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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

A child killer is stalking the inner city of Washington, D.C., his latest victim Shanelle Green, an adorable first grader from Sojourner Truth School. This killing is especially unsettling to Detective Alex Cross. Sojourner Truth is the school his son Damon attends, just four blocks from his home.

While the death of an inner-city black child doesn't garner much media attention, another murder is making big headlines. The same day that Shanelle was beaten to death, Senator Daniel Fitzpatrick was found handcuffed to a bed and shot execution style. The only clue the police have to go on is a bizarre rhyme, signed "Jack and Jill," promising more high-profile executions, ultimately targeting the president of the United States. When Cross is called in to help protect the president, he begins to suspect that the two cases are somehow related. As he races to put all the pieces together, the killers continue their bloody rampage, paralyzing the city.

Like *Along Came a Spider* and *Cat & Mouse*, *Jack & Jill* is a rapid-fire thriller from start to finish, with enough plot twists to satisfy even the most jaded mystery fan.

From Publishers Weekly

Patterson's most recent thriller, *Hide and Seek*, lacked his customary hero, Alex Cross, and didn't catch fire with readers. Here, Patterson brings back the black psychiatrist and Washington, D.C., homicide cop (Kiss the Girls, etc.) for a gripping game of death that will have fans flocking. Two simultaneous investigations bear down on Cross: the first concerns the killings perpetrated by a duo known as "Jack and Jill," who are murdering famous people (beginning with a U.S. senator) in Washington, taunting the police and "practicing for the big one"; the second involves the brutal slayings of young black children in Cross's own Southeast D.C. neighborhood. The Washington P.D. makes Cross its liaison with a frantic Secret Service, FBI and CIA while he sets up his own off-duty team to track the child-killer. Through crisp cross-cutting of multiple points of view, first-person and third, Patterson grabs readers right from the beginning and sweeps them along toward riveting dual climaxes. He adds texture by devoting space to Cross's concern about his own motherless son and daughter (the first murdered child attended the same grammar school as Alex's boy), his growing interest in the school's attractive principal, his dealings with his octogenarian grandmother, Nana Mama (think of an acerbic Dilsey from *The Sound and the Fury*) and life in the largely black Southeast district. It's fine, full-blooded entertainment from start to finish, with a last-page surprise from an earlier Cross nemesis promising at least one more Cross installment to come. Literary Guild main selection; simultaneous Time Warner AudioBook.

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From Library Journal

Patterson is back with another winner featuring black Washington, D.C. detective/psychologist Alex Cross, who is hot on the trail of yet another serial killer. This time out, however, he's faced with double trouble in the form of a killing duo calling themselves Jack and Jill, who threaten to kill politicians and celebrities until they finally reach the president. After several spectacular murders, the police and the White House start to take them seriously. At the same time, yet another psychopath is brutally murdering black schoolchildren. Whew! All of this mayhem keeps Alex jumping and the pages turning. This entry follows Patterson's usual formula of very short chapters, breakneck pacing, and grisly murders followed by a truly surprising ending, complete with an appearance of Gary Soneji, the serial killer from *Along Came a Spider* (LJ 12/92). Highly recommended for all public libraries.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

James Edwards:

Have you spare time for the day? What do you do when you have considerably more or little spare time? That's why, you can choose the suitable activity with regard to spend your time. Any person spent their particular spare time to take a wander, shopping, or went to the particular Mall. How about open or even read a book titled Jack & Jill (Alex Cross)? Maybe it is to become best activity for you. You already know beside you can spend your time together with your favorite's book, you can cleverer than before. Do you agree with it has the opinion or you have some other opinion?

Bridget Chacon:

A lot of people always spent their particular free time to vacation or go to the outside with them family members or their friend. Are you aware? Many a lot of people spent these people free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. In order to try to find a new activity here is look different you can read a book. It is really fun for yourself. If you enjoy the book that you just read you can spent all day long to reading a book. The book Jack & Jill (Alex Cross) it is very good to read. There are a lot of those who recommended this book. We were holding enjoying reading this book. In the event you did not have enough space to create this book you can buy the e-book. You can m0ore quickly to read this book from your smart phone. The price is not to cover but this book has high quality.

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