of the editor Publishers Weekly Starred Review Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Brand new stories by Susan Straight Robert S Levinson Rob Roberge Nathan Walpow Barbara DeMarco Barrett Dan Duling Mary Castillo Lawrence Maddox Dick Lochte Robert Ward Gary Phillips Gordon McAlpine Martin J Smith and Patricia McFall with a foreword by T Jefferson Parker *Honolulu Noir (Akashic Noir)* Chris McKinney,2024-11-05 The Aloha State enters the Akashic Noir Series arena with a riveting collection exploring shadows and corners of Honolulu that will never be found in a tourist brochure FEATURING BRAND NEW STORIES BY Don Wallace Stephanie Han Christy Passion Morgan Miryung McKinney Alan Brennert Lono Waiwai ole Kiana Davenport Mindy Eun Soo Pennybacker Scott Kikkawa Tom Gammarino B A Kobayashi Michelle Cruz Skinner and Chris McKinney Two thousand miles away from the rest of the country an American city evades the mind s eye of the empire that claimed it peddled it as paradise then largely ignored it And yet Honolulu likes its anonymity Tourists and outsiders corral themselves in hotels and resorts vacation eyes glued to their beachfront sunsets and mai tais while the people who live here get on with their affairs And sometimes it s dirty business Honolulu Noir comprises stories about the people of the city written by those who know this place best The volume opens with a story featuring Chang Apana the Native Hawaiian Chinese real life cop who was the inspiration for the controversial Charlie Chan It ends with a supernatural journey from the Philippines to Hawaii In between readers will find multicultural tales of invasion whether yakuza ISIS recruiters or vampires madness addiction and murder all the stuff that many people don t know happens here Unbeknownst to the rest of the country Honolulu can be a very dangerous place Here even the alluring crystal blue waters might kill you Chris McKinney says When the opportunity to edit Honolulu Noir was presented to me I jumped at the chance I d been aware of the outstanding reputation of Akashic s Noir Series and as someone who was born and has lived and worked in just about every

neighborhood in this city I felt up to the task E komo mai to Honolulu Noir      **Haiti Noir** Edwidge Danticat, 2010-12-07 A wide ranging collection from the beloved but besieged Caribbean island from a lineup of authors including two National Book Award finalists Kirkus Reviews The Haitian born Danticat has brought her country's literature back into the world of English speakers Filled with delights and surprises Haiti Noir taken as a whole provides a profound portrait of the country from its crises to its triumphs from the tiny bouqs of the countryside to the shanties of the sprawling bidonvilles Danticat herself has a lovely story in the collection and permits two distinguished foreign writers on Haiti Madison Smartt Bell and Mark Kurlansky to slide in there among all the brilliant Haitians Daily Beast Brand new stories by Edwidge Danticat Rodney Saint loi Madison Smartt Bell Gary Victor M J Fievre Mark Kurlansky Marvin Victor Josaphat Robert Large Marie Lily Cerat Yanick Lahens Louis Philippe Dalember Kettly Mars Marie Ketsia Theodore Pharel Evelyne Trouillot Katia D Ulysse Ibi Aanu Zoboï Nadine Pinede and Patrick Sylvain This anthology will give American readers a complex and nuanced portrait of the real Haiti not seen on the evening news and introduce them to some original and wonderful writers Library Journal A collection possessing classic noir elements crimes and criminals and evil deeds only sometimes punished but also something else perhaps uniquely Haitian too Los Angeles Times      **Barcelona Noir** Adriana V. López, Carmen Ospina, 2019-03-01 Journey to Spain with stories that tap into history politics and culture to cast a cloak of horror and humor on the city's distinctive neighborhoods The Miami Herald For some Barcelona is a European enchantress of nouveau architecture fusion tapas and fine cava To others it's a Gothic labyrinth of tiny streets to lose oneself in hashish clouded after hours bars to forget the time dimly lit plazas with global bohemians squatting prostitutes tempting But come morning its cold cobblestones and misty beachfronts have even darker stories to tell This collection of crime fiction includes brand new stories by Jordi Sierra i Fabra Imma Mons Santiago Roncagliolo Francisco González Ledesma Valerie Miles David Barba Isabel Franc Lolita Bosch Eric Taylor Aragón Antonia Cortijos Cristina Fallar's Raï Argem Teresa Solana and Andreu Martín The 14 stories hew closely to the bleak spirit of the noir genre whether reaching back to the 1920s or chronicling chaotic immigrant infused present day Barcelona Publishers Weekly Each contributor presents his or her own personal picture of the city and as a whole the anthology projects a many hued sense of place As portrayed here Barcelona is a city that looks different from every angle Booklist With 50 titles in its noir series and counting Akashic adds another fine anthology to the lineup Fans of Spanish literature and crime fiction will enjoy Library Journal      **Delhi Noir (Akashic Noir)** Hirsh Sawhney, 2009 Delhi Noir's 15 original stories are written by the best Indian writers alive today the ones readers might not have yet heard of but should have Features both veteran authors who have appeared on the Booker Prize shortlist and new talent Delhi Noir is a world of sex in parks male prostitution and vigilante rickshaw drivers It is one plagued by religious riots soulless corporate dons and murderous servants This is India uncut      Paris Noir (Akashic Noir) Aurélien Masson, 2008-11-01 All original stories from Paris finest authors all translated from French Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched

