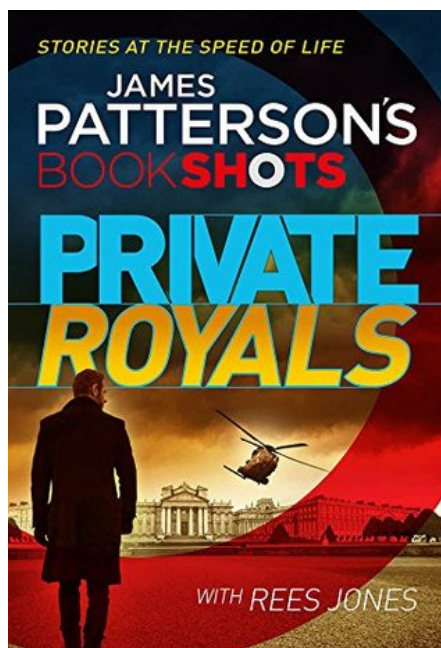




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Jason says

Not my favourite of the BookShots; found it hard to follow all the different characters in a story this short.

On to the next!

Charlotte Smith says

Another good book by James Patterson and this one was just right for me for the private set where Jack comes to London and sets out about finding a girl

Suzanne says

This was a very entertaining BookShot. Only takes a couple hours to read but you will be completely amused by the story. A missing royal, an awesome combo in Knight and Morgan, and a crazy twist in the story adds up to a great couple hours.

My quick and simple overall: a fast-paced couple hours of reading that will leave you more entertained than you expect.

John says

If you like the PRIVATE novels but wish they were shorter, then I guess this is the "book" for you. Like most Patterson stories, PRIVATE ROYALS reads like the wind but is completely derivative and lazily written. One would be forgiven for thinking it was a hastily novelized script for a forgotten 90's TV show.

Amanda McGill says

I really need to learn my lesson with the Bookshots - no more!

Private Royals is best to be read after Private Games since the short story talks about the events in Private Games (saving the 2012 Olympic games). Without reading Private Games I was very confused on who the characters were and who was employed at Private London.

There wasn't much depth in the novel (it is only 100 pages) and I found that numerous characters bogged down the story. However, I was surprised by the ending and who the kidnapper was.

Matt says

Another BookShot pulls readers into the world of Jack Morgan and his Private establishment. Back in London, Morgan is liaising with his London office and its head, Peter Knight. When a call comes from the Duke of Aldershot, Morgan and Knight follow-up, only to learn that the Duke's daughter, Abbie, has been kidnapped. Abbie is a royal wild child, known for her headline-hogging antics, usually tied into alcohol and drugs, after a humble childhood. With a ransom demand of £30 million by 11 the following morning, Private has little time to act and Abbie's bodyguard is also missing. With a significant amount of blood at the scene, there is a possibility that both are already dead, though Private cannot give up. When the Duke receives another call from the kidnapper, they vow to kill Abbie and let her head roll during the famed Trooping the Colour parade, should there be any delays. The Duke is panic-stricken and Morgan calls on a potential Private new recruit to show her abilities. Major Jane Cook uses her military abilities to posit who the kidnapper might be, finding clues related to a member of the service. When Private begins piecing things together, there is something about this kidnapping that makes no sense, leaving Morgan to question the entire affair. With Abbie still missing, the hunt heats up and Private is racing against the clock to find Abbie and save the image of the Royal Family. Well worth the invested time, particularly for those who enjoy the Private series.

These BookShots are addictive, as this was the second one I completed in as many days. Patterson works with Rees Jones to spin this tale, using some interesting plot lines and a collection of characters who fit in perfectly. Peppering the narrative with mention of the previous Private novel set in London, the reader does not feel this story is disjointed from what has come before. Its quick chapters and to the point storyline, readers can easily devour this story in a single sitting, and most will want to as the pendulum of guilt keeps swinging. With a plethora of BookShots coming down the pipeline, readers should be able to devour stories of all shapes and sizes, no matter the time restrictions their days present.

Kudos, Messrs. Patterson and Jones for an explosive story that fits perfectly within the Private series. A wonderful teaser to lure people into the Private series.

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Melenia says

Great read. I enjoy the Private series and this book fits right in. I think I enjoyed it better than some others in the series because it didn't have time to get overly complicated as some do. I recommend it even if you're not already familiar with the series as it works as a stand alone.

Amber Garabrandt says

Summary from Amazon

Private is the most elite detective agency in the world. But when kidnappers threaten to execute a Royal Family member in front of the Queen, Jack Morgan and his team have just 24 hours to stop them. Or heads will roll...literally.

That is the best description I could have found for this book. With a lot of action and a blindingly fast pace this was a fantastic addition both to its series and to the collection of bookshots. While there are a

dozen books before this one, and they do talk about a past case, I feel like there is enough information here that you could read it alone.

