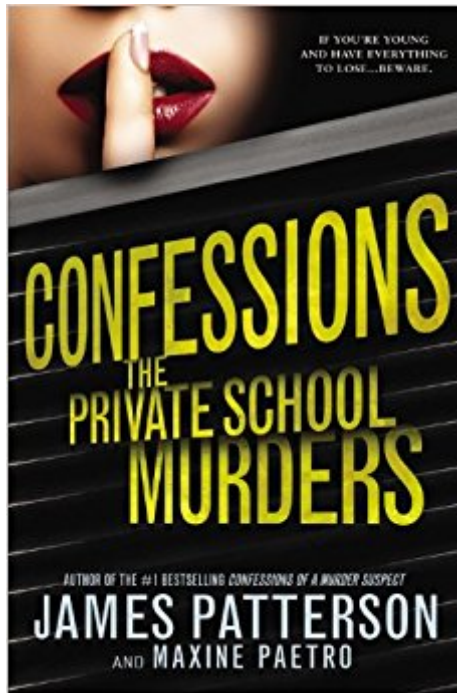




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Confessions: The Private School Murders



Synopsis

In the sequel to the #1 New York Times bestseller *Confessions of a Murder Suspect*, James Patterson keeps the confessions coming breathlessly as Tandy Angel delves deeper into her own tumultuous history-and proves that she can rise above the sordid Angel legacy. Wealthy young women are being murdered on Manhattan's exclusive Upper West Side, and the police aren't looking for answers in the right places. Enter Tandy Angel. The first case she cracked was the mystery of her parents' deaths. Now, while she's working to exonerate her brother of his glamorous girlfriend's homicide, she's driven to get involved in the West Side murder spree. One of the recent victims was a student at Tandy's own elite school. She has a hunch it may be the work of a serial killer, but the NYPD isn't listening to her...and Tandy can't ignore the disturbing fact that she perfectly fits the profile of the killer's targets. Can she untangle the mysteries in time? Or will she be the next victim?

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"The complex, clever plot keeps the pages turning as it wends its way to a surprising resolution and several cliffhangers." •CommonSenseMedia.org"Readers will be drawn inexorably into Tandy's world of paranoia and manipulation as they try to put the pieces together." •The Bulletin

James Patterson has had more New York Times bestsellers than any other writer, ever, according to Guinness World Records. Since his first novel won the Edgar Award in 1977 James Patterson's books have sold more than 300 million copies. He is the author of the Alex Cross novels, the most popular detective series of the past twenty-five years, including *Kiss the Girls* and *Along Came a Spider*. He writes full-time and lives in Florida with his family.

This is the second book in James Patterson and Maxine Paetro's Confessions series for young adults. The stories deal with the four children of the late Malcolm and Maud Angel--Matthew, a professional football player; teenage twins Tandy and Harry; and the youngest child Hugo. I've enjoyed many books by Patterson and Paetro, but lately I've noticed that they often create more plot lines than they know what to do with. In this book Matthew is on trial for the murder of his girlfriend Tamara; poisonous snakes, spiders, and other creatures are loose in the Dakota hotel, where the Angels reside; the family is about to lose everything in a lawsuit against their parents' estate; Tandy is trying to locate her boyfriend James, who was forcibly separated from her by both sets of parents; and four teenage girls from private schools have been murdered, possibly by a serial killer. The title crimes--The Private School Murders--get the least attention of any of the plotlines, and the solution is presented rather haphazardly. Some of the other aspects of the story are hard to believe, such as the way Tandy gets immediate access to places where she would not likely be allowed and the way she regularly finds things the police overlook. But in spite of the flaws, I did enjoy reading the book, and I expect to read more in the series

Come on, a family where the parents drug all the children to control their senses. The police call on a young school girl to help them solve crimes and she has business cards she hands out. In the past whenever a Patterson book came out I grabbed it up, I won't make that mistake again.

Tandy is back and this time she has 3 mysteries to solve. First, who killed her brother's fiancée (Matthew is on trial for the murder, but Tandy is pretty sure he didn't do it). Second, who is killing wealthy private school girls (who are about Tandy's age). And finally, how are poisonous creatures getting inside the exclusive Dakota building where the Angel family lives. Oh, and she is still trying to figure out some of her past; what memories of her love James are real and what happened to him? Tandy isn't certain if she will still have the mental focus and skills needed to solve these mysteries. First, she has been off her "vitamins" since her parents' death. These "vitamins" were

actually drugs given to the Angel children by their parents to make them more focused, smart and strong. Will Tandy still be able to solve the mysteries without her special drugs? And will she be able to concentrate with the constant distracting thoughts of James running through her mind. A new character, Jacob is introduced in this book. Uncle Peter has left Jacob in charge, he is the new guardian of the Angel children. He is the most sweet and caring adult the Angel children have ever known. He is more loving and caring than Maud & Malcolm ever were. All in all, this was another great Patterson book. Tandy is a fun narrator and I enjoy reading about her adventures.

Commute read with a tween. Great story a few "racy" scenes to forward thru....

A unique story with wonderfully eccentric and charming characters. Exciting and romantic. You won't be disappointed in this exciting book

Love this series. James Patterson never disappoints. This series of books is exciting, keeps your attention, suspenseful. Don't want to put them down.

Not up to Pstterdon standards

James got off in a different direction with this one. I found the details interesting with how bright the main character was and how much the orphaned siblings cared for one another. The site that they lived in was a good setting for the type of mystery being solved. Well done for what it was.

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