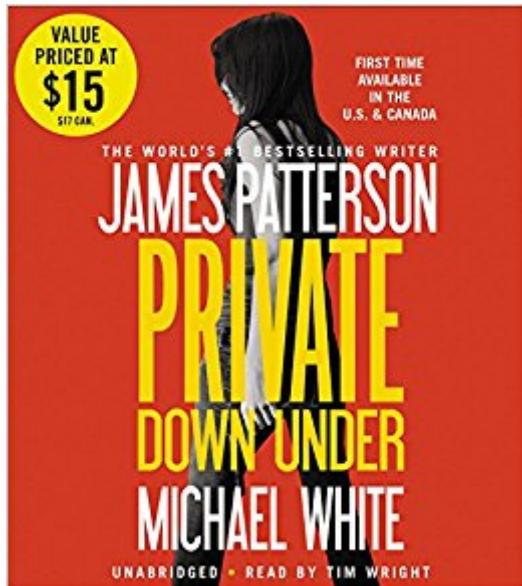


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# Private Down Under (Jack Morgan Series)



## **Synopsis**

The world's most exclusive detective agency opens a new office - in Australia! With the best detectives in the business, cutting edge technology and offices around the globe, there is no investigation company quite like Private. Now, at a glittering launch party overlooking the iconic Opera House, Private Sydney throws open its doors . . . Craig Gisto and his newly formed team have barely raised their glasses, however, when a young Asian man, blood-soaked and bullet-ridden, staggers into the party, and what looks like a botched kidnapping turns out to be a whole lot more. Within days the agency's caseload is full. But it is a horrific murder in the wealthy Eastern Suburbs and the desperate search for a motive that stretches the team to the limit. Stacy Friel, friend of the Deputy Commissioner of NSW Police, isn't the killer's first victim - and as the bodies mount up she's clearly not the last . . .

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## **Customer Reviews**

Hard to believe this is the fifth installment that I've read in Patterson's Private series, and nothing here has changed my opinion that this is the best series he and his various partners are serving up (this one is co-written with Michael White). It's also easy to read; I polished the whole thing off in one day of spare time (admittedly on a Saturday when college football games dominated the TV and I was able to keep one eye on my Kindle Fire and the other on the action). I'll also point out that the last 12% is a three-chapter preview of Burn, the next in his Michael Bennett series that I believe is scheduled for publication Sept. 29, 2014. For those who don't know, Private is a high-tech, highly

successful investigation agency with offices all over the world (hence Private Berlin, Private L.A., etc. In this one, Craig Cristo has formed a new office in Sydney, Australia, with the help of the drop-dead gorgeous and highly experienced Justine, who also happens to be the main squeeze of Jack Morgan, founder/owner of Private. As they throw a big bash to kick off the opening, a young Asian man - complete with bullet holes and a few missing body parts - stumbles onto the scene (pretty much putting the kabosh on the party spirit). As it turns out, it may have been a kidnapping gone awry, and the man's father (who hates the police) believes it's related to the lucrative world of imported drugs and wants Private to do their thing. That gives the new company some serious business, but as if that weren't enough, a friend of the New South Wales Police Department, turns up brutally murdered. That investigation leads to the discovery that she's not the first - nor is she the last, since more murders start happening in fairly rapid succession.

I received an ARC of this book from the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review. Private Down Under by James Patterson and Michael White is a great thriller with lots of action and adventure. All the Private agency books have numerous twists and turns and this book is no exception. I have been a fan of Patterson books for many years and enjoy each addition to his growing list of best sellers. This new branch called Private Sydney opens in Australia and has the best detectives in the business, cutting edge technology and offices around the globe, there is no investigation company quite like Private. The Sydney gala is broken up by a horrific murder which the Private group begins investigating. Craig Gisto and his new team have hardly even met one another yet when an Asian man, bloody and shot, staggers into the party which looks like a kidnapping and turns out to be something a whole lot more. Before they even get settled in and officially open their doors, they are in the center of several murder investigations. Within just days the agency's caseload is full. A horrific murder in the well-heeled Eastern suburbs and the frantic search for motives stretches the team to the limit. Stacy Friel, friend of the Deputy Commissioner of NSW Police, isn't the killer's first victim and as the body count mounts she's clearly not going to be the last. The team must use every bit of skill and technology that the agency has available to them and also with the assistance of the NSW Police to catch a serial killer before another victim dies. With two additional cases requiring their attention and solved everyone's hands are full. And this is only the first week of the agency's opening! The book had lots of twists and turns to keep you guessing until the end.

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