

No Gain Without Pain

Crime master explores world of black-market drugs

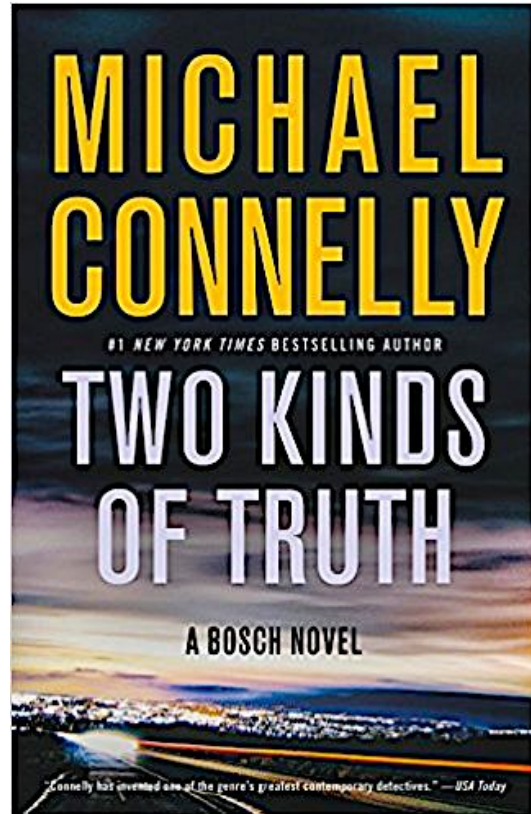
Suspended Sentences

by Jim Napier

Like many other people, Harry Bosch finds himself working after nominally retiring. But it's not for the money; he's driven by his work, the satisfaction it gives him. Harry is reviewing cold cases for the San Fernando PD. Working out of a repurposed office that was formerly the department's drunk tank he pours over old files, looking to bring justice to the victims of unsolved crimes, and closure to their family and friends.

His day doesn't get off to the best start when he learns that an old case of his own is about to be reopened. A man he put on Death Row is seeking to have his conviction overturned, claiming that Bosch planted evidence that was damning at his trial. Bosch knows it's BS, but he's stumped to prove it.

Before he can make any headway, however, he's called to a double homicide: two pharmacists – father and son – have been brutally gunned down in their workplace, in what looks more like an execution than a robbery gone wrong. As Bosch pursues the case



he finds himself drawn into the shadowy world of prescription painkillers and the organised criminals who supply them in the black market. Harry agrees to go undercover – a risky role that he has so far largely avoided -- and he will find himself fighting not only for his reputation, but also for his life.

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