in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Brand new stories by Didier Daeninckx Jean Bernard Pouy Marc Villard Chantal Pelletier Patrick P cherot DOA Herv Prudon Dominique Mainard Salim Bachi J r me Leroy Laurent Martin and Christophe Mercier **Houston Noir (Akashic Noir)** Gwendolyn Zepeda,2019-05-07 The fourth largest city in the US is long overdue to enter the Noir Series arena and does so blazingly There s precious little comfort to be found in any of these Houston neighborhoods most of which are set light years away from the city s notoriously cushy new money culture Houston comes across as a haven of multiculturalism though as in all the 90 plus volumes of Akashic s 15 year old series the vision of the city that emerges isn t likely to jump start tourism for any but the most ghoulishly inclined Kirkus Reviews Brooklyn Noir came first in 2004 and now 15 years later Houston Noir 14 stories of intrigue betrayal and death set from Tanglewood to Third Ward penned by current or former Houston authors goes on sale Houston Chronicle Akashic Books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city Brand new stories by Tom Abrahams Robert Boswell Sarah Cortez Anton DiSclafani Stephanie Jaye Evans Wanjiku Wa Ngugi Adrienne Perry Pia Pico Reyes Ramirez Icess Fernandez Rojas Sehba Sarwar Leslie Contreras Schwartz Larry Watts and Deborah D E E P Mouton From the introduction by Gwendolyn Zepeda In a 2004 essay Hunter S Thompson described Houston as a cruel crazy town on a filthy river in East Texas with no zoning laws and a culture of sex money and violence It s a shabby sprawling metropolis ruled by brazen women crooked cops and super rich pansexual cowboys who live by the code of the West which can mean just about anything you need it to mean in a pinch For what it s worth that quote is now posted on a banner somewhere downtown and regularly gleefully repeated by our local feature writers Houston is a port city on top of a swamp and yes it has no zoning laws And that means it s culturally diverse internally incongruous and ever changing At any intersection here I might look out my car window and see a horse idly munching St Augustine grass And within spitting distance of that horse I might see a spa that s an obvious brothel a house turned drug den or a swiftly rising bayou that might overtake a car if the rain doesn t let up Overall this collection represents the very worst our city has to offer for residents and visitors alike But it also presents some of our best voices veteran and emerging to any reader lucky enough to pick up this book *Twin Cities Noir: The Expanded Edition (Akashic Noir)* Steven Horwitz,Julie Schaper,2013-08-06 An expanded edition with brand new stories added to the fourth printing of this best selling Noir Series installment Here the unseemly underside of Minneapolis St Paul is revealed like never before If you ve never read an Akashic Noir book Twin Cities Noir is a fine place to start San Francisco Book Review Sacramento Book Review Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Brand new stories by John Jodzio Tom Kaczynski Peter Schilling Jr David Housewright Steve Thayer Judith Guest Mary Logue Bruce Rubenstein K J Erickson William Kent Krueger Ellen Hart Brad

Zellar Mary Sharratt Pete Hautman Larry Millett Quinton Skinner Gary Bush and Chris Everheart From the introduction by Julie Schaper Steven Horwitz St Paul was originally called Pig s Eye s Landing and was named after Pig s Eye Parrant trapper moonshiner and proprietor of the most popular drinking establishment on the Mississippi Traders river rats missionaries soldiers land speculators fur trappers and Indian agents congregated in his establishment and made their deals When Minnesota became a territory in 1849 the town leaders realizing that a place called Pig s Eye might not inspire civic confidence changed the name to St Paul after the largest church in the city Across the river Minneapolis has its own sordid story By the turn of the twentieth century it was considered one of the most crooked cities in the nation Mayor Albert Alonzo Ames with the assistance of the chief of police his brother Fred ran a city so corrupt that according to Lincoln Steffans its deliberateness invention and avarice has never been equaled As recently as the mid 90s Minneapolis was called Murderopolis due to a rash of killings that occurred over a long hot summer Every city has its share of crime but what makes the Twin Cities unique may be that we have more than our share of good writers to chronicle it They are homegrown and they know the territory

