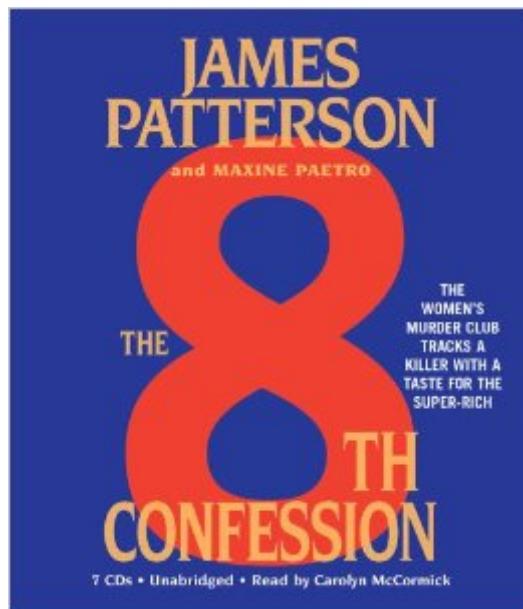


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The 8th Confession (The Women's Murder Club)



Synopsis

As San Francisco's most glamorous millionaires mingle at the party of the year, someone is watching--waiting for a chance to take vengeance on Isa and Ethan Bailey, the city's most celebrated couple. Finally, the killer pinpoints the ideal moment, and it's the perfect murder. Not a trace of evidence is left behind in their glamorous home. As Detective Lindsay Boxer investigates the high-profile murder, someone else is found brutally executed--a preacher with a message of hope for the homeless. His death nearly falls through the cracks, but when reporter Cindy Thomas hears about it, she knows the story could be huge. Probing deeper into the victim's history, she discovers he may not have been quite as saintly as everyone thought. As the hunt for two criminals tests the limits of the Women's Murder Club, Lindsay sees sparks fly between Cindy and her partner, Detective Rich Conklin. The Women's Murder Club now faces its toughest challenge: will love destroy all that four friends have built? The exhilarating new chapter in the Women's Murder Club series, The 8th Confession serves up a double dose of speed-charged twists and shocking revelations as only James Patterson can. And remember, this is the only Murder Club episode of the year.

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Customer Reviews

This is James Patterson's eighth installment of his "WOMEN'S MURDER CLUB" series and it literally starts off with a "bang" as a floating meth lab disguised as a school bus explodes resulting in numerous deaths. Before the reader has any time to recover from the explosion... "Woman's Murder

Club" (WMC) member Cindy Thomas, an investigative reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle is scrutinizing the brutal murder of a homeless man known simply as "Bagman Jesus". To the rest of the world "Bagman" is just another homeless loser and his death does not affect the rest of the world... including Cindy's friend and WMC member Detective Lindsay Boxer... who is immediately taken off the "Bagman" case so she can spend all her time on a rash of high profile "rich-and-famous" millionaire murders. As Cindy digs deeper into who "Bagman" really was... she finds out that "Bagman" was literally a "Saint-Of-The-Streets". "He'd broken up a liquor-store holdup, sometimes worked in a soup kitchen, said that he always had a few dollars for someone who needed it." He had even helped deliver a woman's baby. If all the aforementioned criminal activity isn't enough to get the readers engine running... a rock star dies mysteriously. Simultaneously WMC member Yuki Castellano an assistant district attorney is prosecuting a big murder case involving a former beauty queen who beat her Father to death with a tire iron... and attempted to accomplish the same thing with her Mother... but failed... but not for lack of trying. Yuki has been on a losing streak... so this case has an added level of importance. As the story progresses clues seem to point to the current millionaire murders being related to a series of high society deaths in 1982... and the deeper Cindy digs in the "Bagman" case...

It is time to dissolve the Women's Murder Club. What had begun as a wonderful idea of four unique women working together to solve crimes had deteriorated into little more than a superficial attempt to sell more books. Before I continue, I must make it clear to those who profess to love James Patterson's writing, that I doubt that he wrote this book. I suspect he provided an outline to Maxine Paetro, then reviewed what she drafted. That understood, stop saying that James Patterson wrote the book; he did not... Ms. Paetro did. Now, to the story. The 8th. Confession is a superficial novel dealing with four storylines: A murder of members of Upper-Class San Francisco Society; the murder of a "supposed" good man, Bagman Jesus, helping the rejects of society; the inability of Yuki to win a case; and the love lives of three members of the Club. The superficiality of all the storylines--and their sometimes ridiculous unraveling--makes for an embarrassing read. The death of the social elite is weakly based upon a story or revenge; unfortunately, the justification for the killings is so shallow, I doubt that Ms. Paetro would have passed a creative writing class had she submitted it to the instructor. The investigation into the death of the so-called "good" man helping the poor and destitute is another shallow attempt at some kind of social relevance. The reporter, Cindy, a member of the Women's Murder Club, goes off on a self-righteous crusade to do justice to the memory of Bagman Jesus, since the police do not appear to be interested in the man since he

seems to be one of the city's lost homeless. As his life story is revealed, the police are forced to become more involved.

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