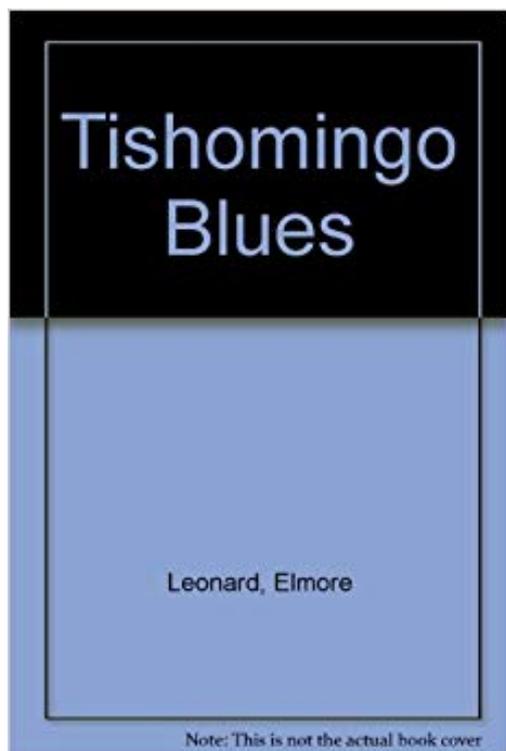


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Reviews of the *Tishomingo Blues* *by* Elmore Leonard

Whitemaster

If you like Elmore Leonard, you will really love this book, as pertinent today, maybe more so, than it was when first published in 2002.

An itinerant High-Diver mixing it up with the Dixie Mafia is only the beginning. It is a wild, full read, and it may be my favorite by Elmore Leonard.

It is one of his deepest stories, and that's saying something.

He goes into almost every aspect of the social fabric of the U.S., from Jersey to Mississippi and beyond thorough the characters in this book. Doesn't really go to the trouble of trying to point anything out or judge. This story just puts it all out there, for us to see and feel.

Jothris

When I saw the ad for this book that said something about a high diver who crosses paths with the Dixie mafia, I knew I had to read this book. I haven't read all of Elmore Leonard's novels (yet), but

this feels like maybe a high water mark. It's full of crazy humor, wry observations on character and American culture, and you just never know which way the plot is going to twist next. His books are not dark visions. Leonard usually avoids needlessly killing off his characters or depriving them of success if they deserve it. In all these ways this is a near perfect book and entertaining beyond just about anything that I've read for a long time.

Zehaffy

I grew up across the Mississippi line, in northwest Alabama. Knew Tishomingo, the county, the town, and the state park very well-- even spent a night or two in one of their fine country jails. What I'm leading up to is that the author got it right. The characters, the lingo, the rhythm and rhyme; Elmore got the flavor of that area pretty much on the nose. At least as much as a non-Tishomingan can get such a complicated, nuanced thing as southern culture in this particular neck of the woods. Mr. Leonard even delved into the traveling Carney life pert need as good as could be. Bravo! Author! Author!

Wat!?

Interesting cast of characters , from high diver to mind numb smelly hillbillies. The plot shifts favorably for Robert from Detroit.

Umi

Elmore Leonard knows how to leave out the stuff in a story that is boring.

Great dialog. Not "War and Peace" but a terrific read. Bravo!

Rarranere

Started out great but got caught up with nonsense. Finished it but it was an effort. Not Elmore Leonard's best effort. Loved his other books so gave this one a 3 star rating.

Helldor

A high-diving protagonist, a motor-mouth retired ball player, a history lesson on the origin of the blues and Civil War battle re-enactment. What more do you want? Oh yeah, there's also a very involving plot in which some people get shot, Elmore-style

More than half-way through 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.

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