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From the author of *Sunday Times* no. 1 bestseller, *The President is Missing*.

MURDER

Former SAS soldier David Shelley was part of the most covert operations team in the special forces. Now settling down to civilian life in London, he has plans for a safer and more stable existence. But the shocking death of a young woman Shelley once helped protect puts those plans on hold.

BETRAYAL

The police rule the death a suicide but the grieving parents can't accept their beloved Emma would take her own life. They need to find out what really happened, and they turn to their former bodyguard, Shelley, for help.

REVENGE

When they discover that Emma had fallen into a dark and seedy world of drugs and online pornography, the father demands retribution.

But his desire for revenge will make enemies of people that even Shelley may not be able to protect them from, and take them into a war from which there may be no escape.

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Nicky Mottram says

Audio version of this book ?- Great listen, gripping storyline and good narration

Sheri Summit Pullen says

3.5

Judith Rathbone says

I enjoyed this.

Smeyrick says

Another Patterson excellent read

Helen Boucher says

There were many twists to this story, twists that made it good to start but then they kept coming and it was almost expected. Good book but I won't read it again.

Natalie Mullan says

My love/hate relationship with Patterson has just been turned on its head with this collaboration with Andrew Holmes! An absolutely brilliant thriller (and I must give credit to Holmes I think on this one). So much so that you forget this is a co-authored book.

An instant liking of fallible protagonist David Shelley had me gripped from page one. The Drakes, the Chechen mafia, sex, drugs, suicide, torture, and epic twists make this a must-read page-turner. It's been a while since I've made a Patterson recommendation - not since his Candice Fox collaboration... but this is worth adding to your list. I would absolutely love a sequel featuring the Shelleys!

Marie Connolly says

Read this in 2 days !! Brilliant page turner full of twists..one of my favourites this year!!!

Trish says

tame. predictable. forgettable

Karen says

Not a fan of this one, it did not have a great rhythm. I will try the next book in the series to see if the characters develop. It does have that feel that could see it improve with getting to know the characters more. At the moment it is too stereotyped.

Paula Phillips says

This was a new series featuring the introduction of a former SAS agent called David Shelley. I find it always a touch and go when James Patterson introduces new authors, but I enjoyed this book and hoped we get more adventures of David and his wife. Like many of James Patterson's books, this one too was short chapters and fast-paced and had a few plotlines running through the book. One of the things I liked about this book was that David had good morals and strong ethical background. As he could have quickly gone the revenge route along with everybody else, and he wanted revenge but went about it the right way as they took away Emily whom he cared about and then tried to take his wife from him when it showed that he wasn't going to back down from the bad guys. When reading a mystery /adventure story, if the main character is a genuinely nice guy you seem to love the novel more. I liked how he wasn't turned as an I don't give a crap type ex-soldier, but someone whom you knew cared about the lives of those around them and did well in the world. I am looking forward now to reading more adventures of David Shelley and seeing what future trouble he can get up too and save the day.

Mandy White says

Well that was a twisty adventure! It just didn't stop...so many times I thought this was done and it would go another way. James Patterson really knows how to keep you hooked!!

Matt says

In a standalone thriller, James Patterson collaborates with Andrew Holmes to create a high-impact story that does not rest until the final sentence. David Shelley is ex-SAS with a penchant for always finishing what he starts. Years ago, he was working as personal security for a rich family when they were set upon by kidnappers. While the attempt was foiled, Shelley could not fathom how close they came and left the position in a cloud of shame. Fourteen years on, he fields a call that his former child protegee, Emma Drake, has committed suicide. Worse still, her life took a turn and she found heroin and starred in online pornography. While high and preparing for a 'peep show', she pulled out a gun and offed herself live. Now,

her father, Guy Drake, wants to hunt down those who led his daughter down such a path and has asked Shelley to assist. While it looks to be a simple retribution strike, Shelley soon learns that there is more than meets the eye. The group behind Emma's demise is not your typical rag-tag set of men trying to make a quid on vulnerable women, though there is no stopping Guy from getting his pound of flesh. In a story that goes from sorrow to cutthroat revenge, Shelley finds himself in the middle and must protect himself to stay one step ahead, as the bodies pile up! Patterson and Holmes have crafted a wonderful piece that will keep the reader wanting more and staying up to finish the piece in a single sitting. Recommended for those who like a well-plotted thriller that has all the elements of bloody revenge.

It's always a hit and miss where Patterson's name appears on the cover. Many will know my 'Patterson Syndrome' rant, and if you don't, ask me personally. This book seems to break that tradition, as it utilises a one-off situation to craft a wonderful collection of characters, all of whom do well to fit themselves into place and develop a strong thriller. David Shelley proves to be a wonderful protagonist, with a rich backstory and connection to the victim, without being bogged down in excessive amounts of sympathy. He knows what has to be done and completes the task, injecting some conscience into the matter at hand to protect the larger group. His rough and tumble nature connects him to the reader, as does his sensible ways and ability to see the larger picture. The handful of other important characters serve as cogs in the wheel to push the story to new heights, keeping the action high and the twists coming. The banter, both in dialogue and flying bullets, allows the reader to find something they can take away from the piece, keeping them entertained throughout. The story is well developed and does not lose its momentum. A tale of revenge and the blinders a rich man puts on, not seeing the results of his actions, while dropping into a den of vipers. Patterson and Holmes keep the story moving, aided with the traditional shorter chapters that propel the narrative forward. While I cannot see this being anything but a single piece, there are crumbs left for the reader to wonder if David Shelley is set to make his return. Perhaps a BookShot would do well, as we have already seen Shelley in that capacity.

Kudos, Messrs. Patterson and Holmes, for a great story. I enjoy your collaborative efforts and hope they will continue.

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A Book for All Seasons, a different sort of Book Challenge: <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/...>

Sallieann Thompson says

I loved the characters and really wanted them to get the bad guys/girls it was twisted and well done

mbooks says

A bit of a slow start but otherwise a good read

Nick Sanders says

One of the first in a long time that didn't seem factory made along the same mold as the rest.

