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A CRIME NOVEL

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For readers of Elmore Leonard and George Pelecanos, a tense crime novel set in mob-filled Chicago during the 1920s Prohibition

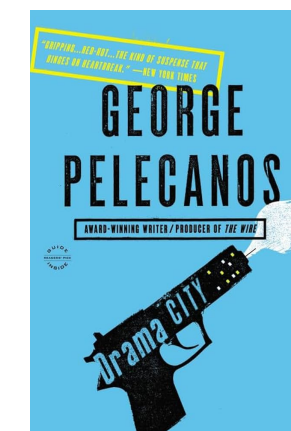
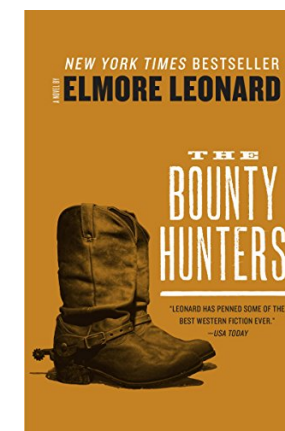
It's 1920 and the start of Prohibition. Circumstances beyond his control find a young man, Huckabee Waller, involved in the death of a gangster in his hometown of New Orleans. Fearing repercussions from the gangster's associates, Huck hops a northbound freight and heads for the promise of Chicago.

Expecting to make an honest living, he's surprised to find that he's arrived at the epicenter of crime, corruption, and commerce. Unable to find legitimate work, he gets mixed up in bare-knuckle fights run by the notorious North Side Gang. Reviving his skills as a club fighter, Huck quickly becomes a crowd favorite and makes enough to get by. When it becomes apparent to him that the gang is also heavily involved in running illegal whiskey, a very profitable enterprise, he's drawn into their world by the desire for more.

As Huck starts running booze across the Canadian border for the North Side Gang and gets tangled up in Chicago's taxi wars, tensions between them and the South Side Gang flare up, and soon he's in the crosshairs of enforcer Al Capone. The smart thing to do would be to get out of Chicago — fast — that is if the life he wants to leave behind doesn't kill him first.

Dietrich Kalteis won the 2022 Crime Writers of Canada Award of Excellence for Best Crime Novel for *Under an Outlaw Moon*. He is a critically acclaimed author of 12 novels, two of which won Independent Publisher Awards. He enjoys life with his family in West Vancouver.

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- **THE HEIR APPARENT TO ELMORE LEONARD:** Kalteis's 2023 book, *The Get*, received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*: "Fans of Elmore Leonard and George Pelecanos will find much to enjoy."
- **DECORATED AUTHOR:** Winner of the 2022 Crime Writers of Canada Award for Excellence for Best Crime Novel, Kalteis is a prolific crime author on the rise, consistently acclaimed by critics and readers in Canada and abroad.