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**For Alex Cross, the toughest cases hit close to home-and in this deadly thrill ride, he's trying to solve the most personal mystery of his life.**

When his cousin is accused of a heinous crime, Alex Cross returns to his North Carolina hometown for the first time in over three decades. As he tries to prove his cousin's innocence in a town where everyone seems to be on the take, Cross unearths a family secret that forces him to question everything he's ever known. Chasing a ghost he believed was long dead, Cross gets pulled into a case that has local cops scratching their heads and needing his help: a grisly string of socialite murders. Now he's hot on the trail of both a brutal killer, and the truth about his own past-and the answers he finds might be fatal.

## Cross Justice Details

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### Skip says

The best Alex Cross book in many, many years. He and his family travel back to the town in which he was raised by his parents, who met with untimely ends, resulting in Alex and his brothers being adopted by Nana Mama and moving north. Alex is asked to assist his niece in defending his cousin, who is accused of rape and murder of a young boy. Meanwhile, there is a second storyline about a series of robbery/murders in Florida, where Alex goes to learn what really happened to his long dead father. Things in Starksville, North Carolina are very unstable, corruption abounds, and someone does not want Alex and Bree investigating the town's many secrets. Lots of suspense and surprises.

One little thing that annoyed me was how often a military trained sniper, who shot someone from a moving car at distance, could miss Alex and others. Guess that's why it's called fiction...

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### Melody says

#### WOW!

By far the best Alex Cross book yet. So full of suspense, family, intrigue, but so totally different from the others. James Patterson pulled out all stops to bring out every kind of emotion known--hate, disgust, empathy, sympathy, love, gratitude, greed, and many others.

Thank you for giving us the true background on Alex Cross and allowing us to meet more of his family.

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### Suzanne says

Are you kidding me with those last several chapters! This was an awesome installment with so much going on. I loved the whole aspect of Cross going home and reading all the secrets and people of his past revealing themselves. This one is my favorite Alex Cross novel so far.

My quick and simple overall: incredible plots with some amazing reveals.

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### Marianne says

Cross Justice is the twenty-third book in the popular Alex Cross series by prolific American author, James Patterson. Alex Cross, wife Bree Stone, Nana Mama, Jannie and Ali are in North Carolina. Needing a break after recent traumatic events in their lives, the Cross family heads to Starksville, the town from which Nana Mama rescued Alex and his brothers when their parents died.

A request from his niece, lawyer Naomi Cross, sees Alex returning to the town he has not visited for thirty-five years. Naomi is defending Alex's cousin, Stefan Parks, on a murder charge for which the evidence looks damning. A rude introduction to Starksville's Police force is only the beginning for Alex: it is soon apparent that corruption is rife in the town and Stefan's hope of a fair trial is slim.

But as Bree and Alex strive to uncover the facts, Alex also learns some uncomfortable truths about his parents. In an effort to find closure for himself and Nana Mama, Alex heads to Florida to see the place where his father, Jason Cross evidently committed suicide. And finds himself involved in a murder investigation.

Readers may be forgiven for wondering if this book was written by the same author who wrote Cross My Heart and Hope To Die: the standard of writing, the plot with its twists and red herrings, the characters, everything about this book is so much better than the two previous instalments. Perhaps Patterson actually sat down and wrote this one instead of phoning it in? Astute readers will have the big reveal at the end pegged fairly early on, but this one is an enjoyable read. 4.5 stars

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### **Phrynne says**

Patterson books can vary between okay and brilliant. Cross Justice for me comes in as somewhere in between, i.e. very good!

When the book began I faltered a bit. It was slow and a little silly but then something happened and it really took off. There were guns going off all over the place but hardly anyone got killed although it came very close. The final chapters of the book, with the culmination of the court scenes and the amazing twist which I at least did not see coming, were really good.

I must admit I find it easy to while away a few hours with a James Patterson book. Realistic they are not but they are always entertaining!

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### **Sojourner says**

It's twenty-three years and twenty-three installments of justice the Alex Cross-way since the first book in the series, Along Came a Spider, appeared in 1992. James Patterson has changed little. His trademark short chapters continue to enthrall readers, and his books continue to sell like hot cakes. They continue to generate interest, and make for an exciting and fast read. My admiration for him is full to the brim though I also have a huge pile of gripes, mostly relating to the frequent releases bearing his name and the over-pricing of Kindle versions of his books. I'm almost tempted to give up on his novels occasionally, but as a die-hard fan, though I groaned, grumbled and berated his propensity of churning out book after book almost every month, I can't get myself to actually act.

With Cross Justice, bestselling author James Patterson returns with his most famous character in a plot that is both gripping and fast-paced. Fans of the master storyteller can rest assured in the knowledge that this episode of the series is much better than the insipid Cross My Heart and Hope to Die. It is as entertaining as ever with Cross returning home for the first time after thirty-five years, only to be confronted with a daunting task as he finds himself ensnared in a quagmire of harsh reality and secrets, and an enemy as dangerous as any other. What prompted Alex and his family to return home was the upcoming trial of his cousin, Stefan Tate, a gym teacher accused of torturing and killing a thirteen-year-old boy named Rashawn Turnbull.

Alex Cross series is the only series that James Patterson writes without any co-author, which is a good thing. With sharp twists and turns, readers are in for shocking and fascinating treat in Cross Justice. The appearance of a family member whom Alex thought was dead was a nice surprise. The Reverend Alicia, Marvin Bell, the police chief and the local judge all played a pivotal role in the story. The toast "May God bless the

Crosses" at the end beautifully sums up one of the best Alex Cross novels, and James Patterson fans couldn't have hoped for a better ending. I'm glad Cross Justice has renewed my faith in him, and I look forward to many more from him.

