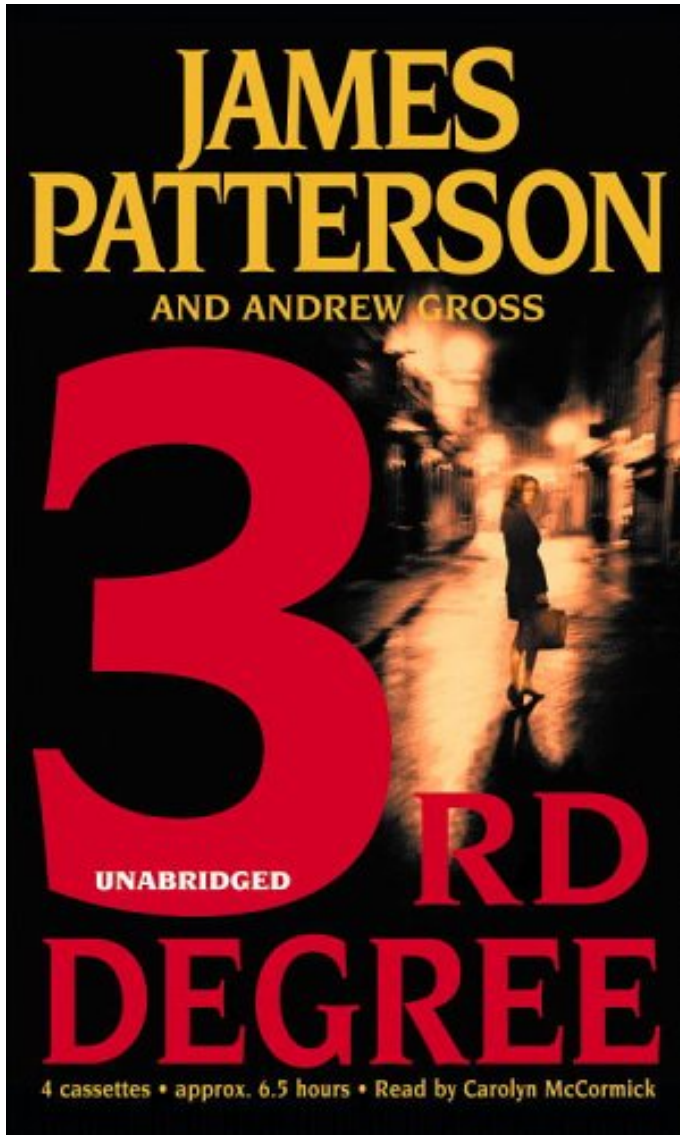

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Description

Delivering the breakneck pace and never-saw-it-coming plot twists that have made Patterson the most addictive writer at work today, "3rd Degree" is another searing and unforgettable thriller from the nation's #1 bestselling suspense writer. Abridged.

Insightful reviews

Aaron: Patterson and Gross bring the Ladies Murder Club to a whole new level with their third installment. In the post 9/11 world of literature, terrorism has definitely come to the fore, and the authors turn to domestic terrorism as a basis for their story.

It all starts one Sunday morning when Lt. Lindsay Boxer is doing her usual run with her friend Jill Bernhardt, San Francisco's Assistant DA. The two part ways after the run, leaving Lindsay to relax for a few minutes. It gives her just enough time to become a witness to a house explosion. Being the great cop that she is, she puts aside her safety and races into the burning building to look for survivors. She finds three dead bodies and evidence that there was a little girl in the building as well. Unfortunately, the toddler is missing. Other witness saw a young blond woman, the au pair, running off with the girl.

The home was owned by a wealthy (and some say greedy) businessman who owned a successful computer company. It does not take long before Cindy, a friend of Lindsay and Jill who is a leading reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, start receiving information from Augustus Spies. This group is claiming ownership of the bombing as a protest against the approaching G8 conference that is going to be held in the city. They are blaming greed, big business, and the government for stepping on the "little man," leaving him abused and broken. Their vengeance will hopefully change that, and the bombing is just the first attack with others to follow later, each involving the poison sarin.

Since it has become clear that terrorism is tied to the case, the Department of Homeland Security is brought in. Fortunately for Lindsay, the assigned agent, Assistant Director Joe Molinari has decided to work with her rather than taking the case away from the locals. They create a strong working relationship, strong enough that it starts to have a tinge of romance involved.

As if Lindsay and her friends didn't have enough to worry about, she notices some bruises on Jill's arms. It is a pattern she has recognized in the past through her work, and Lindsay feels the need to bring it up with her long time friend. It does not take long for her to confirm that Jill's husband Stephen has been abusing her. Cindy, Lindsay, and city medical examiner and final member of the club Claire jump to the ready to lend their support to their good friend.

