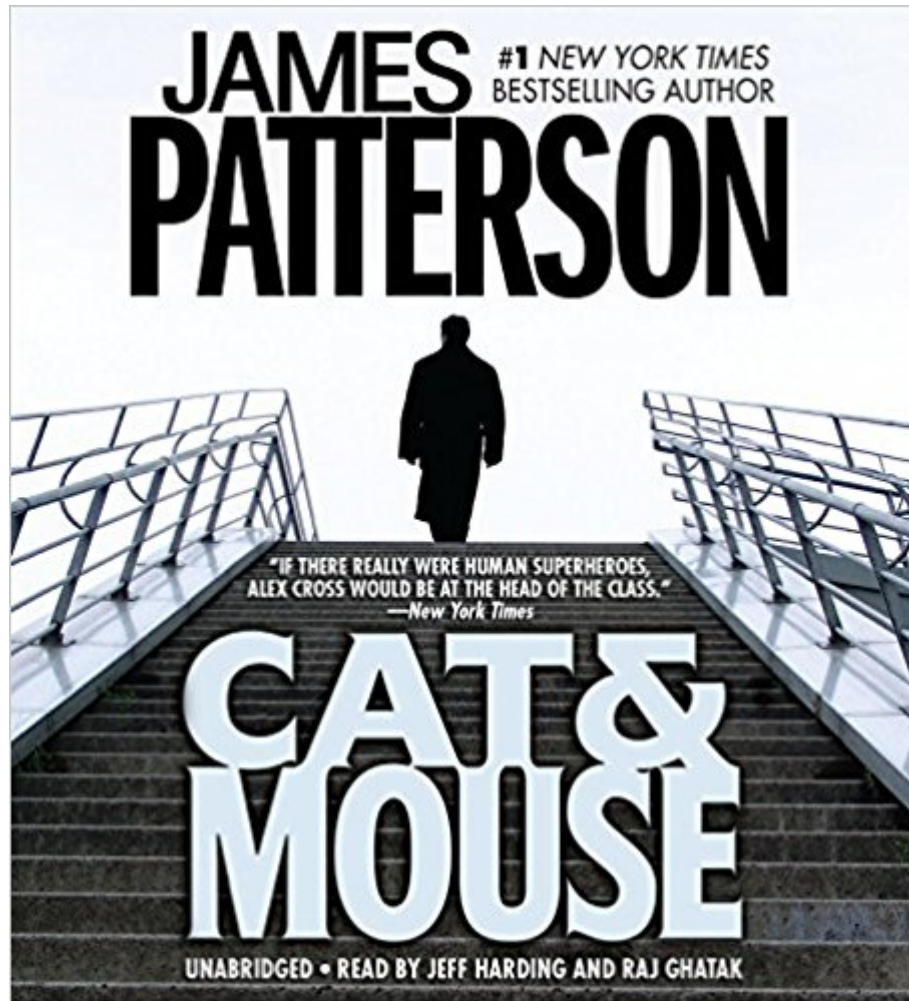




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## Cat & Mouse (Alex Cross)



## Synopsis

Alex Cross is back-and so is a raging and suicidal Gary Soneji. Out of prison and dying from the AIDS virus he contracted there, he will get revenge on Cross before he dies. In addition, we are introduced to a new pair of rivals whose paths cross that of Alex and Soneji. Thomas Augustine Pierce has been chasing his demon, Mr. Smith, since the savage murder of his fiancée. Mr. Smith is a unique monster, with actions toward his victims so insane-so unimaginable-that he is thought of as "not of the earth." Pierce, known in the business as St. Augustine because of his track record for catching killers and his invaluable status to the FBI and Interpol, may even be better than Cross. When things heat up and Alex is in a near-death coma following an attack in his own home, Pierce goes to Washington to help with the investigation. But just as he begins to piece together the mystery of how Gary Soneji could have mortally wounded Cross after he was believed to be dead, he is summoned to Paris with a postcard from Mr. Smith inviting him to a very special killing. The body count is high, the tension the highest, and the two killers on the loose are watching every move their pursuers make. Who is the cat, and who is the mouse? What and where is the final trap? And who survives?

