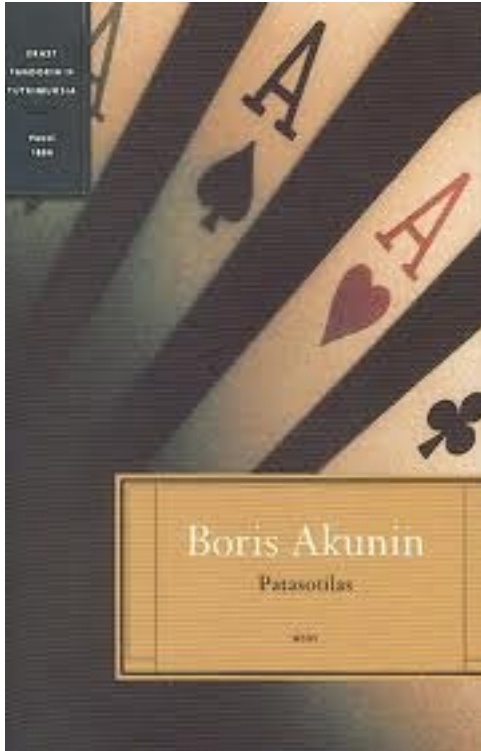


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### Patasotilas (Erast Fandorin Mysteries #5)



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## Description

In *Special Assignments*, Erast Fandorin, nineteenth-century Russia's suavest sleuth, faces two formidable new foes: One steals outrageous sums of money, the other takes lives. "The Jack of Spades" is a civilized swindler who has conned thousands of rubles from Moscow's residents—including Fandorin's own boss, Prince Dolgorukoi. To catch him, Fandorin and his new assistant, timid young policeman Anisii Tulipov, must don almost as many disguises as the grifter does himself. "The Decorator" is a different case altogether: A savage serial killer who believes he "cleans" the women he mutilates and takes his orders from on high, he must be given Fandorin's most serious attentions.

Peopled by a rich cast of eccentric characters, and with plots that are as surprising as they are inventive, *Special Assignments* will delight Akunin's many fans, while challenging the gentleman sleuth's brilliant powers of detection.

### Praise from England:

"Boris Akunin's wit and invention are a source of constant wonder."

—*Evening Standard*

"[Fandorin is] a debonair combo of Sherlock Holmes, D'Artagnan and most of the soulful heroes of Russian literature. . . . This pair of perfectly balanced stories permit the character of Fandorin to grow."

—*The Sunday Telegraph*

"Agatha Christie meets James Bond: [Akunin's] plots are intricate and tantalizing. . . . [These stories] are unputdownable and great fun."

—*Sunday Express*

"The beguiling, super-brainy, sexy, unpredictable Fandorin is a creation like no other in crime fiction."

—*The Times*

## Insightful reviews

Branko Jovanovski: The first story is a 3 at most, the second is 5 - one of the best Fandorin stories.

Luke Meehan: Dual Fandorin novellas, where much of the charm is sketching, roaming and erasing new characters. The plots are thin, the people entertaining, the early-modern-Russian scenery wonderful (if perhaps a touch sanitised). Fun light reading from Akunin.

Nancy Oakes: This book is actually 2 novellas, if you will, containing two different stories.

In story #1, "The Jack of Spades," Fandorin is up against a clever con man whose calling card is the jack of spades. He leaves it behind when he has pulled off a very successful swindle, and

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things come to a head when an Englishman is swindled out of a huge amount of money that the government must repay. Enter our hero and his new assistant, Tulipov. This one was pretty light hearted and very enjoyable to read.

Story #2 is entitled "The Decorator," and Erast finds himself embroiled in a series of Jack the Ripper-type slayings in the world of prostitutes. This one is much more serious a read, but still a total delight to watch Fandorin at work.

Very, very good, and fans of Erast Fandorin will definitely not be disappointed. One could read this before the other books in the series, but my opinion is that starting with the first and moving on will only help you understand Fandorin's character better.

Very well written and I highly recommend it to those who like mysteries set in a historical time period or place, or to those who have been following the series all along. I had to send to the UK for mine some time back, because I couldn't wait to read it. I guess I'll do the same in January when #6 comes out!

Miriam: i admire greatly Akunin's books as the old references and his written style. This one includes really novellas. the 1st one pertains to Jack the Ripper in Russia, whatever that i discovered some distance fetched, yet there's a stable description of police power, the society, and terrific poverty in Russia at that time. the second is entertaining with allusions to what I presume newspaper news. either have been entertaining, with a great speedy pace, and prefer such a lot the 2 major protagonist: the detective and his eastern aid.

Kay Robart: This booklet is 2 brief tales that includes Erast Fandorin. the second one tale i didn't end as soon as I grasped the place it was once going. referred to as "The Decorator," it really is approximately Jack the Ripper relocating his operations to Moscow. However, it turns into speedy noticeable that Jack is meant to be not just a lady yet person who is murdering prostitutes simply because they're defiling their bodies. the total thought was once so abhorrent to me that I refused to learn to any extent further of it. See my entire evaluate here: <http://whatmeread.wordpress.com/tag/s...>

Lauri: Valusalt hea. Esimene lugu rääkis Fandorini ja Potisoldati varjunime all tuntud meisterpetturi kokkupõrkest ja oli verevaba. Seda aga ei saa öelda teise bathroom lavatory kohta, kus Fandorin lahendab süngeid ja üliveriseid tapmisi, mis on toime pannud Dekoraator, kes enne Venemaale saabumist tegeles oma võika hobiga Inglismaal, kus ta oli tuntud Jack the Ripperi nime all. Dekoraatori isiku paljastamine peaks karbi lahti võtma paljudel, Akunin valdab siin juba kriminaalkirjanduse žanri meisterlikult. Anissi Tjulpanoviga kohtub huviline veelkord jutukogus "Nefriitpalvehelmed" olevas bogs "Baskakovite Skarpeia", mis teeb kummarduse Conan Doyle'le, Sherlock Holmesile ja Baskervillele.

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