I finished this book in just one day. I couldn't put it down!!! It definitely has the usual level of action and intrigue, but the added element of the global economy adds a touch of a Tom Clancy feel to the story line. Patterson and Gross also make it clear that they are willing to sacrifice anything and anyone in the line of telling a good tale. Fans of the series will be totally

surprised and shocked by what happens in this one.

David Roberts: I am reviewing the novel 3rd Degree by James Patterson et al which is an excellent thriller which I bought at a car boot sale. This book is part of the Women's Murder Club series which features a policewoman, a reporter & an assistant DA who work together to solve murders. As with the other books in this series there are 2 parallel cases to solve. This book is most notable because one of the main characters gets murdered although she gets replaced by another character in the 4th Of July, the next book in the series. Anyway the 2 cases are that one of the main characters has the boyfriend from hell who is a sadist. The other case is there is a kind of terrorist organisation who target rich people including a tycoon who ran a company and dumped all his stock on the stock exchange at an inflated price before announcing his company had run into problems. His house is blown up by his nanny and his baby goes missing. The nanny is in the terrorist organisation. There is also a biological weapon outbreak at a school to deal with. Also Lindsay Boxer the police lady in the story appears to find the man of her dreams. The story is exciting and keeps you interested throughout. There is on the whole a happy ending and I really enjoyed reading it.

Rebecca: James Patterson is basically running a mystery novel factory, and it shows in this book. The novel goes through the motions acceptably enough--there are clues and ratcheting tension and figures come back from the past and deaths of people close to the protagonist and a love interest. But the entire thing feels rather formulaic and thin.

Somehow, despite shocking revelations and stunning returns from the dead, you're never quite shocked or stunned. There isn't enough of an emotional connection established to make a reader sympathetic to the allegedly chilling revelations. A major character dies and it doesn't feel particularly traumatic. A romance proceeds far too easily. I figured out the mastermind far too easily, and the climax somehow fizzles.

The weird structure doesn't help. There are four women in the club. One is a first person narrator for about a quarter of the chapters. The rest of the chapters are third person narrations following the other women, suspects, victims, what have you. I really don't understand why it switches from first to third--either follow all the characters in third, or stay in first person and deal with the limitations it imposes. It feels like a cheap trick to make you care about the protagonist, instead of actually writing the protagonist to be likeable.

Similarly annoying, many of the chapters are a page and a half long. And not every chapter changes viewpoint. So you have a short conversation, and then a new chapter with a minor action, and then a new chapter with a brief action scene, and then a new chapter with another short conversation. It's choppy and artificially induces page-turning.

Written too quickly, this novel tries to use cheap tricks and pyrotechnics to replace heart and detail. There's nothing wrong, per se, just nothing particularly great, either. It's competent, I suppose, but completely uninspired.

Edmond Gagnon: A rattling reliable read!Believable characters and plot...not something I dislike approximately this book.

Stacy: there have been a few significant flaws with this book, although I cherished it. Why introduce the Jill spousal abuse factor if she used to be simply going to be killed almost immediately afterwards? this may were an engaging tale line to pursue. The motivation for the murderers does not upload up. This guy's brother, who was once a murderer, is killed via the cops. So he kills the daughter of a prosecutor, a snitch, and the brother's roommate? that is his enormous grudge? It used to be so visible that the snooty collage professor was once in on things. It turns out to me that Lindsey's place of birth defense man was once irrelevant for initiating a dating correct in the midst of a case. in the event that they have been equals, that may be one thing, yet he used to be kind of supervising the case.

Lynn: remarkable book! This one saved me riveted all of the method through. Andrew Gross and Michael Ledwidge are my favorites of Patterson's co-authors, and the Gross/Patterson marriage works completely in third Degree. Our heroine, Lieutenant Lindsay Boxer is back, together with her crime-solving friends: Cindy, the journalist, Jill, the Assistant D.A., and Claire, the clinical examiner. there's an unforeseen twist during this book, though, that i did not see coming in any respect and i can't exhibit the following since it will be an incredible spoiler. Suffice it to say, it may possibly switch the dynamic of destiny books within the series. i will tell you after I learn them. This publication follows a bunch of radical terrorists who're rationale on sending an important and lethal message and avenging what they see is a fallacious dedicated within the far away past. to a couple extent, they prevail and the door is left open for extra of an identical within the future, albeit from a special source. i will not say to any extent further than that with no ruining the tale for somebody who hasn't learn it. I waited many years sooner than beginning this Woman's homicide membership series. Now, i wonder why! i will not wait to learn the next, and the only after that, etc.

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