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### **Kathi Defranc says**

This is one of the best books I have read, with Alex Cross out to the town he was born and grew up in to assist in the trial of his cousin. The pages turn as you follow with the Cross family as they become involved in what happened years ago to the trial happening now. Problems appear at every step, leading to a thrilling and exciting end!! Any who like Patterson's Alex Cross must have this book on your list, definitely number one on mine!!

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### **Jane Russo says**

Patterson really needs to stop! This was good until the sappy totally ridiculous ending!!

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### **Kris says**

While the last 50 pages were entertaining, the rest of it was almost painful to read. For the first 70 pages you meet about a character a page and they all come with long explanations like, "He was my Aunt Hattie's cousin's kid" or "Nana Momma's brother's wife". It gets very confusing to keep them straight, and then you realize you don't have to because none of them matter anyway. Possibly my least favorite Cross book.

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### **Monnie says**

Of all the book series written (or co-written) by James Patterson, those featuring police psychologist Dr. Alex Cross have remained at the top of my favorites list ever since the very first one (for the record, this is the 23rd). I'm happy to say this one doesn't disappoint. Also for the record, I was happy to see that it doesn't follow what seems to be a trend these days - books that are closer to a novella in length than a full-length book.

As is expected with any Patterson book, the chapters are short - another selling point for me simply because for someone like me with a touch of OCD, it's much easier to get to a stopping place when life intervenes. Put another way, having to close my Kindle in the middle of a chapter is almost as unthinkable as turning off the radio in the middle of my favorite Neil Diamond song (and no, it is *not* "Sweet Caroline" or "Forever in Blue Jeans").

As for the story, this one takes the good doctor, his lovely policewoman wife Bree, two of their kids and his 90-something Nana Mama to Alex's home town of Starksville, North Carolina (for Alex, it's the first visit in 35 years). His cousin, it seems, is on trial for the rape and murder of a young boy who was one of his students at the local school. Another female relative is defending the young man, who insists he's innocent, but she's having a tough time disproving the prosecution's well-documented evidence.

Tracking down clues takes Alex to Florida, where he gets tangled up in a case involving murders of socialite women - the local police need his help, albeit a bit grudgingly; several chapters flip back and forth from these murders to the goings-on in the Tar Heel State. If all this weren't enough, Alex's daughter Jannie gets off on a running start toward a possible future, all to the delight of her proud father and stepmother. But then Alex and Bree's trains of investigative thought begin to hit pay dirt, threatening the future of the entire family.

The chase also challenges Alex and Nana Mama to confront their pasts, unearthing secrets that, for the most part, went dead many years earlier. The truths include the good, the bad and yes, the pretty hokey, but it all works out in the end and gives readers new and interesting insights into both characters.

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### **Gerard V says**

If this was by an unknown author it would not be published. Stupid preposterous story

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### **Kacey - Traveling Sister says**

Alex Cross is back to help his family!

Alex and his family are bound for NC where he grew up. He has ventured back to help his cousin, now facing the death penalty for murdering a 13 year old child. The painful, haunting memories of growing up in the poor town of Starkville, NC come flooding back upon his return. But Alex has a job to do - piece together the mystery surrounding his family.

There's the expected action: bullets flying and severed brake lines that always seem to accompany Alex. The spotlight, however, is on the family itself with long-hidden secrets revealed.

If you have grown to love Alex and his family then you will certainly love this book. Pull a few extra chairs up to the table...you're about to meet the extended family!

A great addition to the series!

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### **Wendy says**

#### **Cross Justice**

At first when I finished reading this novel I wasn't so sure what I really thought about it but the more I thought about it I ended up loving it. This book is like no other Alex Cross novel that I have ever read. It was a feel good book and I love that you never saw the ending coming. I love when James Patterson writes his own books without a co author, you can really tell the difference in the story and the writing. I'm so happy that he wrote a good book this time.

## **Brenda says**

Thirty five years it took Alex Cross to return to his roots – and that was only because his family called for his help in clearing his cousin Stefan’s name of the terrible charges that had been levelled against him. Apart from Alex’s eldest son Damon, the rest of the family arrived in Starksville, North Carolina where they joined Alex’s aunts and Uncle Clifford.

As the trial began, Alex and Bree knew the evidence was strong against Stefan – but they also felt some things didn’t quite add up. Quietly they started looking into the case from the very beginning – and they didn’t like what they were finding. But good solid evidence was difficult to procure. And in the meantime Alex was hit with something pertaining to his life as a boy; was everything he knew and remembered about his past a lie?

Not knowing who to trust, and believing at least some of the cops in Starksville were crooked, Alex and Bree had intense danger dogging their every move. But there was more, much more to come...

*Cross Justice* by James Patterson was explosive action from start to finish! And the twist at the end just blew me away! It’s been awhile since I’ve read an Alex Cross novel, but now I remember why I enjoy them so much. To my mind, this series is the best this author writes and I’m looking forward to the next already! High octane, fast pace and extreme twists and turns, *Cross Justice* is one I highly recommend.

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## **Suzanne the Bookaholic and Proud says**

WOW!!!! no one can ever get enough of Mr pattersons books

yet again another great, fast paced, on edge, mysterious, brilliant, fantastic book from Mr patterson, again and again you can never get enough of Alex cross and his fine detective and police skills, and with every book of James patterson you will always be guessing and never figure it out, even when you think your on the right track and got it all sussed it will always be the one person you never even thought of.

so Mr patterson hope the next book or even the next alex cross will be just as fast paced and mysterious as the last (ooooh can't wait)

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