**San Francisco Noir 2: The Classics (Akashic Noir)** Peter Maravelis, 2009-02-01 Dashiell Hammett and William Vollmann are just two treats in this stellar sequel to the smash hit original volume of San Francisco Noir which captures the dark mythology of a world class locale Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Featuring stories by Ambrose Bierce Frank Norris Mark Twain Jack London Dashiell Hammett Fletcher Flora Bill Pronzini Joe Gores Don Herron Ernest J Gaines Marcia Muller Oscar Pe aranda Janet Dawson Seth Morgan Craig Clevenger William T Vollmann and John Shirley

**Las Vegas Noir** Jarret Keene, Todd James Pierce, 2025-07-01 In this chilling portrait of America s Sin City lady luck is just as likely to dispense cold hard cash as a cold hearted killing Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book Brand new stories by John O Brien David Corbett Scott Phillips Nora Pierce Tod Goldberg Bliss Esposito Felicia Campbell Jaq Greenspon Jos Skinner Pablo Medina Christine McKellar Lori Kozlowski Vu Tran Celeste Starr Preston L Allen and Janet Berliner From the introduction by Jarret Keene Todd James Pierce Ooh Las Vegas sang the pioneering country rocker Gram Parsons Every time I hit your Crystal City you know you re gonna make a wreck out of me As Las Vegans we regularly read about these wrecked lives in newspapers and magazines We routinely observe people going about their wildly destructive antics on mainstream TV Often we can t believe these stories are unfolding in our city They almost seem like put ons elaborate pranks borrowed from atrocious cut rate screenplays But there they are these inhabitants of our city their mug shots staring us down making us wonder if what Parsons said is really true that in Las Vegas your only real friend is the queen of spades The stories gathered in Las Vegas Noir are written by longtime residents and avid chroniclers of Sin City authors who take you far beyond the neon of Caesars Palace and into the



neighborhoods too dangerous for CSI Absolutely cliché free these stories are full of flesh and blood characters trapped in dire circumstances that only real Las Vegas neighborhoods can spring

**Tel Aviv Noir** Gadi Taub, 2014-09-15 Israeli crime fiction that sets the bar high for subsequent Noir offerings The genre is hot Tel Aviv is exotic and this volume is outstanding Library Journal starred review Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched with the summer 04 award winning bestseller Brooklyn Noir Each book is comprised of all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city For Tel Aviv Noir Etgar Keret and Assaf Gavron have masterfully assembled some of Israel's top contemporary writers into a compulsively readable collection Along with Gon Ben Ari's story Clear Recent History winner of the Private Eye Writers of America Shamus Award for Best P I Short Story this anthology includes brand new stories by Etgar Keret Gadi Taub Lavie Tidhar Deakla Keydar Matan Hermoni Julia Fermentto Shimon Adaf Alex Epstein Antonio Ungar Gai Ad Assaf Gavron Silje Bekeng and Yoav Katz translated by Yardenne Greenspan Jewish Journal's Noteworthy Books for the New Year There's a marvelous underlying tension to the stories a paranoid tinge as if some vast monstrous conspiracy is lurking behind every misdeed and bad stroke of luck San Francisco Book Review The collection reflects much of the daily reality of the city but not the sort one is likely to read in tour guides There's a complexity and virtuosity to plot and prose that leaves the reader with a sense of satisfaction and appreciation despite the typically devastating denouement of the tales Superb PopMatters Consistently strong Definitely one of the highlights in the long running Akashic series Booklist starred review

**Richmond Noir** Andrew Blossom, Brian Castleberry, Tom De Haven, 2010-03-01 The River City emerges as a hot spot for unseemly noir in this anthology with a foreword by New York Times bestselling author Tom Robbins A rich literary tradition sets the stage for this talented group of authors who take their inspiration from Virginia's capital city Edgar Allan Poe has left his mark on the atmospheric town giving its residents a taste for walking on the dark side It's no wonder that three local writers took it upon themselves to curate this moody and menacing collection featuring stories by Dean King Laura Browder Howard Owen Yazmina Beverly Tom De Haven X C Atkins Meagan J Saunders Anne Thomas Soffee Clint McCown Conrad Ashley Persons Clay McLeod Chapman Pir Rothenberg David L Robbins Hermine Pinson and Dennis Danvers Fifteen gritty and ominous tales The writing of Poe who grew up and forged a literary reputation in Richmond and is usually credited with inventing the detective story may have set the stage for the town's kiss me deadly tradition Richmond Times Dispatch

