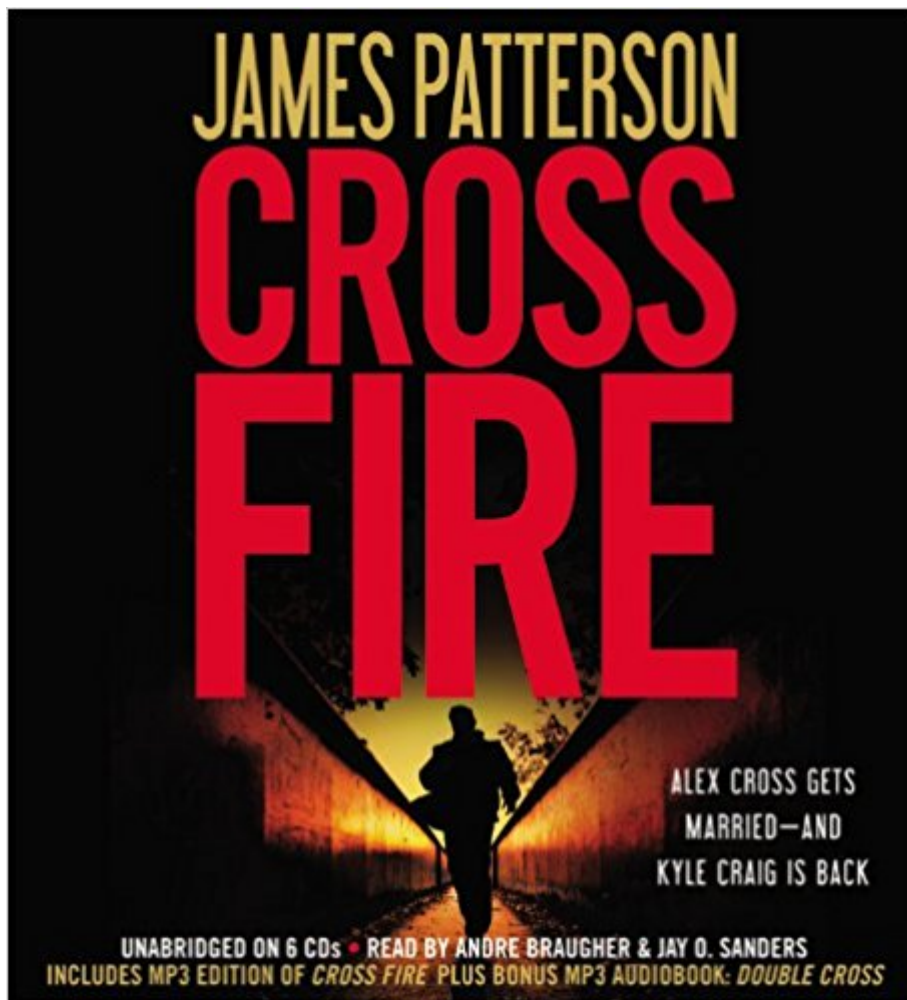




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Synopsis

Wedding bells ring Detective Alex Cross and Bree's wedding plans are put on hold when Alex is called to the scene of the perfectly executed assassination of two of Washington D.C.'s most corrupt: a dirty congressman and an underhanded lobbyist. Next, the elusive gunman begins picking off other crooked politicians, sparking a blaze of theories--is the marksman a hero or a vigilante? A murderer returns The case explodes, and the FBI assigns agent Max Siegel to the investigation. As Alex and Siegel battle over jurisdiction, the murders continue. It becomes clear that they are the work of a professional who has detailed knowledge of his victims' movements--information that only a Washington insider could possess. Caught in a lethal cross fire As Alex contends with the sniper, Siegel, and the wedding, he receives a call from his deadliest adversary, Kyle Craig. The Mastermind is in D.C. and will not relent until he has eliminated Cross and his family for good. With a supercharged blend of action, deception, and suspense, *Cross Fire* is James Patterson's most visceral and exciting Alex Cross novel ever.

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Customer Reviews

READERS LOVE I, ALEX CROSS!"[Patterson's] books don't pussyfoot around when it comes to the villains. These are bad, bad people... [I, Alex Cross] is political, with a lot of intrigue in high places."â •Al Roker, The Today Show"I truly believe that James Patterson has an IV hooked up to his writing arm and Great Ideas, Great Plots, and Great Characters dribble constantly into his bloodstream...I, Alex Cross stuns."â •TheReviewBroads.com

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.

