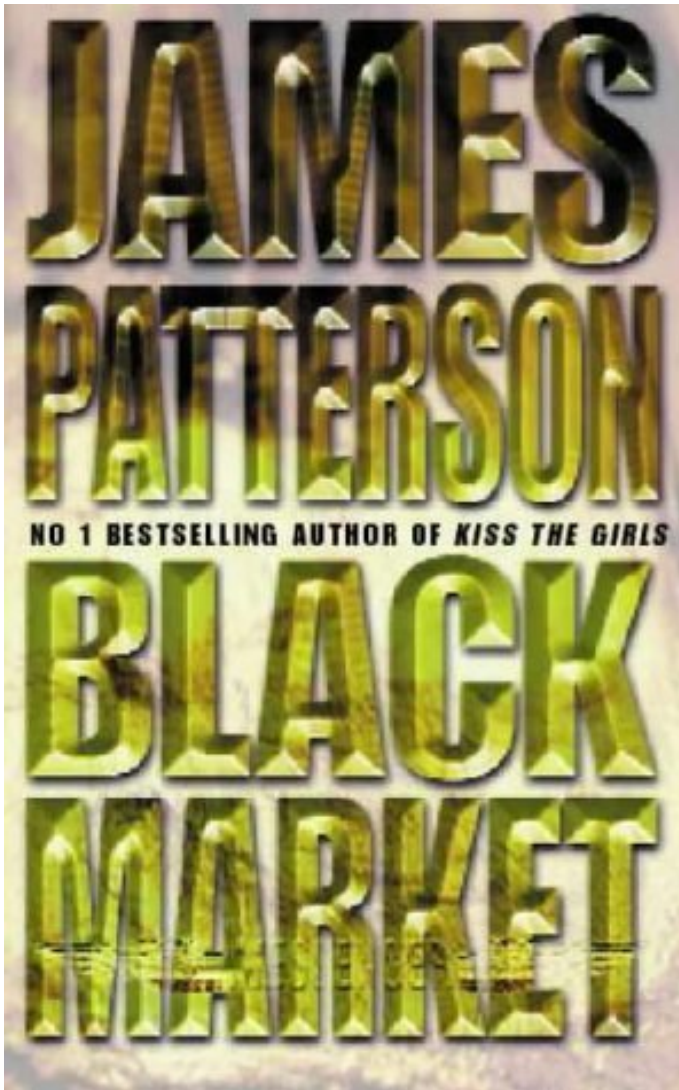

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Description

The breathtaking suspense of Kiss the Girls and the authenticity of N.Y.P.D. Blue: Welcome to James Patterson's classic superthriller, BLACK FRIDAY. A courageous federal agent, a powerful and resourceful woman lawyer - only they can possibly stop the unspeakable from happening. New York City is under siege by a secret militia group - and that's just the beginning of the relentless terror of BLACK FRIDAY.

Originally published in 1987 as Black Market, also by James Patterson.

Insightful reviews

Jean Tremaine: **Very suspenseful**

Huge number of plot twists and surprises. It keeps you guessing until you figure out who the good guys are.

Keith: This Patterson crime-suspense novel from the late eighties is an interesting read today from our perspective in the next century. The plot of a terrorist attack on New York City and the crash of the stock market and hence the world economy somehow seemed much more apocalyptic thirty years ago than it does today---probably because it all happened and we lived through it. Not in the same way of course, or in the same order and not by the same enemy and with a totally different outcome---somehow a secret government cabal in the computer age seems even more difficult to buy---but many of the things he imagined have taken place. The world has suffered, people have lost their lives and many other dangerous events undoubtedly lie ahead but we have stumbled along and survived. I guess that shows that mankind always looks into the abyss of change and shudders but predicting the outcome is a challenge. I recently saw a cartoon of a robed man standing on a street corner holding a sign with the cliché citation "The End Is Near". He was happily explaining to passers-by that it was his fifteenth anniversary on that corner. I guess that says it all.

Aaron: Originally published in 1987 as Black Market, this book brings readers back in time when the world was still swayed by the Cold War and a lot of today's international issues are different. The book starts with a thread (and the follow through) by terrorists under the name Green Band promising to blow up the buildings that make up the economic entity that is Wall Street at the close of the day on a Friday afternoon. As you can expect, this causes a bit of havoc on the markets in America and around the world.

The government has brought in Arch Carroll, the head of the anti-terrorism division at the CIA,

and Caitlin Dylan, the SEC's Director of Enforcement, along with other government officials are brought together to sort out whom Green Band is and bring stability to both the markets and prevent further attacks. As you can guess, their partnerships ends up being more than a professional one as they travel around the world working with agents from France, Ireland and Britain, and other locations that are tied with leads they find.

Eventually, Arch and Caitlin find a lead that tracks to one former-Colonel David Hudson, a disgruntled Vietnam Vet leading a band of others like him. Hudson is clearly tied to the center of Green Band and nabbing him will likely allow Arch and Caitlin to solve the case.

The problem is that while Hudson and his team are involved, there is a lot more to Green Band than anyone can imagine. In fact, the true source of the plot to strike at Wall Street is a complete surprise that will shock even the most deductive reader.

This, like many of Patterson's early books, is stronger than most of the schlock he is cracking out today. Granted, it's age makes it a bit "behind the times" with the technology and computing that is at the core of today's stock market trading, it is still filled with action, intrigue, and conspiracy that will appeal to most fans of Tom Clancy and Robert Ludlum.

Jan: My least favourite James Patterson booklet yet. It appeared to be in every single place plot clever from the beginning. A mystery society attempting to run the govt and country? now not my kind of read. I want i might left the ebook at the library shelf.

Ray Cerrone: an engaging tale with relatively a twist for an ending. the explanation I gave it 2 starts off used to be simply because i presumed the tale may have long past in a wholly assorted direction. Now that i believe of it, i feel it merits better. i might suggest this publication to Patterson lovers and that i might additionally recommend this booklet to people who take pleasure in analyzing approximately terrorism. One factor to bear in mind is that the plot for this tale used to be pre 9-11. it's demanding to think that Patterson may have conceived of a plot earlier than the area lived via an analogous scenario with the markets as the US was once attacked.

Bev Walkling: This ebook was once simply so-so for me. It felt dated in lots of respects doubtless since it was once written in 1986 yet reads as though it really is occurring within the present. probably if I had learn it then i'd have scored it higher. I beloved the 2 major characters - Archer Carroll and Caitlin Dillon, however it wasn't sufficient to maintain me studying this non-stop.

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