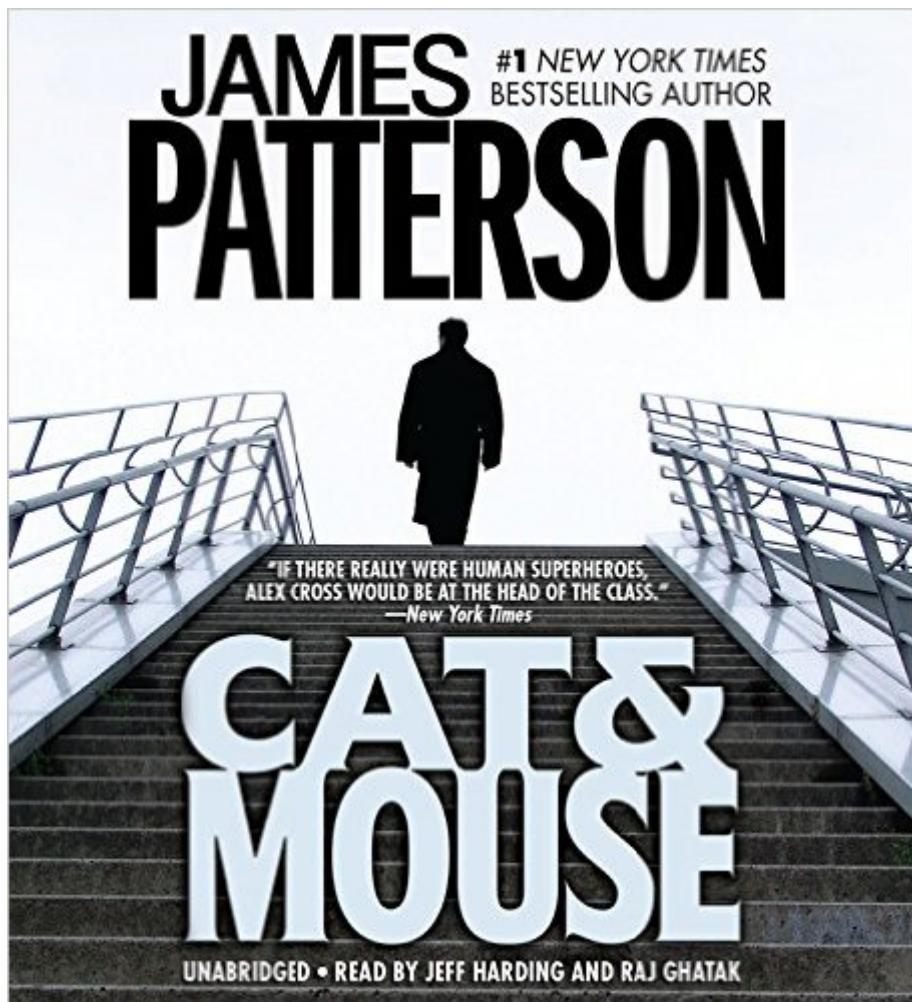


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## Cat & Mouse (Alex Cross)



## **Synopsis**

Alex Cross is back-and so is a raging and suicidal Gary Soneji. Out of prison and dying from the AIDS virus he contracted there, he will get revenge on Cross before he dies. In addition, we are introduced to a new pair of rivals whose paths cross that of Alex and Soneji. Thomas Augustine Pierce has been chasing his demon, Mr. Smith, since the savage murder of his fiancee. Mr. Smith is a unique monster, with actions toward his victims so insane-so unimaginable-that he is thought of as "not of the earth." Pierce, known in the business as St. Augustine because of his track record for catching killers and his invaluable status to the FBI and Interpol, may even be better than Cross. When things heat up and Alex is in a near-death coma following an attack in his own home, Pierce goes to Washington to help with the investigation. But just as he begins to piece together the mystery of how Gary Soneji could have mortally wounded Cross after he was believed to be dead, he is summoned to Paris with a postcard from Mr. Smith inviting him to a very special killing. The body count is high, the tension the highest, and the two killers on the loose are watching every move their pursuers make. Who is the cat, and who is the mouse? What and where is the final trap? And who survives?

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## **Customer Reviews**

I've been a fan of the Alex Cross books since Kiss The Girls. I stayed up all night until five in the morning to finish that one. It is still, to this day, the only book that has kept me up all night because I had to know what was going to happen. Since then, I've devoured each new Cross book like a long

lost friend. With the exception of Cat & Mouse. This book is a complete waste of time. I don't even know where to begin in describing what is wrong with this book. Cross fans had been patiently waiting through Kiss The Girls and Jack And Jill for the return of Gary Soneji. His presence (or lack thereof) was always in the back of the reader's mind. He was out there somewhere. Lurking. Waiting. Biding his time. Cross has lived in fear of Soneji, suspecting with every crime that Soneji might somehow be behind it. Finally, Soneji has emerged. And his reappearance is completely anti-climactic. Soneji runs around, killing his own family and innocent civilians, leading Cross on a merry chase, yet never directly challenging Cross himself. When they finally do have their final showdown, it is at the midway point through the book. After two novels of buildup, the payoff is an anti-climactic half of a novel. The second half of the book is spent with Thomas Pierce, another FBI agent, who takes over the telling of the tale while Cross is laid up in the hospital. He's trying to uncover the identity of the person who attacked Cross, while he tracks another killer, Mr. Smith, a killer's whose identity is so painfully obvious that it might as well be printed on the back of the book. It's obvious because Patterson never, for one moment, gives you anyone else you could possibly suspect. It is this second part of the novel that is rife with problems.

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