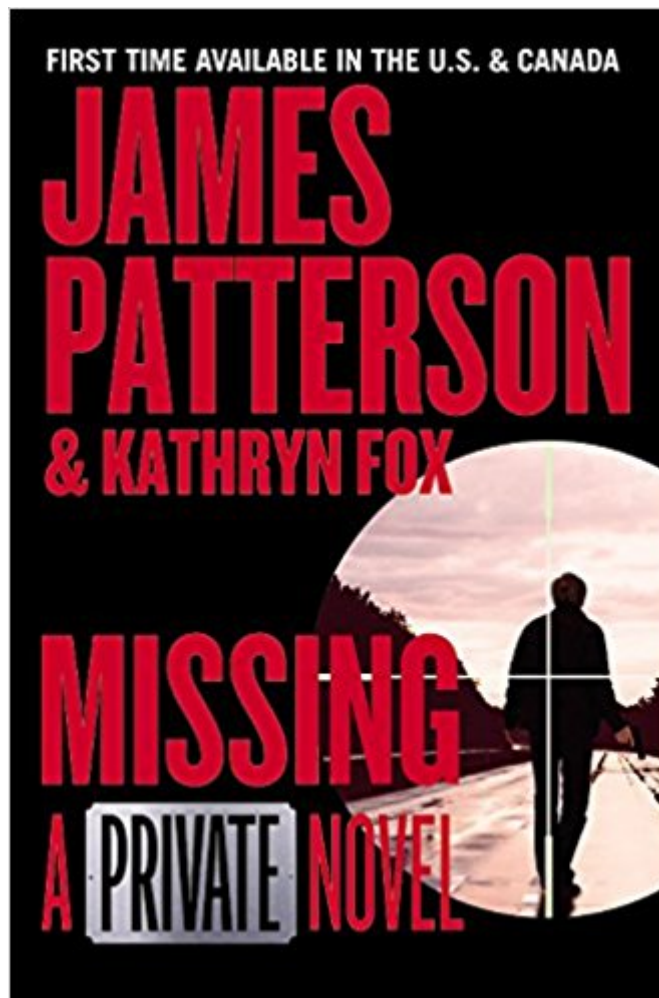


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# Missing: A Private Novel



## Synopsis

Even for Private Investigations, the world's top detective agency, it's tough to find a man who doesn't exist . . . Craig Gisto has promised Eliza Moss that his elite team at Private Sydney will investigate the disappearance of her father. After all, as CEO of a high-profile research company, Eric Moss shouldn't be difficult to find. Except it's not just the man who's gone missing. Despite the most advanced technology at their disposal, they find every trace of him has vanished too. And they aren't the only ones on the hunt. Powerful figures want Moss to stay "lost," while others just as ruthlessly want him found. Meanwhile, a routine background check becomes a frantic race to find a stolen baby and catch a brutal killer - a killer Private may well have sent straight to the victim's door . . .

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I really enjoy the "Private" novels, but I was shocked when I started reading "Missing, A Private Novel". The title page states "first time available in the US and Canada". It may be the first time available under the name "Missing", but the story is actually "Private Sydney". I was not disappointed with the story, but with the deception of the title. I spent good money for the same book I already had in my collection.

This gets two stars because the rest of the series has been so good. This one is awful. The main character couldn't detect water if he stepped in it. The supporting characters are two dimensional at best. The missing man never becomes interesting on any level. The sub plot becomes a plot only because it's slightly less boring than the main plot. In short this book is a waste of time and money.

This book, which I gave to my wife for Christmas 2016, was previously published as "Private Sydney" (which I gave to my wife for 2015 Christmas). She just started reading "Missing", and immediately saw that it was the same book she had previously read. "Private Sydney" was published in the UK and in Australia by an offshoot of Random House. "Missing" was published by Grand Central Publishing in NY, and contains a paragraph in very fine print that "This book was previously published as Private Sydney in the UK by .....etc.". When we discovered this sham in April 2017, I thought we'd at least return the book to , but I was surprised to learn that it was too late to get our money back. Well, we'll give the book to the library. It is a good read.

This book was not up to the usual Private standards. It lacked a great storyline and characters were not well-defined. Not a very exciting ending, and a lot of things were not resolved.. This is an ok read, but far from the best. Patterson and Pietro can definitely do better.

It was okay. I like the Sydney chapter of the Private novels. And this is the newest one that is also titled Private Sydney. So beware before/if you decide to buy both. Just retitled which for some odd reason James Patterson does sometimes :) The thing about this one is it just felt somehow too loose. Like the characters were floating around and nothing kind of fit. Too many characters, side stories, etc. Okay for light reading. Easy to forget afterwards.

It's hard for me to review my mystery novels because I read so many but Mr. Patterson, I spent the cost which I normally do not. He's the author of the Alex cross series as well as many other series. This is one of the others, I enjoyed it. That is not to say I loved it. This man writes books as fast as I

read them. I will order the next Alex Cross book and pay full price

Really enjoyed the other Private series. This one was wrong on so many levels. First, not having lived or visited Australia, words and cities(?) and phrases were annoyingly foreign to me. Then there was the lack of any real plot or character development. And of course, there is the apparent lack of the "old" James Patterson in this book. I told myself that the last Patterson book that I read would be my last. Then bought this on Kindle. Guess some of us never learn. Now someone gave me another Patterson book as a gift. I hope my interest and subsequent review will be better. In the meantime, there are much better authors, even on bargain shelves, that I suggest you spend your money on.

Not up to the quality of the. Earlier Private novels. Very disappointed will have to consider before I purchase the next in the series.

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