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"*Memphis Noir* covers train cars and Beale Street, hoodoo and segregation, Nathan Bedford Forrest and, of course, Graceland, and even includes a graphic novella."

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"A collection of stories celebrating the underbelly of the city, its ghosts, and the characters that give Memphis its rich patina of blues."

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"*Memphis Noir*, edited by Laureen P. Cantwell and Leonard Gill, captures the subtlety of the Memphis ethos, where blacks and whites, rich and poor, are intimately entwined. The collection--fifteen stories by some of the city's finest writers--bleeds the blues and calls down the dark powers that permeate this capital of the Delta."

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"The new anthology *Memphis Noir* is replete with murders, ghosts, gangsters, a sharp-toothed baby, Boss Crump, and high water on the bluff."

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"Stories by some of the city's finest writers....This new collection is a boon for readers who love a good ghost story and a shiver in the night....The skill of the fifteen writers represented here is evident on every page of *Memphis Noir*, a testament to the cultural richness of the Bluff City."

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Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with *Brooklyn Noir*. Each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book.

**Featuring brand-new stories by:** Richard J. Alley, David Wesley Williams, Dwight Fryer, Jamey Hatley, Adam Shaw, Penny Register-Shaw, Kaye George, Arthur Flowers, Suzanne Berube Rorhus, Ehi Ike, Lee Martin, Stephen Clements, Cary Holladay, John Bensko, Sheree Renée Thomas, and Troy L. Wiggins.

From the introduction by **Laureen P. Cantwell & Leonard Gill:**

"A city equal parts darkness and hope. A scarred city. An often violent one. But a resilient city too."

*That's our Memphis.*

*Like many cities, we have a namesake--in Egypt, Men-nefer became Menfe became Memphis, enduring and beautiful, on the banks of the Nile. Centuries later, another continent, another people, another river: Memphis, Tennessee, the soul of the Mississippi Delta, was formed. We are a place born of history, inhabited as much by memory as by the living--the past and present inextricably and inescapably linked....Memphis is marvels and misfits--two-faced and unabashedly so.*

*We are Memphis, and this is our noir."*

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