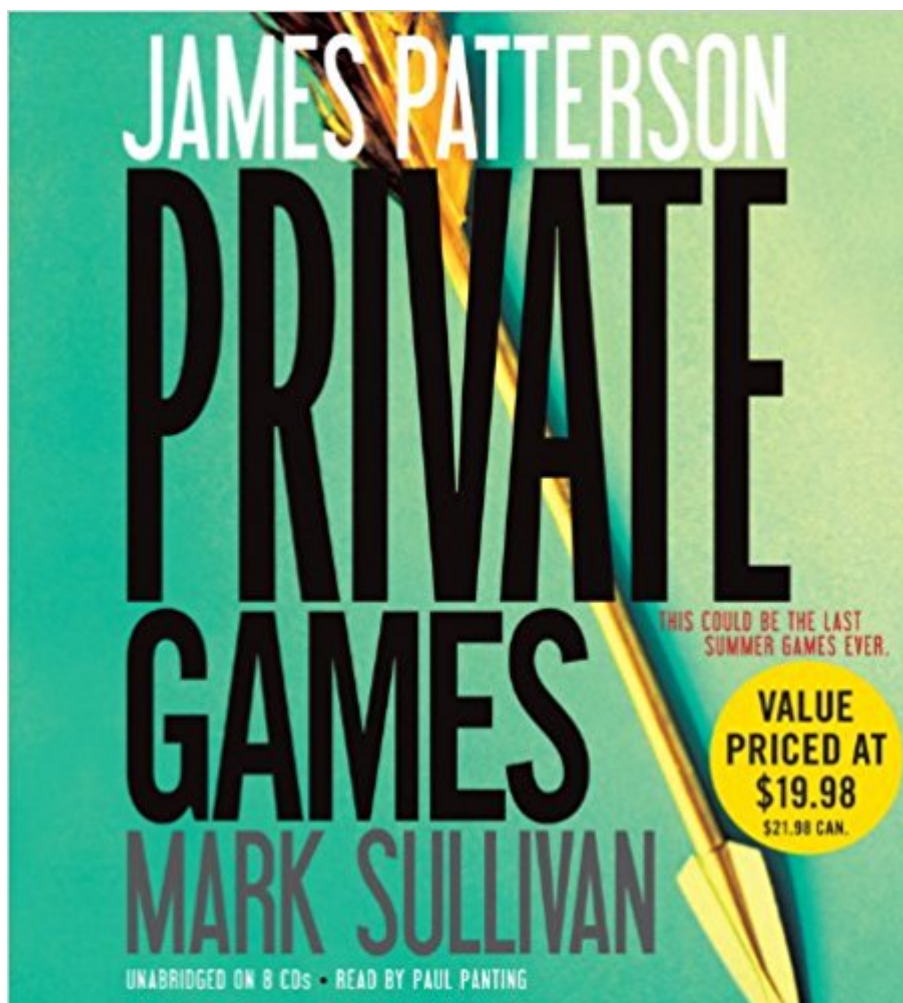


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# Private Games



## Synopsis

On your mark Private, the world's most renowned investigation firm, has been commissioned to provide security for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Its agents are the smartest, fastest, and most technologically advanced in the world, and 400 of them have been transferred to London to protect more than 10,000 competitors who represent more than 200 countries. Get set The opening ceremony is hours away when Private investigator and single father of twins, Peter Knight, is called to the scene of a ruthless murder. A high-ranking member of the games' organizing committee has been killed. It's clear to Peter that this wasn't a crime of passion, but one of precise calculation and execution. Die Newspaper reporter Karen Pope receives a letter from a person who calls himself Cronus claiming responsibility for the murders. He promises to restore the Olympics to their ancient glory and to destroy all those who have corrupted the games with lies, corruption, and greed. Immediately, Karen hires Private to examine the letter, and she and Peter uncover a criminal genius who won't stop until he's completely destroyed the modern games. "America's #1 storyteller" (Forbes) delivers an exhilarating, action-packed thriller that brings the splendor and emotion of the Olympics to a wildly powerful climax.

