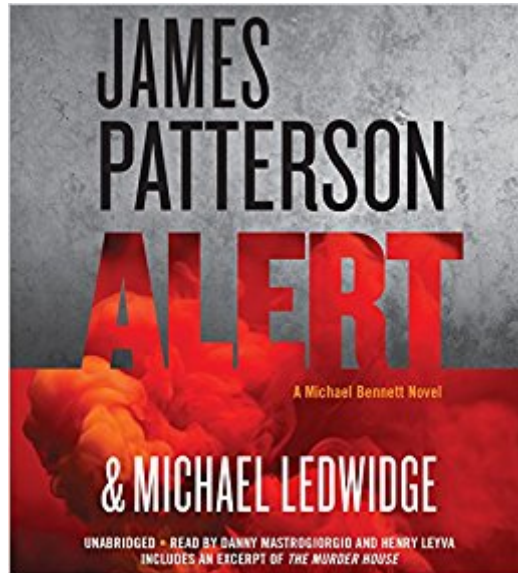




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# Alert (Michael Bennett)



## Synopsis

"This is not a test"--every New Yorker's worst nightmare is about to become a reality. New Yorkers aren't easily intimidated, but someone is doing their best to scare them, badly: why? After two inexplicable high-tech attacks, the city that never sleeps is on edge. Detective Michael Bennett, along with his old pal, the FBI's Emily Parker, have to catch the shadowy criminals who claim responsibility--but they're as good at concealing their identities as they are at wreaking havoc. In the wake of a shocking assassination, Bennett begins to suspect that these mysterious events are just the prelude to the biggest threat of all. Soon he's racing against the clock, and against the most destructive enemy he's faced yet, to save his beloved city--before everyone's worst nightmare becomes a reality.

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## Customer Reviews

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.

Bennett is a good father, son, and detective. The timing is finally right for Michael and MC, but that damn Emily keeps popping up at the most unopportunistic times. I wish she wouldn't come back or

maybe be killed. The main plot involves a genius who is terrorizing NYC by all possible and seemingly impossible means, going so far as to kill and destroy the people and the city. Det. Bennett turned all of his underlings at that pathetic ombudsmen unit in the hood into good policemen and policewomen. He also still works with the major crimes unit on an as needed basis at One Police Plaza. This book had everything to make it the best in this series, but I didn't give it a five star rating because of Emily. She just doesn't fit with Michael's Catholic beliefs like MC does.

Another great action-filled book at a pretty quick pace by James Patterson. Good story and some romance stirring with Catherine while in Ireland. New York is a great place to visit with many things to offer, so why are they trying to destroy it? Hints at terrorists from Iraq, al Qaeda, homegrown emigrant jihadists, another Unabomber. Bombs and technology hired out to American young geeks and college students with the latest technology training and skills...the threat of the future now present. A fantastic and up-to-the-minute possibility waiting to happen. There is a message of vigilance and alarm in the book for security interested people everywhere. But for me today, it was a real page turner and I hope Hollywood makes a movie soon!

I'm almost sorry I enjoyed this book. I've given up on Patterson, except for his efforts with a few of his "minions", and this is one of them. While it does draw you in, if you stop to think you'll realize the plot is a little far-fetched and the villains even more far-fetched. Still, decent "beach reading".

Patterson's writing factory has churned out another formulaic treatment of a terrorist plot. While his characters are interesting, this book requires a little too much suspension of disbelief. I've read better from the factory, and I suspect I will again in the future.

A man, who turns out to be a Russian mob boss, and his son who is genius attempt to blow up New York by first blowing up a tunnel of the subway system. Then they shoot and kill the mayor of New York as he is trying to calm the people. Detective Bennett is lead investigator and tracks information that leads him to the suspects as they plan for another catastrophe to happen. The suspects are chased in an outstanding final series of events with an extremely interesting twist. Another fine writing by the author

James Patterson/Michael Ledwidges, Alert left me hanging! I rated only three stars. Why, because it is too far out. When I read Patterson's books, I look forward to an interesting and sometimes

complex novel. This one however, is so far out I thought I was reading a space novel. There are some parts that are well written, others not so much. Rated R for violence and descriptions of bodies. Eighteen and over. DP, Castro Valley, CA.

I really enjoyed this one. Mr. Patterson is always a master at creating a "Grab Ya' & don't Let Go" book. The first part of this story where the main character is having to leave Mary Catherine, you just KNOW that something bad is gonna happen between those two. His character development is, as always, so good that you feel like a part of that big, close knit Irish family. I really enjoyed the "Surprise Ending." Any fan of Mr. Patterson's productive imagination will enjoy this book. James (Jim) Flagg

I love reading the Michael Bennett series, and this one is a winner! In his personal life, Michael takes it to the next level. In his professional life, Mike gets pushed down, stomped on, and just when he's putting all the pieces together, he gets pulled off the case; this doesn't stop him and his motley crew of displaced police officers! They prove themselves to be great detectives, learning from the best!! And the added Buckshot featuring my other favorite detective, Alex Cross, was icing on the cake!

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