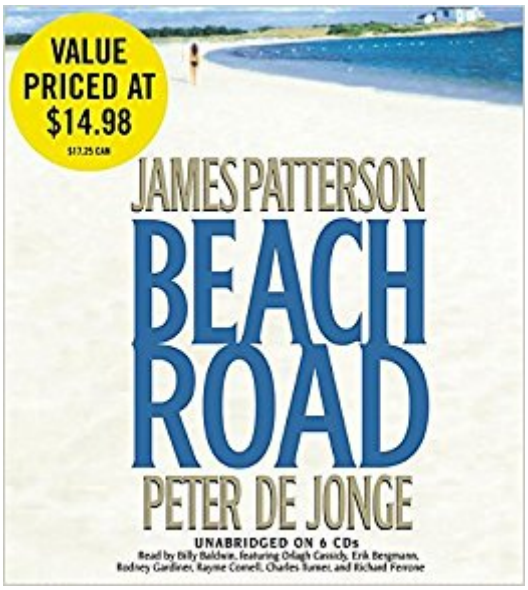
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# Beach Road




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## Synopsis

Montauk lawyer Tom Dunleavys client list is woefully smalloccasional real estate closings barely keeps him in paper clips. When he is hired to defend a local man accused in a triple murder that has the East Hampton world in an uproar, he knows that he has found the case of his lifetime. The crime turns the glittering playground of the super-rich into a blazing inferno. Dunleavys client is a local hero, but Dunleavy knows the case rests atop a volcano of money, deception, and forbidden desires. His client is the perfect fall guyunless he can find the key that unlocks the secret rooms of the gilt-shrouded set. When Dunleavy is joined by his former flame, the savvy and well-connected attorney, Kate Costello, he believes he has a chance. But payback is a bitchespecially from the rich. The violent retaliations of billionaires threatened by his investigation exceed anything Dunleavy has ever seen. With the entire nations eyes on him in a new Trial of the Century, Dunleavy orchestrates a series of revelations that lead to a stunning outcomeonly to find afterward that the truth is wilder than anything he ever imagined. Written with the unstoppable velocity and head-twisting surprises that only James Patterson can master, BEACH ROAD will leave listeners reeling long afterwards.

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## Customer Reviews

Bestseller Patterson shows signs of having gone to the well too often in this slapdash collaboration with de Jonge, his coauthor on The Beach House (2002). Tom Dunleavy, a former professional basketball player and local East Hampton legend, is getting by as an underworked and unmotivated attorney. His sports glory days and his one true love are long in the past, but he gets second

chances at personal and professional redemption when three locals are gunned down, apparently in the aftermath of racial tensions arising from a heated pickup game of hoops. The police seize on Dante Halleyville, the country's best high school star, as their suspect, and Dunleavy must dust off his old courtroom skills and enlist his lost love, Kate Costello, as his partner. Patterson readers know to expect a surprise ending, but he leaves too few possibilities for many to be genuinely fooled. Fans can only hope that Patterson soon returns to the level he achieved with his Alex Cross series. (May) Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

The gripping Beach Road returns to the world of the Hamptons, where Patterson set The Beach House (2002). Tom Dunleavy is a small-time lawyer who lands a big case when three young men he plays basketball with are found shot to death execution-style at a billionaire's basketball court. The evidence points to a rising high-school basketball star, Dante Halleyville, who scuffled with one of the other young men earlier on the day of the murder and who apparently was seen disposing of the gun used to commit the murders. Tom reluctantly takes the case, convincing his ex-girlfriend, Kate Costello, a high-powered lawyer in Manhattan, to help him prove Dante innocent. The novel races toward a conclusion so shocking that even longtime Patterson devotees won't see it coming. Kristine HuntleyCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

I remember reading this book when it was first published in 2006, and I remembered that there was a really shocking twist at the end, but I didn't remember all the details. So I decided to read it again. I'm glad I did. I'm of two minds with this book. It had some interesting characters, but I wish that they had been more fully drawn. I enjoyed the premise of the book, the former ball player turned lawyer, never really living up to his potential, but is really charming. The young ball player who has every opportunity in front of him, but whose future hangs in the balance when he is accused of a horrific crime. The lost love, now maybe found again, the grandmother who believes in the innocence of her grandson, the "Loco" drug dealer and of course Macklin from Beach House.But, and it's a big but, what were they thinking!!! If you're a reader you invest yourself in the characters and the story. You accept characters who are not perfect because it is part of the building of the overall story. When a writer deceives you by using your very love of books against you it is shocking. When a beloved character is killed in a book you hate it, but it is usually offset by the satisfaction of the story, the book delivers even when it wrenches incredible emotion from you. This book fell short because it

didn’t deliver, it deceived, it tricked, the author gave the readers no respect.I’m a reader, I love a book that shocks me, makes me think, one where I can’t figure out the killer or the ending, but the actions of the characters usually give me some inkling of what to expect. Beach Road gave no warning and did such an incredible 360 that it disrespected the reader. But of course, that’s also what makes a good book.A lot of people will enjoy this book and I understand why. Me, I feel very unsatsfied. I expected something better. Read it and you decide.

Not who you think or why! I am still completely dumbfounded! I didn’t think that I would ever read a book that would really keep me guessing, but this one did!

This is a typical Patterson novel, in that it is packed with short chapters (117 in all), full of suspense, mystery, and intrigue. This page turner is truly exceptional until the rug is pulled out from under the reader during the climax.At first, this book reads like a Grisham hybrid, as a down and out attorney takes on a case in which he is most certainly the underdog. In fact, it is so much like a Grisham novel, that one chapter in particular is taken almost word for word from A Time to Kill.The attorney is Tom Dunleavey, who is an ex-professional athlete who takes on the case of a young athlete who was framed for the murders of individuals who were well-known, and liked by the community. With lots of circumstantial evidence piled up against the defendent, the entire community thirsting for blood for the seemingly senseless murders, and Tom not having much courtroom experience, the story is almost cliche in that a miracle is needed to overcome the situation.That miracle comes in the name of Kate Costello, who is Tom’s ex-girlfriend. Kate is a star attorney who has already made waves in the legal field as a defense attorney. A desperate Tom seeks out her assistance, and reluctantly, she agrees to take on the case.Gradually, they work on building up evidence to prove Dante’s innocence.The book is great, until the final twist in the book, which really left a bad taste in my mouth.I won’t give away the ending, but the twist is so ridiculous that you basically have to be lied to for the entire novel for the revelation to be conceivable and for the identity of the true murderer to be concealed until the climax. It was such a tasteless change of pace in the novel, that it was really difficult to finish the book.Nice try at trying to avoid the cliched, sappy ending. However, this was just too much of a misstep.

Stunning twists. It’s on my list of most entertaining books I’ve read. Excellent read. This is one of those books that’s almost impossible to put down.

I’ve read many of Patterson’s books. Beach Road is one of his finest. You care about the characters and you never see the end coming. Well written and full of drama and suspense. This may be billed as a great summer read, but its great any time of the year.

James Patterson writes great stories that allow me to escape the challenges of everyday life. Great colorful, believable characters and their stories.

This is one of my favorite books of all time. James Patterson managed to give so many twists and turns I was basically upside down and backwards by the end of the book. Speaking of the end did NOT see that coming. SO WORTH THE READ

One of the best books I ever read by these authors . Completely surprised by my missing the signs. No more to tell lest I.thin it for someone else

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