Author James Patterson tells the reader something crucial early on, but it's not revealed to the key character, Detective Alex Cross. I found myself wondering exactly how and when Cross would find out for himself. Of course, I'm not going to give you any clues, but this mystery did keep me turning the pages. The novel is largely about a series of murders in Washington, D.C., Cross's base. The victims include a corrupt politician, a crooked lobbyist, and a venal tycoon. These were people hated by many, but Cross is determined to solve the case. While investigating the murders, he finds a complex math formula in a most unusual place, gets a big lead from a submerged Suburban, and makes a life-long commitment. Also in the picture is Kyle Craig, Cross's long-time nemesis. Patterson does a good job constructing Craig as a total monster. This is the twelfth book written or co-written by James Patterson that I have reviewed for this site. It's near the top of the list. The prose is skillfully crafted. The pages fly by.

Cross Fire is James Patterson at his best. The story picks up where I, Alex Cross concluded with Kyle Craig making his presence known to Alex, and reminding Alex of his intentions to kill him and his family.. Kyle take on the facial features, voice pattern and mannerism of an Agent Max Siegle. Siegle had been undercover for many years. So Kyle was able to kill him and assumed his identity, through plastic surgery with little fanfare. In the meanwhile, Alex and his team are chasing a team of killers- The killers are well-trained sharp shooters tasked with killing prominent people. Consequently, Alex and Sampson are chasing the mathematician killer. Bree and Alex are planning their wedding in the mist of the mayhem and murders.. Vintage Alex Cross and Patterson.. Not sure, and sad, The Mastermind is gone.. He is so evil, yet intriguing, it is amazing that someone could be so intelligent and evil in the same breath. Only time will tell if KC is really gone this time... Bravo J.P.

I thought the end of the mastermind would be more thought provoking than a generic alex cross boxing match. Alex cross is a cop with training in boxing. It is ridiculous that the profiler always seems to best trained operatives in combat. To build up how imposing his foes are patterson makes them sound like killing machine but throughout the series once the moment of truth comes even a

person like Craig, who is special forces, is overpowered by a good punch and hair spray? Stupid , all of his enemies seemingly cannot fight . Even th tiger from cross country was no match for Mr. Invincible.

A two-man sniper team with the latest made rifle taunt Dr.Cross as they apparently indiscriminately kill unrelated people.Alex investigates the murders in his way, and becomes involved with a murder that involves an unsolveable mathematical problem.He is also plagued by his arch nemesis Kyle Craig and has to deal with that in the back of his mind.He manages to solve the sniper killings and the math killings, then gets married.While on the honey moon a shocking twist develops and has to be taken care of without weapons available.An exciting read that keeps reader fully involved with accurate discriptions of muders and crime scenes.

After a self inflected hiatus on Alex Cross (they were just too predictable) I began again with this as I'm not sure of the last one I read. It is obvious family is still important to this guy. He still has the capacity to love deeply and I held my breath to the end as it felt as though something or someone would stop the wedding. Kyle Craig his old nemesis is back but the plot left too many loose ends at the end. Who hired Kyle? Why did they not make sure it was Kyle instead of just doing a body count? Where did the gold go ? As far as that goes what's happened to good old police procedural steps and the psychological evaluations Alex was so good at doing and explaining? This was a pretty good.tale and kept me entertained for a couple of days. A good read for most anyone except kiddies. I'm trying the next one but won't be surprised if Craig or a crony shows up !!

I should probably start by saying that I think this book would be much better if you have read previous Alex Cross books. I jumped into this one because I was told that you can pick up any of them and start reading. I was exposed to James Patterson through another series of his (one with a co-author) and I find that this one is very different. Although I enjoy most of the writing, there are parts that I feel like I got lost or missed something.... but that might also be from reading late at night! I HIGHLY suggest getting this on the Kindle if you can because the print version that I got was literally missing pages due to a bad printing. I had luckily noticed the bad ink because I was looking through it for some random reason before I started reading it. I'm not opposed to reading on the kindle, but my kids steal the kindle a lot so I wanted to make sure I could read whenever I wanted. However... I ultimately ended up with a kindle edition and it worked out fine. With his style of writing (shorter chapters), it's not too bad to read on the kindle for me.

So far I have read 24 of the Alex Cross series. I have enjoyed them. They are easy reads and interesting, however I must be getting burnt out as the last one seemed not to keep me on the edge of my seat. I do recommend the series just maybe not all without something else in between books.

This was okay I guess. I am starting to find myself getting frustrated more and more with this series. There are things I was hoping would happen and that's done. So now I'm not sure if I want to finish this series. It's time to let it go for a while.

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