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James Patterson has had more New York Times bestsellers than any other writer, ever, according to Guinness World Records. Since his first novel won the Edgar Award in 1977 James Patterson's books have sold more than 300 million copies. He is the author of the Alex Cross novels, the most popular detective series of the past twenty-five years, including Kiss the Girls and Along Came a Spider. He writes full-time and lives in Florida with his family.

I am a huge James Patterson fan so having to choke down this book was disappointing. It was hard to get into and the dialogue was almost juvenile. The story itself was moronic. I love to read and have read a lot of books and this one may be one of the worst I have ever read. If I had a choice on number of stars it would be zero.

The worst written of the series. Tracks a new protagonist, Peter Knight, who is an oblivious and uncaring father, as well as a bad detective. The villain is always ahead of him, Jack Morgan is barely functional, and in a major sequence the day is saved by a bolt of lightning. Really a dog of a book.

Really enjoyed the turns and twists of this book. I enjoyed it very much but it could have ended about 25 pages sooner. All of the "Private" series are fun, fast and entertaining.

Liked this Patterson/Sullivan read that hit home with me where it concerned the corruption within the Olympic venues. I think we all have watched competitions where clearly the judges have favored one country's performer over another. In the back of your mind you can't help but wonder, was someone bribed? Were drugs involved? This covered all the bases but after reading Private just before this book, I felt it wasn't quite a well done. Still, enjoyed the book and some of the questions raised.

I gave this 5 stars, because I have not been disappointed in this series. I have been a fan of James Patterson for a lot of years, starting with "Along came a Spider" and "Kiss the Girls". And have been hooked since, the library couldn't get his books fast enough for me to read them. Private's PI's do a lot of different security work and BOY OH do they get in predicaments. I have read this in 4 1/2 days I wanted to find out what was next and find myself up almost all night trying to find a place to stop. Then I find myself during the picking it up trying to watch a program on TV and read and the

reading wins. Jack the owner of Private is something, but PETER KNIGHT in London has a lot going on but dang he did a excellent job and the team he had to work with Outstanding! The one that got on my last nerve is the reporter POPE! I was surprised she didn't get her reckless butt hurt in this book. Although she did help with clues. You won't be disappointed

I don't leave a book unread halfway through - but I almost did. It has been a long time since I rushed through a book just to get it over and done with. The writing style is totally different from the first two Private series. Jack Carter seems to take on a total different personality from the first Private book which is really disappointing. I've read in one of the reviews that James Patterson "oversees" the writing of the book. I guess this is what you get when you "outsources" the writing of a series to different writers. Compared to the second books, which was also set in the UK, Private Games was a letdown. This book left me very disappointed and I sincerely hope the fourth book will restore my faith in the series.

I picked up Private Games after reading most of Patterson's other books and in fact enjoying the Private series. What I quickly found is that the original Private book was by far the best and the rest have been sort of ok but not great knock-offs of the original. This book is not surprisingly about a man who attempts and is succesful in creating havoc at the upcoming London Olympic games. Without giving away too much of the plot I will say that he does have a lot of help in the form of some bad individuals he had met in a previous NATO protection life. Peter Knight--who is employed by Private in London--is engaged to help bring down this man who calls himiself by an obscure Greek god's name--Cronus. In addition to Knight's problems stopping further death at the games, he has young twins who keep him on his toes and are in fact an interesting sub-plot addition to the story. A young newspaper reprotor named Karen Pope is brought into the story by no doing of her own as Cronus continues to send her warnings of impending death and doom at the games. The book ends in what I would call very typical fashion with a duel to the end and a victor. I thought the book was ok but not great. It was not as fast paced as most Patterson thrillers and lacked a certain bite found in most of his other books.

This wasn't really like reading a normal James Patterson book. I am generally caught up in the first 2 chapters. Unfortunately this one lagged quite a bit. It was still a good ending and I ended up enjoying the last "book" in the story, but would have liked the same feeling I usually have when reading his work. I will read "London" though and hope for a more gripping first half as I am still one

of his biggest fans.

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