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## JAMES PATTERSON Biography

**In January, 2010, *The New York Times Magazine* featured James Patterson on its cover and hailed him as having "transformed book publishing." *Time* magazine named him "The Man Who Can't Miss," and he is a two-time Children's Choice Book Award "Author of the Year" nominee, a designation decided on by more than 15,000 children and teen readers.**

In the past three years, James Patterson has sold more books than any other author (according to Bookscan), and in total, James's books have sold an estimated 230 million copies worldwide. Since 2006, one out of every seventeen hardcover fiction books sold was a Patterson title. He is the first author to have #1 new titles simultaneously on *The New York Times* adult and children's bestsellers lists and is the only author to have five new hardcover novels debut at #1 on the list in one year—a record-breaking feat he's accomplished every year since 2005. To date, James Patterson has had nineteen consecutive #1 *New York Times* bestselling novels, and holds the *New York Times* record for most Hardcover Fiction bestselling titles by a single author (63 total), which is also a *Guinness World Record*.

From his James Patterson Pageturner Awards (which rewarded groups and individuals for creative and effective ways of spreading the joy of reading) to his website [ReadKiddoRead.com](http://ReadKiddoRead.com) (which helps adults find books that kids are sure to love) to his regular donations of thousands of books to troops overseas, Patterson is a lifelong champion of books and reading. His critically acclaimed [Maximum Ride](#) series debuted on the *New York Times* bestsellers list at #1 and remained there for twelve straight weeks. The series has so far made ninety-four cumulative appearances on *The New York Times* bestsellers lists, proving that kids of all ages love page turners. He captured the attention of boy readers with [Daniel X](#) series, and his third series for readers of all ages debuted in December 2009 with [Witch & Wizard](#), which spent five consecutive weeks atop the *New York Times* bestsellers list.

Patterson is the creator of the top-selling new detective series of the past dozen years, featuring [Alex Cross](#) and including the Hollywood-adapted "[Along Came a Spider](#)" and "[Kiss the Girls](#)," starring Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman. He is also the creator of the #1 new detective series of the past five years, featuring Lindsay Boxer and the [Women's Murder Club](#), from which the ABC television drama series was adapted. He has authored books behind six films on the Hollywood fast-track, including the upcoming *Maximum Ride* movie forthcoming from Avi Arad, the producer of X-Men and Spiderman.

He is the author of novels — from [The Thomas Berryman Number](#) (1976) to [Honeymoon](#) (2005) — that have won awards including the Edgar, the BCA Mystery Guild's Thriller of the Year, the International Thriller of the Year award, and the Reader's Digest Reader's Choice Award. And, he has won a Children's Choice Book Council's Children's Choice Awards "Author of the Year" award (2010).

One of *Forbes* magazine's Celebrity 100, James made a guest appearance on the popular FOX TV show "The Simpsons" in March, 2007.

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