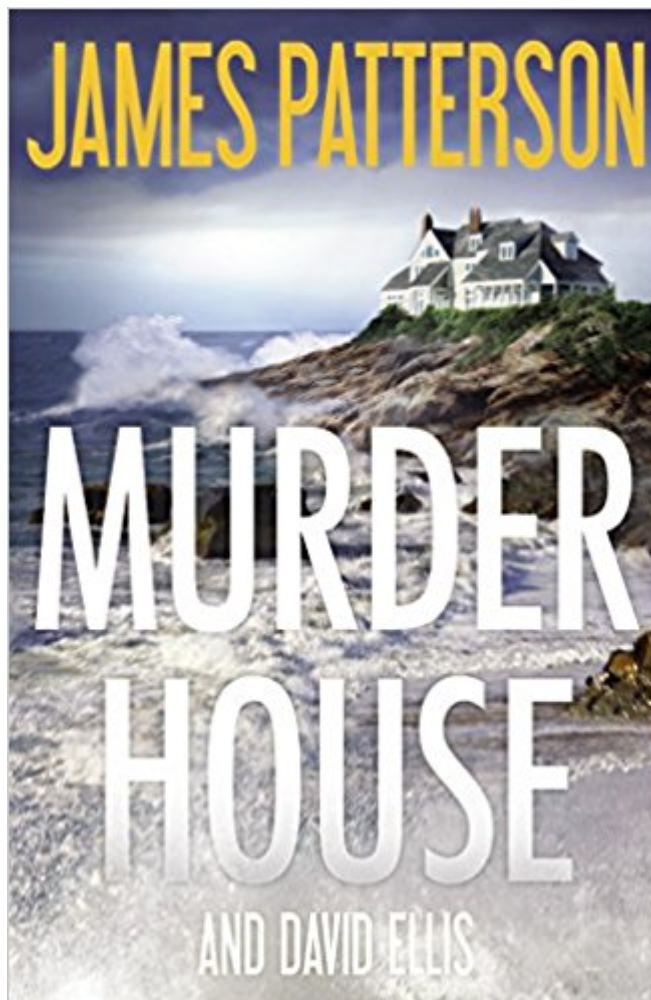




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The Murder House



Synopsis

It has an ocean-front view, a private beach--and a deadly secret that won't stay buried.No. 7 Ocean Drive is a gorgeous, multi-million-dollar beachfront estate in the Hamptons, where money and privilege know no bounds. But its beautiful gothic exterior hides a horrific past: it was the scene of a series of depraved killings that have never been solved. Neglected, empty, and rumored to be cursed, it's known as the Murder House, and locals keep their distance. Detective Jenna Murphy used to consider herself a local, but she hasn't been back since she was a girl. Trying to escape her troubled past and rehabilitate a career on the rocks, the former New York City cop hardly expects her lush and wealthy surroundings to be a hotbed of grisly depravity. But when a Hollywood power broker and his mistress are found dead in the abandoned Murder House, the gruesome crime scene rivals anything Jenna experienced in Manhattan. And what at first seems like an open and shut case turns out to have as many shocking secrets as the Murder House itself, as Jenna quickly realizes that the mansion's history is much darker than even the town's most salacious gossips could have imagined. As more bodies surface, and the secret that Jenna has tried desperately to escape closes in on her, she must risk her own life to expose the truth--before the Murder House claims another victim.Full of the twists and turns that have made James Patterson the world's #1 bestselling writer, THE MURDER HOUSE is a chilling story of murder, money, and revenge.

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This book was so suspenseful that I actually tore off a couple of fingernails. One of the best stand alone books so far! I did not guess the ending. I also didn't get much housework done because I could not put the book down. Excellent writing style, good character development and fast paced just the way I like my books to be. The one complaint is that the price for an e-book of \$15 is ridiculously high!!! I see no reason for that except greed on the part of somebody. I still gave it 5 stars although I wanted to drop it down to 4 stars for the overcharging. But the book was excellent!

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Another James Patterson novel that grabbed my attention, & didn't loosen its grip until the last word was read. He continues to put out novels at such a fast pace, yet each is its own separate story. It never ceases to amaze me that he can still do this! Now I'm not a fan of the Book Shot books, there's just too much missing from them. It's like being given a bowl of stew without meat & potatoes. But that doesn't stop me from reading all the other great series, nothing could change

that. When you pick up this book expect the unexpected. It has it all, great characters & a great storyline with enough twists & surprises to keep you guessing. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

After the last Alex Cross novel that I loved, I stopped reading James Patterson novels because there are a couple I just didn't enjoy anymore. The Murder House is excellent with the intensity that I'm used to reading in James Patterson novels . I only guessed who really did it close to the end of the book! There are so many scenarios with so many twists and turns it's very difficult to figure it out but wow this is the best book that I have read by James Patterson in a very long time ! I highly recommend this book to James Patterson fans and proudly give it five stars!

I normally love James Patterson. Not my fave not even close. It's a 3 and not a 2 or 1 because it was resolved well. I always liked Noah and felt bad for him. I hated Jenna and the rest of those crooked cops on that police force(I know not all police officers are like that)? I especially didn't like Jenna she wasn't a good police officer Noah solved the case. She was just mean too. This is why I don't like to veer too much for Alex cross and women's murder club. Best part about the book was Mary, Mary was a bonus book shot at the end and it was basically the whole book and I got to reread it.

"Murder House" is a textbook example of hack work. The author is certainly skilled, able to introduce characters with a sentence or two amusing descriptions and very effective telling behaviors. Scenes are competently set, and the pace is fast, assisted by very short chapters. Lots happens - but nothing that is remotely original. The characters are stock, one dimensional, and not terribly bright. At about the half way point I found myself thinking, "please don't let this character be the bad guy" - but sure enough, my worst fear was realized - when the bad guy, as ultimately revealed, fulfilled what would have been a tired cliché seventy years ago. Afternoon Halloween tv specials for pre-teens have more genuine surprises and unusual plot twists than "Murder House," which, though gruesome, is about as scary as a carton of milk two days past its "best by" date.

This was the best book I've read in a very long time. It was very suspenseful and I couldn't stop reading it from beginning to end. The ending was so surprising that I had no idea it was coming which I loved. Just when you thought the story was over, it continued and kept you interested the entire time of reading for yet a second surprise in the ending. I'd definitely recommend this book to anyone that likes suspense stories. Never boring and always interesting and easy to read. A "hard

to put down book" for sure.

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