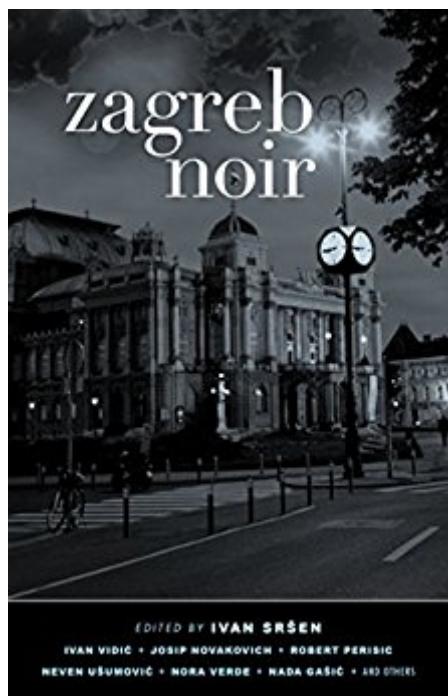


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Customer Reviews

This is my first international Noir read. I can't tell how accurate its depiction of the city is as most of my visit to the city was spent sick in bed in my hotel, but I do recognize the upper and lower cities and some sites.

My favorite of the "Noir" collection. This is a great read. I would recommend it.

I like my stories short and I like my stories dark so the Akashic Noir series is right up my alley. Having now read 56 volumes in the series I think it's safe to say I'm probably not going to find one that doesn't do it for me. That is not to say that some aren't better than others and Zagreb Noir is one of the very best so far. Like other Eastern European entries (Moscow and St Petersburg come to mind) there is a special darkness to these tales - a grim humor - maybe an after effect of their communist past. Like many of the international books in the series the best stories are ones that wouldn't/couldn't be written by an American author. Crossbar by Josip Novakovich revolves around a soccer riot gone terribly wrong and is just wonderfully told. I've complained in the past about the translations in some of the foreign books, but that is not a problem here. All of these read very natural. Overall a great entry into an equally great series.

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