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James Patterson has had more New York Times bestsellers than any other writer, ever, according to Guinness World Records. Since his first novel won the Edgar Award in 1977 James Patterson's books have sold more than 300 million copies. He is the author of the Alex Cross novels, the most

popular detective series of the past twenty-five years, including Kiss the Girls and Along Came a Spider. He writes full-time and lives in Florida with his family.

Cat & Mouse by James Patterson is a thriller and a bit nostalgic. This book takes place before smart phones and today's technology. That's what helps to make this a good read. Alex Cross at his best. He along with his outstanding buddy and fellow detective, Sampson, are hot after a serial killer, Gary Soneji. Alex has been asked by the FBI and police in Paris, France to help capture Mr. Smith another serial killer. This book not only takes the reader up and down the east coast of the U.S., but also to Paris, France. Are these two killers one and the same? Along comes Christine Johnson, she's the principal at the grade school that Cross' children go to. Cross falls madly in love with Christine. But how did they meet? This is a fast moving novel and I just know you will like reading it. See if you come up with the answers to who is who when you read this book! Patterson lays out a few clues for you in order to figure out this great mystery. I found it when I was seventy-five percent through this great novel. Will you? Rated for over eighteen years of age. Graphic murder scenes and sexual encounters. DP, Castro Valley, CA.

I love James Patterson books!! Full of suspense and action. I enjoyed reading about the Cross Family and Alex's new love. The murder stories were good and crossed over easily. Enjoyed this series.

James Patterson writes a book you can't lay down. Each book pulls you in and you become so immersed in the story, so involved with the characters you want to see it through. A deranged criminal breaks into Alex's home attacking him and his family. Yet Alex and Sampson had seen the man die a short time before. How the conflict is resolved, the monsters destroyed or locked away. Crime and suspense that has you checking to make sure your doors are locked.

I especially loved the ending of this Alex Cross novel. I won't reveal it. So no spoiler alert. It's one of my pet peeves on book reviews, with or without a spoiler alert. I don't want to read a synopsis of the novel as a review. No thanks! Another page turner, keeping me interested in the unfolding plot from the first page to the end. This was a faster read than the second book in the series. One con would be that the Alex Cross series seems to be cookie-cutter in plot. The same scenario occurs in each novel—serial killer commits a crime, Alex is notified, he investigates, etc. Though this is a formula for writing thrillers, I found myself wanting to read a different author for my next novel,

hoping to find a new twist on this genre.

The psychopathic killer that Alex Cross caught once is back again in this novel. And now Alex has to catch him all over again. Alex is a wonderful combination of psychologist and detective. He made his reputation profiling serial killers, and the FBI loves to work with him. He also has a rich personal life – two adorable kids, a wise old grandmother and a new woman in his life. He's finally ready to put the loss of his first wife behind him. Alex's family is in grave danger in this book. Just as the FBI loves him, psychopaths hate him. That plot is enough to sustain any high-octane thriller, but Patterson adds yet another spine-tingling complication with a second serial killer, one smarter and more brutal than any previously encountered by Alex or the FBI. Cat & Mouse just keeps the plot twists coming. The tension never lets up. Patterson is so good at this, that even when nothing bad is happening, we keep expecting the worst, listening for suspicious noises, looking nervously over the shoulders of the characters. Alex Cross's personality is tremendously attractive – his brilliant mind, his good looks, his good heart. I'm really enjoying this series, despite the excesses of violence.

As usual James Patterson book is a tuner from the first chapter until the end of the book. The antagonist is someone that is least suspected and takes time for Alex Cross to put the pieces together. What is very interesting about James Patterson books is that although the protagonist is the same (Alex Cross) its how he pieces together the identity of the antagonist is always different. The author writing makes the reader see the same clues and ideas as the character. You literally become Alex Cross. You travel to the same places he does his description make you believe that you are actually in that place. He achieves this by narrating the story in the first person. It's the only way the reader can have empathy for Alex Cross and his family. I highly recommend this book. You too will become a "detective" trying to catch the madman before he does anymore harm.

Definitely enjoyed this one. It moved and I didn't always know where it was going. The only thing I found difficult to follow was the author's use of the first person in two characters simultaneously! Don't remember ever seeing that before. Sometimes confused me as to who he was. Overall I would recommend it and will read some other "stuff" by this author!

Definitely have to give this one 5 stars. I just don't see how anyone can read these books and not be hooked, maybe it's just me. This one right here is a must read. Well, I think they should be read

in order. That's just my opinion.

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