



BIOGRAPHY 2009

Emory Holmes II is a Los Angeles based novelist, playwright, poet, children's story writer and journalist. His news stories on American crime, schools and the arts have appeared on the pages of the San Francisco *Chronicle*, the Los Angeles *Times*, the Los Angeles *Sentinel*, The Los Angeles *Daily News*, The New York *Amsterdam News*, *Los Angeles Magazine*, *Essence*, *CODE*, the *R&B Report*, *Written By* magazine, *The New York Times* wire service, and other publications.

He has scripted scores of radio programs for national syndication, including the 3-hour radio documentary on the Civil Rights Movement, *King from Atlanta to the Mountaintop*, which has been re-broadcast nationally since 1985. He was twice editor of the African-American men's monthly, *Player's* magazine, during its heyday in the 70s and 80s, for whose parent company, Holloway House, he wrote two novels *Black Rage* (1975) and *Sunday Hell* (1982), under his nickname, Butch Holmes. *Heavy Mr. Smevvy*, (1974) and *Justoka*, (1977), his two children's books, were published and distributed by his family press, Just-In-Tyme. His crime stories have appeared in three anthologies, *The Cocaine Chronicles* (2005), *The Best American Mystery Stories 2006*, and *Los Angeles Noir*, the crime anthology which was selected by the Southern California Independent Booksellers Association as the best mystery of 2007. His inauguration day essay, "Founders' Promise is Fulfilled" was the lead Page One story above the fold for the L.A. *Daily News* on Jan 20, 2009. Holmes is presently completing a novel, "The Good Cop."