Some Days You Get The Bear
Some Days You Get the Bear is listed in various bibliographical sources as having first appeared in Penthouse, but I don’t believe it did. The story SOLD to Penthouse, and sat in inventory forever, until my agent asked for its return. Then in 1993 it became the title story in my third collection of short fiction, published by William Morrow, and later turned up in my omnibus collection of short fiction, Enough Rope. It’s not a crime story, nor is it erotic, so that makes it not what you might expect from me. If I were to categorize it "and I’d just as soon not "I’d probably call it a story of light urban romance. It’s a story about a grown man who sleeps with a teddy bear. Nothing terribly neurotic about him. He just gets a better night’s sleep when his bear’s in his bed with him, that’s all. But it does complicate things...

"Some Days You Get the Bear," is one of Lawrence Blocks short story collections. It’s the third of four. Collections such as these are difficult to rate 1-5 because each of them in the collection is...
different from the others. I enjoyed some more than others; and there was one or two I didn’t enjoy at all. Characters we are familiar with from Blocks novels are here in the collection. Here we find Bernie Rhodenbarr, burglar and bookseller from the series of books that feature the person by that name. This time Bernie is hired to break into Graceland and hunt down the Elvis. Martin Ehrengraf, a lawyer who never loses a case is here, too. Ehrengraf does not have a series of his own but is featured in Blocks fourth collection of short stories. Matthew Scudder, Block’s award winning detective is in at least two short stories. Scudder, as Block fans will recall, has is own series of more than a dozen novels. Hit Man Keller, the assassin for hire has an entry here ass well. All in all "Some Days You Get the Bear," is good reading and a must for Block enthusiasts.

I bought "Some Days You Get the Bear" for the Bernie Rhodenbarr story, "The Buglar Who Dropped in On Elvis". It completed my collection of Bernie stories, and a whole lot more. There’s something for everyone here... Three Matt Scudder stories, the first installment in Hit Man, two Martin Ehrengraf stories, and the brilliant "Cleaveland in My Dreams". I expected to read the Burglar story and shelve the title, but I ended up reading the whole book.

Lawrence Block fans will like this collection. I knocked off a few stories waiting in line at the polls. Condition of book when received was better than I’ve seen in stores.

I have loved every Lawrence Block book I have ever read. What’s not to like in a collection of short stories? "How Would You Like It?" remains one of my favorites!!

I love Lawrence Block’s writing, but my very favorite character is Matthew Scudder. This book was good but was a collection of short stories.

I love Lawrence Block, his stories are always well written, well thought out, surprising, and just plain good!

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