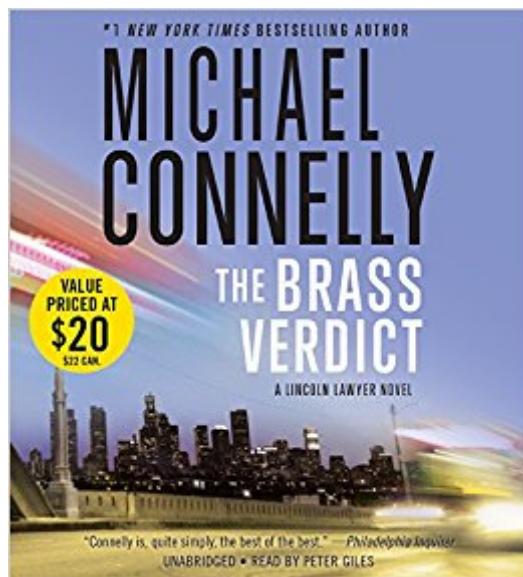


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Synopsis

Things are finally looking up for defense attorney Mickey Haller. After two years of wrong turns, Haller is back in the courtroom. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, Haller inherits his biggest case yet: the defense of Walter Elliott, a prominent studio executive accused of murdering his wife and her lover. But as Haller prepares for the case that could launch him into the big time, he learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next. Enter Harry Bosch. Determined to find Vincent's killer, he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. But as danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realize their only choice is to work together.

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Customer Reviews

Arguably this country's best crime yarn spinner, Connelly has not only concocted an extremely clever plot for the second novel featuring Lincoln lawyer Mickey Haller, he has included his longtime series hero Harry Bosch as a supporting player in the who- and whydunit. The one less-than-perfect ingredient on this audio version is its reader, who, unlike former Connelly interpreters Len Carriou or Dick Hill, is not quite able to match the author's noir mood naturally. Peter Giles, an actor who has appeared in enough TV detective episodes to know better, starts off trying much too hard to sound hard-boiled. Haller is a lawyer, not Mike Hammer. But as the tricky tale plays out, with Haller and Bosch on the hunt for a homicidal jury manipulator, Giles tones down the toughness and settles in on a smartly paced and considerably more satisfying delivery. A Little, Brown hardcover (Reviews, Aug. 18). (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All

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Critics were pleased to see two of Michael Connelly's protagonists—the relatively new Mickey Haller and world-weary homicide detective Harry Bosch—come together for the first time. They agreed that while this union of sorts could have been cliched, it succeeded for the most part by adding a new layer—the evolution of a relationship forged by protagonists of different series—to Connelly's oeuvre. Haller's presence adds a lighter tone to the story, which balances Bosch's darker, more ruminative outlook. Both play against each other nicely as Connelly writes at once a police procedural and a captivating legal thriller. The Washington Post called *The Brass Verdict* primarily entertainment, with deeper undertones—just right for Connelly fans.

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This is later, but vintage Harry Bosch. Connelly carries of juggling two separate story lines deftly, as he has done before, without losing control of narrative, pacing, or characterization. Along the way his characters, many of whom are "survivors" of earlier Bosch stories, evolve and edge their way into new personae that are logical expressions of their experiences and situations. Bosch, however, seems to change little through this story. His strengths remain his strengths and his weaknesses remain his blind spots. Perhaps he has been around long enough as a character that he has little room to change. Or maybe Connelly doesn't intend for him to. Instead we end up with inconsistencies. A love interest who is appalled by Bosches unrequited antipathy toward a particularly loathesome criminal changes her mind despite no apparent change in circumstances or motivation. Also, the ending, while exciting and satisfying is rather contrived and improbable. All in all, however, this is a great interesting, fast paced, and all around good read.

This story is written in the first person by defense attorney Mickey Haller who gets a strange call to be in the chief judges chambers immediately if not sooner. A former friend has named Mickey as his 'heir' to his practice. The judge informs he now controls, by, court order, his friend's entire practice including a high profile case of a studio executive charged in a double homicide. The case & subsequent events are spellbinding!

Significantly interesting, fast paced story, a murder mystery with one death story framing a second cold case murder. High interest plot unfolds as both murders are solved. The ending with Kiz Rider

is a bit confusing, and the romantic interest with Hannah is a bust, but otherwise the novel flows well to its conclusion. Good writing worth reading.

I got this book for my mom, she wasn't impressed with it. I read it, but I knew what I was expecting. This is another crime novel by Michael Connelly, I liked it because he is one of my favorite authors. The book, *The Lincoln Lawyer* is better; but this will keep you involved. If you like John Grisham you should like Connelly.

Accidentally downloaded this book when looking for a book by the same name by a different author for my book club. Found it when I'd run out of something to read. Though I've seen all of the episodes of "Bosch" on prime, I'd not read any of Connelly's novels. Now I've gotta read 'em all, I guess.

Another excellent Harry Bosch story. In this one Harry has been granted a 4 year extension to his retirement contract. He is given two cases, one a cold case file since he is assigned to the Cold Case Division and is also assigned to the suicide (or is it?) of the son of his former ex-deputy police chief now a city councilman Irvin Irving. Bad blood runs between these two men. So in the book you are always wondering why the councilman has requested Harry be on this case. And the other case is the discovery of DNA in a blood smear that shows the sex offender was an 8 year old child at the time. Harry is going back and forth between the two cases which makes you not want to put the book down to get to the end of what actually happened in each of these cases. Great book you won't be disappointed.

I came late to the table for this author. First book I read was *The Lincoln Lawyer*", long after the movie came out. *The Brass Verdict* was an excellent read, and I can also recommend the latest in the LL series, *The Gods of Guilt*. Yes, I am now hooked on Michael Connelly. I decided to go back to his beginning, and read the Harry Bosch books in order. I have read 5 of them in the past 10 days! Lots of people review these books, so the details of this one have been covered. If you are looking for a fast paced story, a good mystery with a twist here and there, something you can finish over a day or two (or a long night, because they are hard to put down!), you can't go wrong.

Follows the same easy flow Michael Connelly offers...The book was hardly about Detective Bosch but rather about his half-brother Mickey Haller. Though their paths intersect, the book focuses on

Haller's prowess as a defense attorney..Although a good read, those wanting to read strictly about Detective Bosch's wonderful detective skills, might be a tad disappointed...

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