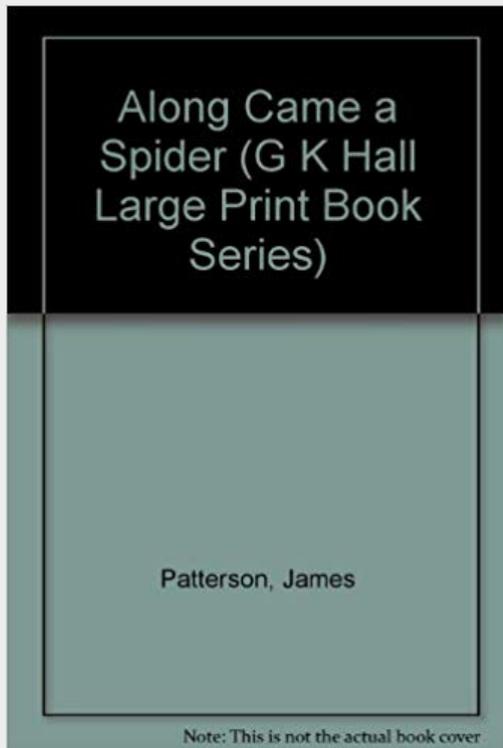


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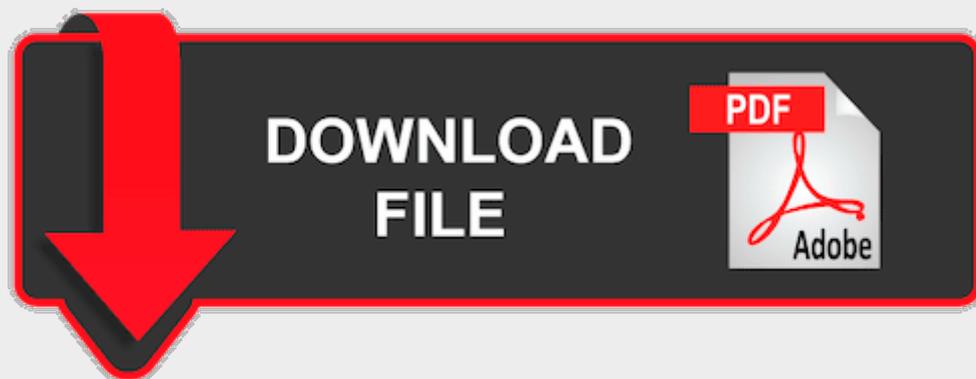
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A Washington, D.C., police detective, Alex Cross becomes caught up in a kidnapping case that may involve a schizophrenic psychopath. By the author of Black Market. (Adventure & Suspense)



Reviews of the [Along Came a Spider \(Alex Cross\)](#) by James Patterson

1. Eayaroler

I found that James Patterson's #1 book "Along Came a Spider" is a very interesting read. It is not too often that I can find a psychological mystery to be this exceptional. The Gary Soneji/Murphy outsmarting the police

with being a psychopath, potential Multiple personality disorder/ personality fatigue, and being the actor with having homicidal "1 year/5 year/lifetime plans" to be famous like he feels he should be is very interesting. From what I heard (without reading any other Alex cross books), this book will set up for some storylines in the next few books allowing for some interesting storylines for the book now.

This book series is the Law and Order: Criminal Intent series of James Patterson. While the story revolves around the crime and solving the crime, there is a huge element to the psychological, motives and the "criminal intent". It involves the "ticking" of the criminal to why they would do the things they would do. It can range from money to famous to just being a pure psychological evil driven madman. All in all an A+.

In this book by itself, there is one drawback. It can be really slow sometimes. After Soneji's trial and conviction (about half way through) starting with part 4, it starts dragging while Alex Cross continues the case. But it does lead up to a very interesting ending (the last few chapters), in which I will be willing to give it a pass.

Like I said, an A+ and an A+ book!!!

2. Lavivan

I really wanted to like this book, but it was so improbable that I struggled finishing it. A detective/psychologist high on pain killers in Washington DC in charge of negotiations? A perp who is organized enough to pull off a long-term stint as a teacher at a high security private school but then is so chaotic and disorganized that he cannot even break into a house? Hypnosis in the court room? The list goes on and on.

I guess it was somewhat entertaining but the improbability of it all was bothersome. Especially to a 'fellow' psychologist like me. I am glad I had enough free shipping credits to get this book for free. For free it was good enough.

3. Runeterror

Alex Cross's doctorate in psychology was essential in outsmarting the bad guy in this thriller. It was long--several times I was ready for it to end but then a new plot twist brought me back into the story. If you haven't seen the movie, don't bother; the book is immeasurably better. If you have seen the movie, read the book anyway, it is immeasurably better. I saw the movie while reading the book and I was still surprised often. Just in case you didn't get the point, read the book. My sole criticism is the gratuitous use of f-bombs.

Entered by Lynne's husband, Chuck.

4. Ishnjurus

The most striking thing about this novel was how applicable the narrative is to living in the late 2010s. Especially sociopolitically! The story itself is so-so. If I hadn't sporadically read Alex Cross novels before, this wouldn't have been a novel that pulled me in to the genius that is James Patterson. I believe he only gets better from here.

It wasn't boring, but it wasn't the rich, thrilling and suspenseful story plotting that is behind 'The Murder House', 'The Black Book' and his more recent novels. What will keep you going is the relevance to today's world and living in the shoes of people of color. Good read. Read it for wokeness!

5. bass

I have read all of the Alex Cross books except for two, well now one. The reason I waited so long was because the first two were movies.. I have seen both movies and enjoyed them! I figured the books would be the same as the movies... I thought WRONG "Along Came a Spider" was

completely different than the movie with minimal similarities! The book was excellent, wish I never waited to read it!!! Can't wait to read "Kiss The Girls!"

6. Qag

I will be the first to admit Patterson's work can sometimes give me nightmares. I picked this one up because a friend had read it and suggested I read it as well so we could discuss it. Wow! Patterson never ceases to amaze me with his intricate plots. Weeks after I was done reading *Along Came a Spider* I found myself always looking in the rearview mirror. At the same time it was captivating. I simply couldn't quit turning the pages. I wanted to cheer on the budding relationship of Alex and Jezzie and at the same time wanted him to bust her lies like he never had before. The suspense never stopped.

A Million Regrets (Volume 1)

A Million Reasons to Live (Volume 2)

The Million Dollar Duplex (Volume 3)

7. Beazezius

"*Along Came A Spider*" is an okay installment to the Alex Cross series in my eyes. I think that it is overrated, but I do think that it is okay for being the first.

The writing is good and the characters are interesting. Patterson does a great job introducing the main character, Alex Cross himself, in a fitting way. But the best parts are when we see him with his family. And his kids are so adorable. Janelle and Damon make me want to see them more. Including Nana Mama, who I just love seeing getting into arguments with Alex. Other characters like John, Jezzie, and Soneji I actually like. The mystery is done well too.

But this novel has its problems. The romance between Alex and Jezzie feels a little forced (despite that there is some development). The final

twist at the end really makes me angry. I won't give anything major away, but it deals with Jezzie and I really hate what Patterson did to her. I love Jezzie as a character. It didn't sit well with me. Even the time jumps feel out of place. They don't go back and forth or anything, they just skip a couple of weeks or months, which made the pacing of the novel itself feel a little to slow. Soneji's character didn't get the attention that I was hoping for in the end. In fact, the ending itself felt a little to depressing.

In the end, despite its problems I might have with it, this novel works out fine and it makes me excited for Alex's next adventure. I say it is worth reading and buying.

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