**Detroit Noir** E.J. Olsen, John C. Hocking, 2007-11-01 Presents short stories about Detroit with noir and crime fiction by writers such as Joyce Carol Oates Joe Boland Peter Markus and Lolita Hernandez

**San Diego Noir** Maryelizabeth Hart, 2011-05-17 Southern California is not all sun sand and surf in this gripping collection of noir tales from T Jefferson Parker Don Winslow Maria Lima and others San Diego is home to miles of beaches Balboa Park a world famous zoo and some of the country's most expensive home and resort real estate Yet the city also houses a few items that aren't actively promoted by the visitor's bureau a number of the country's most corrupt

politicians border related crimes terrorists and the occasional earthquakes A noir feast In the fifty plus years since Raymond Chandler set Playback in Esmeralda his name for La Jolla the population has grown by more than a million and crime has proliferated as well San Diego of the past and the present offers the book s contributors a rich selection of settings from the cross on Mount Soledad to the piers of Ocean Beach and perpetrators and victims from the residents of its wealthiest enclaves to the inhabitants of its segregated barrios San Diego Noir includes stories by T Jefferson Parker Jeffrey J Mariotte Martha C Lawrence Diane Clark Astrid Bear Debra Ginsberg Morgan Hunt Ken Kuhlken Taffy Cannon Don Winslow Cameron Pierce Hughes Lisa Brackmann Gabriel R Barillas Gar Anthony Haywood Luis Alberto Urrea and Maria Lima When it s done right noir is a darkly delicious thrill smart sharp tongued surprising The knife goes in at the end with a twist San Diego Noir a new 15 story collection by some of the region s best writers has all that going for it and the steady supply of hometown references makes it even more fun The San Diego Union Tribune      Belfast Noir Adrian McKinty, Stuart Neville, 2014-10-13 Atmospheric all new crime fiction set in this Northern Ireland city from Lee Child Arlene Hunt Steve Cavanagh Gerard Brennan and more During the decades of the Troubles Belfast was plagued with riots bombings and other violence and armored vehicles patrolled the streets a daily darkness that is reflected in the personality of the city New York Times bestselling author Lee Child calls it the most noir place on earth This collection of short stories in the acclaimed noir series provides not only a compelling read for fans of mystery and suspense and an opportunity to discover some new must read authors but a portrait of the moody murderous history of Belfast Publishers Weekly Featuring brand new stories by Glenn Patterson Eoin McNamee Garbhan Downey Lee Child Alex Barclay Brian McGilloway Ian McDonald Arlene Hunt Ruth Dudley Edwards Claire McGowan Steve Cavanagh Lucy Caldwell Sam Millar and Gerard Brennan The works are short allowing readers to savor each snippet or devour the entire compelling book in a day depending on just how deliciously gloomy they re feeling Shelf Awareness starred review All the stories are compelling and well executed Great writing for fans of noir and short stories with some tales close to perfection Library Journal starred review The choices made by editors McKinty and Neville celebrate lowlifes convicts hookers private eyes cops and reporters and above all the gray city at the heart of each story Kirkus Reviews      *Lone Star Noir* Bobby Byrd, Johnny Byrd, 2010-10-19 Traverses Texas finding evidence of the hard boiled sultry and disreputable throughout the state Think of the book as a sort of criminal travelogue Booklist If everything is bigger in Texas then that includes the boldness of the criminals who call the state home From large urban centers to the Cajun Gulf coast there is big money to be made running guns drugs and catering to the greedy and disillusioned Each distinctive region can claim its own special brand of outlaw In Lone Star Noir you ll find stories by James Crumley Joe R Lansdale Claudia Smith Ito Romo Luis Alberto Urrea David Corbett George Wier Sarah Cortez Jesse Sublett Dean James Tim Tingle Milton T Burton Lisa Sandlin Jessica Powers and Bobby Byrd This isn t J R Ewing s Lone Star State This is the Texas of chicken shit bingo Enron scamsters and a feeling that what happens in Mexico stays in Mexico So what defines Texas noir

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