I have had issue with this series in the past- the full length books like to take on several things at once that loosely tie at the end, but they often make me feel like one aspect or another wasn't given enough time. I also have a love/hate relationship with the layout. The premise of the series is that Jack Morgan has bases for Private Investigations in many different countries. In each book we see a different team- all well and good, but I end up falling for this or that character and could wait years (literally) before I see them again. For one that falls deeply for character development, this is a special type of pain. Especially so, since I fell hard for three characters in this book and heaven knows if I will ever see them in other books. I have hope, though, as at least one has been in past books.

I want to judge this book solely on it's own merit, though, and not how I feel about the series in general. On it's own merit, this book is amazing. Fast paced, with some great characters (though I must say that a few important characters weren't very well developed...) I had a great time reading this one. It is everything Patterson wanted when he rolled the bookshots out- lightning fast reads that you just can't put down. Four stars!

On the adult content scale, there is drug use, language, and violence. It's actually a bit graphic in all three cases, so I am going to give it an eight.

Emma says

Is it me or is Jack Morgan turning into Captain Kirk? A different woman every book! ?

Mike Kennedy says

Boarder-line 4 star book. Good, short, action packed installment of the Private series. Jack Morgan is front and center which is almost a must for a successful Private book. A member of the royal family is kidnapped, and Jack and Private are on the case. Storyline was solid, although the flirting between Morgan and Major Collins didn't really add to the story. The shorter nature of the book (138 pages) allowed the action and pace to move quickly. A good amount of twists and turns, some I figured out, some I did not. Overall another successful Bookshots for James Patterson and crew.

Erica Paré says

This book was a very easy and quick read. I enjoyed how Patterson added in detail but not too much where the story drags. I also really liked how they added in Cook, a strong female character, who is able to decipher things passed over by the men in the story. Most of these genre of books involve a strong male presence, so it was a nice change. Would recommend this book to anyone looking to fill a couple hours of their day.

Helen Drake says

Although this is a BookShot, it was very well written! I have always enjoyed the Private Series, and this is probably one of the best stories! It had plenty of action as well as plot twists. It introduced a new character who will probably be in another Private novel. Once I started reading this I couldn't stop until the end of the

story.

Suzanne says

That book was quiet a good story. I think I like the book shots.

Matthew says

One word to the police

and Abbie will be killed...

Time for a quick review! Let's get into this spitfire of a novel!

Maybe I'm still just flying high on the euphoria I gained from reading the phenomenal *Private Paris*, but I can't help but be wowed by *Private Royals*. One of Patterson's BookShots (stories under 150 pages), the esteemed author is joined by Rees Jones as both craft an electric tale.

I know Bookshots can split a lot of people, at least from what reviews I've read. As you can see, I absolutely adore them. Patterson's works are lightning-quick adventures already, but you can never go wrong with a thriller that tantalises you and takes less than an hour to finish.

Synopsis

Jack Morgan is visiting Peter Knight and the team in the London branch of his investigation agency, Private.

*At a cocktail party the night before the Trooping the Colour parade for the Queen's 90th birthday, Jack receives a phone call (**it's actually Peter who receives the call, but I'm being shamefully anal here**) from the Duke of Aldershot saying that his daughter, Abbie, has been kidnapped. He needs Private on the case - one word to the police and Abbie will be killed.*

Jack will have to find Abbie before 11:00 a.m. the next morning, or the kidnapping will turn to murder.

Plot - 5/5 Stars

Private Royals is a condensed action/thriller novel that doesn't hold back on brutality and blood. Taking place in London with some returning faces from previous novels, Jack and the gang are pulled into a race against time to save a royal's life. But, in true Patterson fashion, the road they're on has twists, turns, and selfish individuals all intent on their own gain.

The story's structure is stellar, with minimal fluff to burden the reader. Exposition often takes place during high-octane events, keeping this fast-paced adrenaline ride, well, fast-paced.

And the conclusion is riveting. A riotous finale that is tense enough to give you heart palpitations.

Pace - 5/5 Stars

The BookShots' tagline pretty much covers how I feel:

Stories at the speed of life.

Any time I read a BookShot, I might just use that line for this section. The pace is awesome.

Characters - 4/5 Stars

Private Royals' cast is pretty clear cut. Jack Morgan, our series' protagonist, is in the main role. Accompanied by Peter Knight, who's returning from *Private Games*, and a few other old faces, *Private Royals* keeps things simple. There are little bios here and there, so you do get a solid feel for who you're journeying with, but this novel isn't about development.

Villains are a little lacklustre, but the point of the novel isn't really to flesh them out. A fresh face, though, proves to have some potential, so I guess we'll see if she resurfaces in the future.

The story does do a good job of highlighting people's self-interest and the betrayal that can come from such selfishness. It's decent stuff.

Writing - 5/5 Stars

Patterson and Jones cut right to the chase and keep that chase accelerating at exhilarating speeds.

Sharp descriptions hold no punches back, laying the scene, giving us the information we need, and then moving on.

Overall - 5/5 Stars

If you have an hour and are in the mood for a fast, easy-going suspense story, *Private Royals* is insanely right for you.

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Erin says

Quick, action packed. A classic James Patterson novel.
