James B. Patterson is an American author of thriller novels, largely known for his series about American psychologist Alex Cross. The novels in the series are the most popular books among Patterson readers and the top selling US detective series in the past ten years.

Cross is an African-American detective and psychologist living and working in Washington, D.C. He works in the homicide division of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia (MPD), but eventually becomes a Senior Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After his stint with the FBI, Alex returns to private psychology practice, but continues to consult for the MPD and the FBI as needed, ultimately rejoining the MPD as a special consultant to the Major Case Squad.

The Alex Cross series consists of the following titles:

**Along Came a Spider (1992)** – Life changes for Deputy Chief of Detectives Alex Cross when he is drawn into a high-profile case. Two 9-year-old children disappear from the prestigious Washington Day School. A ransom of $10 million is demanded.

**Kiss the Girls (1995)** – Alex Cross matches wits with Casanova and the Gentlemen Caller. A Duke University student, the 22-year-old daughter of Cross’s deceased brother Aaron, is reported missing. Cross goes to North Carolina, fearing the worst.

**Jack and Jill (1996)** – When sixty-four-year-old Senator Daniel Fitzpatrick is found murdered, the FBI makes a formal request for Cross. The FBI is stymied.

**Cat and Mouse (1997)** – A killer named Mr. Smith begins his murder spree in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and then starts terrorizing Europe. Bodies are found “gutted.” At the same time Gary Soneji taunts Cross with murders in train stations.

**Pop Goes the Weasel (1999)** - Geoffrey Shafer, the Weasel, works in Intelligence in the British Embassy in D.C. He and three twisted friends play a Game of Death that involves unsuspecting women around the world.

**Roses are Red (2000)** – A tour bus is hijacked in D.C. and a $30 million ransom demanded. Cross and an FBI team have less than two hours to deliver.

**Violets are Blue (2001)** – A string of gruesome murders points to a vampire subculture in the United States. Cross flies to San Francisco to work on the mystery and compiles a list of unsolved vampire murders going back at least eleven years.

**Four Blind Mice (2002)** – Cross goes to Fort Bragg, North Carolina and takes on the case of Sergeant Ellis Cooper, who has been convicted of the murders of Army wives but he swears he is innocent.”

**The Big Bad Wolf (2004)** – The “impossible” murder of an Italian godfather in the high-security, supermax prison in Florence, Colorado, has everyone mystified.

**London Bridges (2004)** – A notorious Killer is brought to America to completely wipe out the American town of Sunrise Valley, Nevada. Alex Cross must stop him.

**Mary, Mary (2005)** – Hollywood’s most famous stars are being murdered one by one. With the LAPD and FBI clueless, it’s up to Alex to track down the truth.
Cross (2006) – Alex may have a chance to catch his wife’s murderer after all these years. Is this a chance for justice at long last or his own deadly obsession?

Double Cross (2007) – Alex Cross rejoins the DC Police Force to confront two of the most diabolical killers he’s ever encountered. Both want Alex dead and they’ll to do anything to get what they want, even if it means plotting together.

Cross Country (2008) - A family has been butchered in their home. And more killings follow. One after the other. The only lead is an elusive trail left by a diabolical African warlord.

Alex Cross’s Trial (2009) - Alex writes a novel based on the experiences of his great-uncle, who in 1906 worked with an attorney (at the behest of President Theodore Roosevelt) to investigate Ku Klux Klan lynchings of Blacks in Mississippi.

I, Alex Cross (2009) - Detective Alex Cross is pulled out of a family celebration and given the awful news that a beloved relative has been found brutally murdered. Alex vows to hunt down the killer, and soon learns that she was mixed up in one of Washington's wildest scenes. And she was not this killer’s only victim.

Cross Fire (2010) - 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.

Kill Alex Cross (2011) - The President's son and daughter are abducted, and Detective Alex Cross is one of the first on the scene. But someone very high-up is using the FBI, Secret Service, and CIA to keep him off the case and in the dark.

Merry Christmas, Alex Cross (2012) when Cross' church is robbed he goes to investigate and is later put on a case of a series of murders. As he struggles to make it home for Christmas, a new and terrible threat forces him to investigate, making his wife, grandma, and children scared from him. Will Alex be needing a miracle to make it home for Christmas?

Alex Cross, Run (2013) Alex must take on three crimes at the same time and must chase down three killers. But while he is struggling to do his job, he also faces problems at home as well. But all the while, a new enemy is stalking Alex seeking vengeance. Can Alex survive?

Cross My Heart (2013) When a brand-new foe targets Alex's family, our hero finds himself in a whole new game. If he tries to save the his family or try to stop the killer, they die. Can Alex protect his family and stop a new killer at the same time?

Hope To Die (2014) Detective Alex Cross is being stalked by a psychotic genius, forced to play the deadliest game of his career to save his wife and children.

Cross Justice (2015) Cross returns to his hometown to help his cousin who has been accused of a horrible murder. As he begins his investigation, he is haunted by memories which drove him away 35 years ago as he seeks justice for his cousin.

The volumes in these series may be available in all formats (hardbound or paperback print editions; large print editions; and, Compact Disk audiobooks) at this library or through the Minuteman Library network. Ask a Reference Librarian if you need help in locating a title.

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