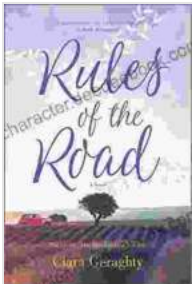


# Rules of the Road: A Novel by Michael Connelly



## Rules of the Road: A Novel by Ciara Geraghty

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**Rules of the Road** is a 2002 crime novel by Michael Connelly, the bestselling author of *The Lincoln Lawyer* and *The Overlook*. The novel follows LAPD detective Harry Bosch as he investigates the murder of a young woman whose body is found in a car on the side of the road. Bosch must uncover the secrets of the victim's past and the motives of those who wanted her dead in order to solve the case.

The novel begins with Bosch responding to a call about a body found in a car on Mulholland Drive. The victim is a young woman named Vivian Holloway, and she has been shot in the head. Bosch quickly realizes that this is not a random killing, and he begins to investigate Vivian's past in order to find out who would have wanted her dead.

Bosch's investigation leads him to a world of drugs, prostitution, and organized crime. He discovers that Vivian was involved in a number of illegal activities, and he begins to suspect that her murder was related to her involvement in these activities.

As Bosch digs deeper into the case, he uncovers a web of corruption and deceit. He learns that Vivian was not who she seemed to be, and that she was involved in a number of dangerous relationships. Bosch must use all of his skills and experience to solve the case and bring Vivian's killer to justice.

**Rules of the Road** is a gripping and suspenseful crime novel that will keep readers on the edge of their seats from beginning to end. Michael Connelly is a master of the genre, and he has created a compelling and unforgettable story in **Rules of the Road**.

## Characters

- **Harry Bosch:** A veteran LAPD detective who is assigned to investigate Vivian Holloway's murder.
- **Vivian Holloway:** The victim of the murder. A young woman who was involved in a number of illegal activities.
- **Eleanor Wish:** A prostitute who was Vivian's friend and roommate.
- **Carl Dayton:** A drug dealer who was Vivian's boyfriend.
- **Mickey Haller:** A defense attorney who represents Carl Dayton.

## Setting

**Rules of the Road** is set in Los Angeles, California. The novel takes place in a number of different locations, including the LAPD headquarters, Mulholland Drive, and Skid Row.

## Themes

**Rules of the Road** explores a number of themes, including the nature of evil, the importance of justice, and the power of redemption. The novel also examines the dark side of Los Angeles, and the ways in which the city's corruption and violence can destroy lives.

## Critical Reception

**Rules of the Road** received positive reviews from critics. *The New York Times* called the novel "a taut, suspenseful thriller that will keep readers guessing until the very end." *The Washington Post* said that "Connelly has written another winner with **Rules of the Road**. This is a must-read for fans of crime fiction."

## Adaptations

**Rules of the Road** was adapted into a television movie in 2003. The movie starred Titus Welliver as Harry Bosch and Lesley Ann Warren as Eleanor Wish. The movie was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to introduce Michael Connelly's work to a wider audience.

## Awards

**Rules of the Road** won the following awards:

- Macavity Award for Best Mystery Novel
- Anthony Award for Best Novel

- Shamus Award for Best Novel

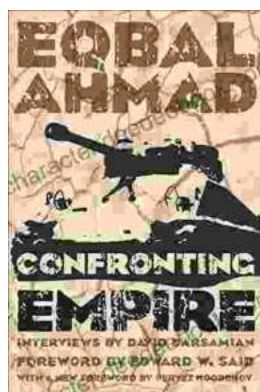
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