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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brilliant, intense thrillerVon Alfred J. KwakFinal confrontations and their onset are hallmarks of Elmore Leonard (EL; 1925-2013)s writing. He used the cowboy-movie showdown in many forms. The winner is always cool, some losers too, only less so. More often, his losers are not very smart, esp. when working in twos or threes, consuming drugs and

alcohol. ELs smart crook in Unknown Man No. 89 survived by avoiding a confrontation his dumb muscle man did not. 52 Pick-Up is situated in Detroit in 1974. It reads like a disaster foretold, because the city has since lost most of its car industry and population, and is now bankrupt. ELs two storylines concern the city's endemic crime and violence and the impact of labor unions on its motor industry. When car-parts factory-owner Harry Mitchell (HM; 45) is fighting union-inspired sabotage and slowdowns, he is briefly abducted to a small cinema. And is shown photos and film images of his secret affair with young Cynthia. He knew her only for three months and wanted to end the affair when he was captured in her apartment. What follows is momentous and thrilling, with Harry reverse-engineering all he remembers from his capture and cinema viewing, to find first one, then the other two (why else ask for USD 105,000?) blackmailers, one of whom soon scares his beloved wife of 22 years Barbara in her own home. Pressure will get worse because of what he also saw in the cinema: Cynthia being shot dead with five, not just one bullet, from his own, now missing gun along with other evidence pointing at him as her killer. Inventive and compelling, with all characters instantly believable by how they think and talk. Great background, plotting and dialogue. It ends in another dramatic final confrontation. Highly recommended.

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