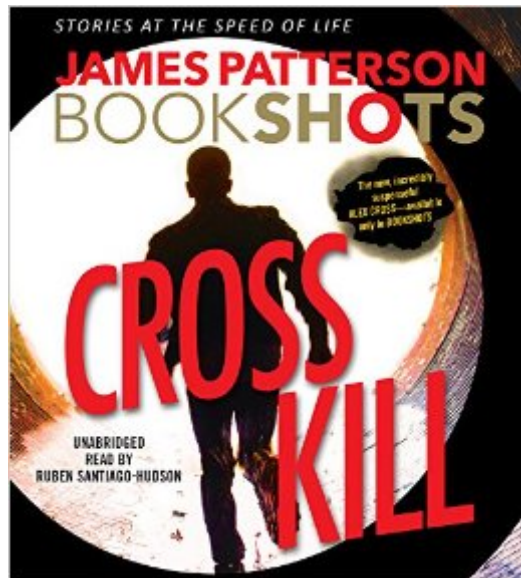


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Customer Reviews

I have read all of James Patterson books concerning Alex Cross and have enjoyed them a great deal. A "bookshot" is not a good idea to keep peoples interest in a character or in an author. When I read a book, the ending needs to be included. Waiting months for the continuation is frustrating and annoying. I do not believe any fan of an author cares for this type of question as to the final chapter and outcome. Mr. Patterson, please discontinue this writing method and go back to your tried and true way of writing an extremely good series of a very likable family and their lives. You can't improve on an already wonderful and addictive story of the "Crosses." Don't mess with a good thing. If it ain't broke, Don't fix it. Sounds like something Nanna Mama would tell you too.

"Novels you can devour in a few hours" Sorry, Mr. Patterson. I find you, as you once described yourself in an interview, to be a decent writer and a great storyteller. However, in this endeavor you

have failed. As the copy and pasted quote above states these "Book Shots" are being marketed as short novels (novellas). Novellas have beginnings, middles AND ENDS. If this series/story is actually a serial and/or just a teaser for a future work, then it should be marketed as such. To market this as a complete, albeit short, work then give no ending isn't a book shot, it's a cheap shot to your fans.

Warning this is only 3/4 of a book! You are left hanging without a complete story. If this is to be the state of "bookshots" then the form will not last.

I was so looking forward to seeing these Bookshots be complete stories, like episodes on a tv show, NOT CLIFFHANGERS. Come on, Mr Patterson, do it right!!! I am one of your biggest fans, but am quickly losing interest in your work.

I received an ARC of the Book Shot from Sean Comstock of Little, Brown and Co. on May 21, 2016 with a request that I review Cross Kill when I was done reading it. It is a 113 page paperback that I read from 9:45pm-11:15pm on May 23, 2016. I am a bit slow in posting the review because I am a huge fan of James Patterson's Alex Cross books, with the exception of Cross Country which I hated. I did not want to give this Alex Cross Book Shot a less than stellar review but unfortunately do not like Patterson's "new" format. I, with a few exceptions, don't like short stories or novellas. Considering that you have to wait until the next Book Shot or the ones after that to find out how it ends, Patterson could be said to be using the serial format used by Charles Dickens and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. I am a bookaholic and never have I gotten to the end of a book and said "I wish this book had been shorter". If I felt that way about a book I would not have wasted my time reading it to the end. That is why I gave up on book clubs. I do not have time to waste reading books I do not like. So many books, so little time. Cross Kill is an action packed shot of adrenalin that could be good for a train commuter or those with ADD (this is not a put down of people with ADD as I had a daughter and 2 grandsons with the disorder). It would be good for certain people in my last book club who inevitably complained that the book was too long. Patterson "resurrects" the arch-villain Gary Soneji but there is virtually none of the family interaction that gives Alex Cross novels that something extra. I would not buy the Book Shots because I don't like the format, not because it is badly written. There will be many others that would disagree with me.

Ok.....there have to be more of these bookshots coming out that finish this bigger story.....the next hardcover for Alex Cross does not seem to finish where this one stops! So what is the rest of the

story? Help! Please don't leave this story hanging! There is so much more I want to know! Need to know! Heck, HAVE to know! Dang cliffhangers!

Was looking forward to Book Shots but after I finished this one, I am not sure if I really like them. The story is good, typical Patterson but it ends with a huge cliffhanger and that is what I do not like. Also the next book in the Cross series does not continue where the bookshot finishes. So, not sure what the bookshots are? Are they a new series in the Cross series? Or is there another Cross bookshop coming before the next full Alex Cross novel? (I cannot find one). I had expected a short book, like a short story and I liked the idea but now I must say I am disappointed. It would be good if it could be explained where in the Cross Universe these Bookshots fit.

I love James Patterson and have read all of the Alex Cross books. This book shot is more of a teaser than actual book. If you've read the series, you will be familiar with the characters and able to follow the story, but the mini background included on each character is distracting and shallow. If you haven't read any of the Alex Cross books you probably won't enjoy this book. There is no mystery to solve, Dr Cross witnessed his partner being shot by a man Cross recognized but believed to be dead. Cross does catch the shooter but the book ends without explaining who the bad guy was or why he did it. And, worst of all, the book ended with Cross being arrested. Obviously there is another book coming with the rest of the story. This feels like some kind of marketing ploy to build interest in an upcoming novel. It is not a stand alone story and I am sure when the book comes out, those who haven't read this book shot will be able to follow the story just fine. I was planning to get the Women's Murder Club and Michael Bennett book shots as well but after reading this one, I'll just wait for the books.

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