

# The Complete Western Stories of Elmore Leonard

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Elmore Leonard wrote more than forty books during his long career, including the bestsellers *Raylan*, *Tishomingo Blues*, *Be Cool*, *Get Shorty*, and *Rum Punch*, as well as the acclaimed collection *When the Women Come Out to Dance*, which was a New York Times Notable Book. Many of his books have been made into movies, including *Get Shorty* and *Out of Sight*. The short story "Fire in the Hole," and three books, including *Raylan*, were the basis for the FX hit show *Justified*. Leonard received the Lifetime Achievement Award from PEN USA and the Grand Master Award from the Mystery Writers of America. He died in 2013.

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