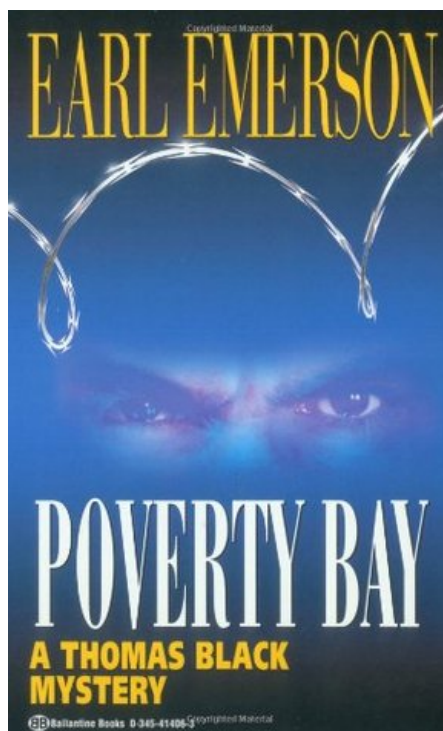




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Loving this series. Good old-fashioned gumshoe!

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Absolutely pitch perfect for an also good murder mystery genre. Wise-cracking, cynical PI Thomas Black is a dangerous teddy bear, with cool friends, and this case has him investigating the usual dark venues for clues while some pretty strange people that are remarkably true to life entertain Black and us readers. I like this series very much.

Jack Heath says

Synopsis: as heir to his grandfather's fortune, Lance Tyner had noble objectives. But then he vanished and PI Black must follow his trail.

Wanda says

Definitely shows how greed can warp some people. I love the books based in the northwest as I know the areas described. Lots of stereotyping and prejudice but the book was written in the 80s and it is easy to forget how those feelings were present at that time.

Dale Rosso says

Good read, have both read and listened to this one on audio tape. Excellent addition to the series.

Jeff Dickison says

A very good Thomas Black novel. Young homeless, idealistic hippy inherits \$15,000,000 and then is murdered. Black investigates hobos and racists to determine what happened. Recommended to fans of good mysteries.

Glen says

A dreary, predictable mystery set in Tacoma Washington.

Megan says

I picked this up from a friend, who was preparing to donate it. When it came time to read it, I was a bit hesitant. However, it turned out quite well. This is an old-school private-dick story, set in Seattle of the 1980s. The detective turns out to be likeable, and the story was relatively well crafted (I didn't love the final solution), and I enjoyed reading it. I also got a kick out of reading about the struggling Seattle of that time period.

Monty says

This is the second in the Thomas Black mystery series written Earl W. Emerson beginning in the mid 1980s. I really enjoyed Rainy City, the first book, and liked this one as well though not quite as much. It wasn't until about 80 pages that all the subplots and character clicked together allowing for the action to take place. I think I'll continue with the next book, Nervous Laughter.

Ed says

#2 in the Thomas Black series.

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Thomas Black series - Kathy Birchfield hires Black to find heir Lance Tyner on behalf of Tyner's father, an obnoxious client of her law firm. He finds Lance, assaulted and unconscious on a beach. When Lance disappears again, Black is retained by Lance's black fiancée, Lucy, to find him again. Lance is killed; by his family, Lucy's family, or his skid row friends?
