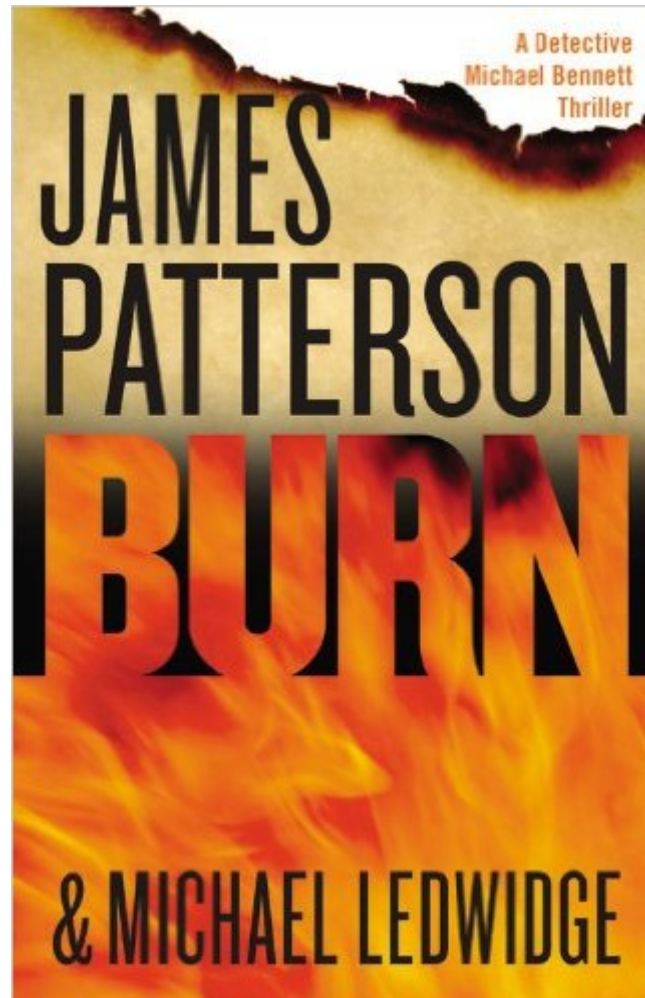




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Synopsis

Detective Michael Bennett finally returns to New York City--and to the most unsettling, horrific case of his career. At last, Detective Michael Bennett and his family are coming home to New York City. Thanks to Bennett, the ruthless crime lord whose vengeful mission forced the Bennett family into hiding has been brought down for good. Back in the city that never sleeps, Bennett takes over a chaotic Outreach Squad in Harlem, where he receives an unusual call: a man claims to have seen a group of well-dressed men holding a bizarre party in a condemned building. With no clear crime or evidence, Bennett dismisses the report. But when a charred body is found in that very same building, he is forced to take the demented caller seriously--and is drawn into an underground criminal world of terrifying depravity.

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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.

I am a Michael Bennett book FAN, but I wanted to "Burn" this book when I got to the end because there was NO end. It just stopped. It wasn't a cliffhanger, it just stopped like the writers' computer broke and they said, "oh well, we'll just send in the manuscript anyway"! Sheesh. I kept thinking I had missed some pages or something. The story was going along fine. I liked how the new gang was developing under Mike's leadership. James Patterson, your name is on this book. Don't let this happen again, please. A VERY VERY disappointed reader.

A group practicing cannibalism, another doing high dollar jewelry heists is the basis for this book that leads Detective Bennett's investigation. He has returned from California only to be assigned to the ombudsman squad as punishment by a vindictive boss. This is a squad of misfits and officers not adjusted to dealing with the public, that is supposed to answer complaints from people. Detective Bennett begin prioritizing cases and provides leadership to the unlearned detectives and as the story continues it is these that solve both cases. Another great writing by the author who continues to write excellent novels.

I'm very disappointed in the author James Patterson. Apparently he no longer writes his own books and these have become very dark and twisted. All I want is a great mystery and believable characters. He used to provide this, but no longer. I've started to read several of his books and have had to discard them due to the content. There's enough real horror in the world today, I don't want to read about it as well.

I've always liked this character except this time. I felt he was a loose cannon in that he went after everyone half cocked. Patterson left a lot of unanswered questions in this one. Do we have to read the next book to see if Chats has her suicide overturned? What happens with the senator? There are just too many unanswered questions.

Ahhhh! He got me again. Refers to Jp's habit of serializing for fun and profit, mostly profit. Said a couple years ago, it wouldn't happen again, especially in the Bennett series. Silly me. I thought he might close out all the open doors in this neverending tale. The sophomoric relationship with his nanny, is endless, and forever unresolved due to almost coitus interruptus. Once again, this author

and his assistant are relegated (forever, this time) to the library lists.

"Burn", like all of the Michael Bennett novels, is a blend of chaotic New York police work undertaken by a wise-cracking detective; and a charming family life with his ten children, their Irish nanny and Bennett's Catholic priest grandfather. In this seventh book of the series, Bennett returns to New York only to learn that he has been banished to a Harlem precinct because of internal police politics. He's assigned to lead a new unit that is ineffective and in disarray. This changes when he is called back to his Major Crimes post to work on a series of jewelry robberies and finds that the cases are connected with grisly practices by some of the city's most wealthy citizens. But "Burn" is anticlimactic, leaving the reader wondering if the authors just ran out of story line. In short, it was good -- until the end.

This is one of the worst and most disappointing books I have ever had the misfortune to read. It's a sloppy pastiche of everything you have read before and clichéd to the extreme. There is not a single interesting idea here. Cash cow author gone really bad. This makes Law and Order look like Shakespeare.

Burn: Once again James Patterson/Michael Ledwidge have written an outstanding book! This was a fast moving Michael Bennett epic at its best. The criminal aspects of the book were rather gory, but the book came together at the end. It was cleverly put together by these two authors. I loved the romance parts between Detective Bennett and Mary Catherine just enough to make one smile. Also, keeping his large adopted family written into the book is fantastic! With all of the above it made for an excellent read.

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