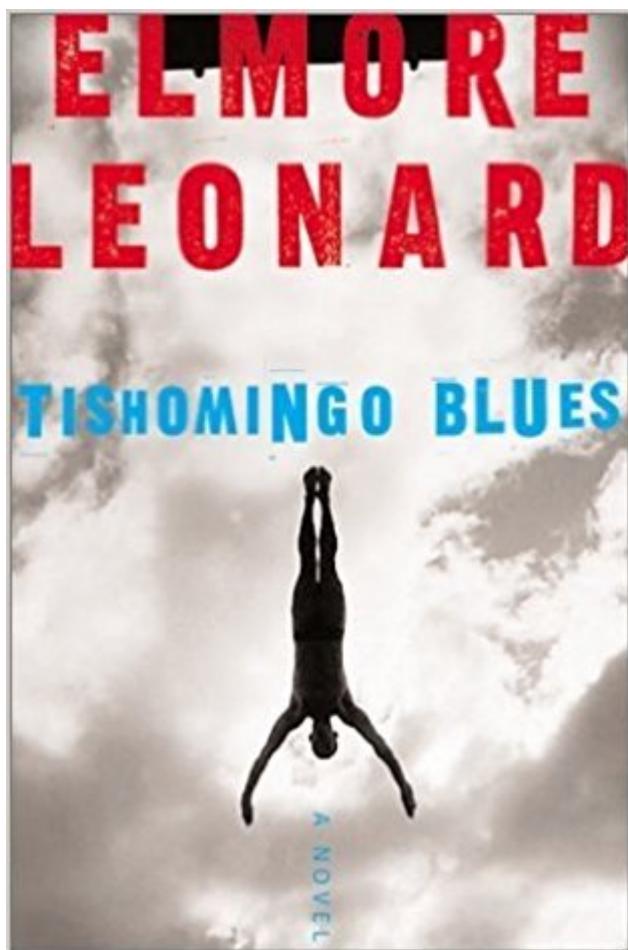


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Tishomingo Blues



Synopsis

Daredevil Dennis Lenahan has brought his act to the Tishomingo Lodge & Casino in Tunica, Mississippi—diving off an eighty-foot ladder into nine feet of water for the amusement of gamblers, gangsters, and luscious belles. His riskiest feat, however, was witnessing a Dixie-style mob execution while atop his diving platform. Robert Taylor saw the hit also. A blues-loving Detroit hustler touring the Southland in a black Jaguar, Taylor's got his own secret agenda, and he wants Dennis in on the game. But there's a lot more in Robert Taylor's pocket than a photo of his lynched great-grandfather. And high-diver Dennis could be about to take a long, fatal fall - right into a mess of hoop skirts, Civil War play-acting—and more trouble than he ever dreamed possible.

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Take a high diver who witnesses a murder from his perch 80 feet above a Mississippi casino. Add a cooler-than-thou con artist from Detroit who's out to take over the Dixie mafia's lucrative Gulf Coast drug business. Throw in a crooked deputy sheriff and an honest state cop. Put them all in costume along with a bunch of other "reenactors" bent on refighting an important Civil War battle, season with plenty of historic detail, and you've got all the classic ingredients of an Elmore Leonard novel--except for drama, suspense, or mystery, that is. This is a rib-tickler in the Carl Hiaasen/Dave Barry tradition rather than the kind of thriller Leonard wrote before Hollywood discovered him. As the author himself explains, his intent was to entertain himself by gathering an odd assortment of characters, building a story as they bump heads, and seeing what happens. And as usual, he carries it off with style, wit, and brio. Readers will be casting the inevitable movie in their heads

(Samuel L. Jackson is a lock for Robert, who glides into town in a flashy Jag and gets the action going) as they chuckle their way to the last hilarious page. --Jane Adams --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The high quality of this polished, entertaining production comes as no surprise, as Leonard (Out of Sight; Get Shorty; etc.) is one of the most highly esteemed crime writers working today and Muller one of the most seasoned audiobook performers. The story centers on Dennis Lenahan, a high diver who lands a job performing at the Tishomingo Lodge & Casino in Tunica, Miss., but finds himself in hot water in the midst of an organized crime power struggle. As befits a Leonard novel, the proceedings are peppered by an interesting cast of characters making do on the fringes of conventional society. Muller ably portrays their many eccentricities and has the rare knack for performing the parts of the opposite sex in a way that sounds completely natural. He also captures the discerning, jazzman cool of Detroit gangster Robert Taylor; the thick, adenoidal twang of various members of the Dixie Mafia; and the comically ostentatious boastings of the hotel's resident celebrity, a former pitcher named Charlie who claims to have played in the 1984 World Series. The tension between them all builds toward a climactic Civil War reenactment, and listeners will find themselves alternately amused and intrigued by the many turns Leonard is able to muster. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Going back through my library of Elmore Leonard books -- picking out old favorites to read. Can't believe he's gone. What a legacy of material he's left for us to enjoy. And this is one of my personal favorites. Funny. Fast. Clever. Left me wanting more of Dennis and Robert, that's for sure.

Good character development. Interesting premise, as always with Leonard. Needed some editing. Leonard intersperses narrative with the thoughts of his characters without benefit of quotes or attribution. Not a huge issue, just annoying. (I don't care how popular an author is, I don't learn by osmosis.)

More than half-way though this gem, I decided I better go back to the beginning and start all over. All the better. More enjoyment for every dollar spent. But the reader almost needs a scorecard. Every character fascinates, nasty as most of them are. I really feel that I came to know all of them, but would invite very few to come home with me for dinner.

Took me while get to it, but it was well worth the search, or wait or whatever. Leonard at his best. If you have ever lived in Mississippi, you'll feel like you know someone like almost every character-even the professional stunt diver. Good stuff.

Good book but no conclusion. Kept one in suspension with several interesting characters with lots of dialogue that trails off with no action.

If you like a gritty, down to earth, believable mystery with subtle humor thrown in then Elmore Leonard is a master. I personally look forward to reading all of his books.

Elmore Leonard is always a fun read. Characters are entertaining. Would have liked a better ending.

This is an Elmore Leonard novel. Of course there is violence and sex. That's why I bought the damn thing!

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