

# Author to sign newest book

Among the most well-known of the Detroit area's growing number of authors, Elmore (Dutch) Leonard, will autograph his newest book at the Little Professor Book Center in Farmington 2-3 p.m. Saturday.

Leonard has chosen the Detroit area as the locale for "Touch," his newest novel. Unlike his earlier works, "Touch" is not a novel of crime, but rather one of innocence. In the book, an otherwise quite ordinary young man is suspected of having the miraculous power to heal. One observer knows there is a lot of money to be made with a miracle worker, genuine or not. Another is more interested in power — the power a modern saint would give

him within the church.

The trouble is, the young man simply will not conform to anyone's preconceived ideas about how a saint or healer should behave.

Although not a crime story, "Touch" races toward a violent and unexpected climax, while achieving the suspense millions of readers have come to expect in Leonard's novels. In the author's own words, "Touch" is "way off-trail compared to what I usually write, but it shouldn't be mystifying unless you look for symbols, hidden meanings."

"Touch" is about accepting what is. Abiding with the facts. Nothing more."

Leonard is the author of many

novels, including "Stick," "La Brava," "Glitz" and his recent bestseller, "Bandits." He has just completed his next novel, "Freaky, Deaky," to be published in 1988.

Leonard has written more than 25 crime and western novels as well as screenplays for a number of movies. Two of his novels, "Stick" and "92 Pick-Up," have been released as movies.

Leonard and his wife, Joan, live in Birmingham.

"Touch," by Elmore Leonard, is published by Arbor House. It sells for \$17.95.



Elmore Leonard author of "Touch"

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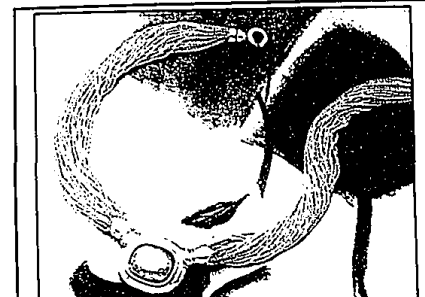
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