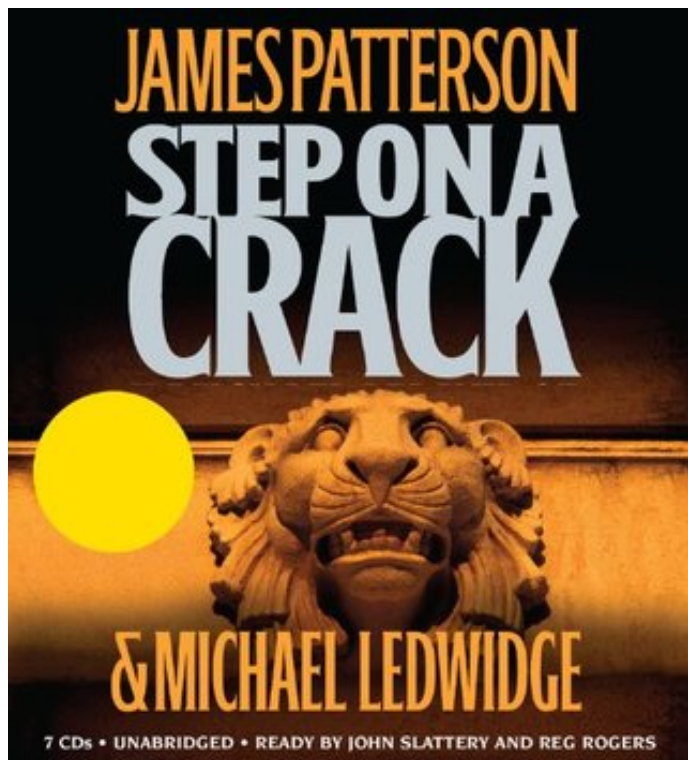

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Description

Detective Michael Bennett is about to take on the most sinister challenge of his career. The nation has fallen into mourning after the unexpected death of a beloved former first lady, and the most powerful people in the world gather in New York for her funeral. Then the inconceivable occurs. Billionaires, politicians, and superstars of every kind are suddenly trapped within one man's brilliant and ruthless scenario. Bennett--father of ten--is pulled into the fray. As the danger escalates, Michael is hit with devastating news. After fighting for many years, his wife has succumbed to a terrible disease. As New York descends into chaos, he has lost the great love of his life and faces raising his ten devastated children alone--and rescuing 34 hostages. Day after day, Bennett confronts the most ruthless man he has ever dealt with, a man who kills without hesitation and counters everything the NYPD and FBI throw at him with impunity. As the entire world watches and the tension boils to a searing heat, Bennett has to find a way out--or face responsibility for the greatest debacle in history.

Insightful reviews

Mary Thatcher: **Absolutely incredible! I can't wait read the next book!**

Nothing like any other series I've read. I love the mix of his life and his career. I felt like I was actually there.

Don M.: This is the first in the series of "Michael Bennett" character books and is co-authored by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge. The format is much the same as the Alex Cross books, but the setting is New York City, rather than Washington, D.C. The flash on the cover says "I like this character even more than Alex Cross". While I'm not so sure of that, this is definitely an interesting story and made for a good read - especially when there is nothing on TV, as is the case now.

Both the Alex Cross and Michael Bennett series books have a standardized format which tends to focus on the solving of a heinous crime while dealing with family crises. Sometimes, these domestic situations can get a bit tedious; but overall, they help break the story into measured, manageable sections. I particularly like the short chapters which allow you to pick up the book and read for brief time periods without having to stop in the middle of excessively long chapters as you do in many books.

This is the first "Michael Bennett" book I've read. The crime story line was good, being built on the death of a former first lady (this is not a spoiler - it tells you that on the back cover) and expanding from there. The story line dealing with Detective Bennett's family of ten children is rather intense at times in this novel.

Michelle: This was pretty far fetched... I usually like Patterson's books a lot, and I am not going to say this wasn't entertaining. It was. However, for the same New York homicide cop to do everything for such a high profile case didn't seem remotely plausible. He did all the hostage negotiations, he was in the group that tried to break in and stop the kidnapping, he was the one

to run out and see the bodies when the kidnappers threw them out of the church, he was in the helicopter following the get away cars, and he was the one in the water helping save the victims? Really? All of course in his wife's last few days on earth as she died of cancer.

The story was good, you didn't know what was coming next, and the 'bad guys' were not obvious to figure out. It would have been a much better read if it had been grounded a bit more in reality for the main character.

Gary Butler: thirty fifth ebook learn in 2013. quantity 222 out of 325 on my all time ebook list. Follow the hyperlink lower than to determine my video review: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF4ogL...>

David: rather loved this and there have been a number of rather emotional chapters.

Moray Barclay: Hmmmmmm. the place to begin? The shallow personality descriptions? Early on we're brought to "The Neat Man", yet then we discover no reason behind his nickname except an obsession for child wipes. How did he get that way, I puzzled in my naivety? the reply used to be deemed beside the point so no longer let's reside on it. in truth top to not live on something too long, finally the writer didn't. A measly 70,000 phrases or so and a whopping 100 and 16 chapters. The sparcity used to be generously unfold around. Following a typical law enforcement officials and kidnappers escapade, there's an most unlikely break out scene in bankruptcy 97, that is defined in six hundred words. A secondary kidnap scene is instigated, after which resolved, in bankruptcy 112 and takes 650 phrases - the solution is initiated "when whatever thoroughly unforeseen happened" - oh really? within the subsequent bankruptcy "it became out" (yes these designated phrases have been used) that of the baddies had performed whatever else implausible. And finally, simply whilst i presumed that issues could not be defined in a extra dismissive manner, in bankruptcy 116 we examine that "we nonetheless had to determine precisely how they saved [something..] within the [somewhere..], now not that it particularly mattered." Yes, once more these have been the precise words: no longer that it quite mattered. definitely it isn't important to me - I will not be examining any longer tosh like this again.

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