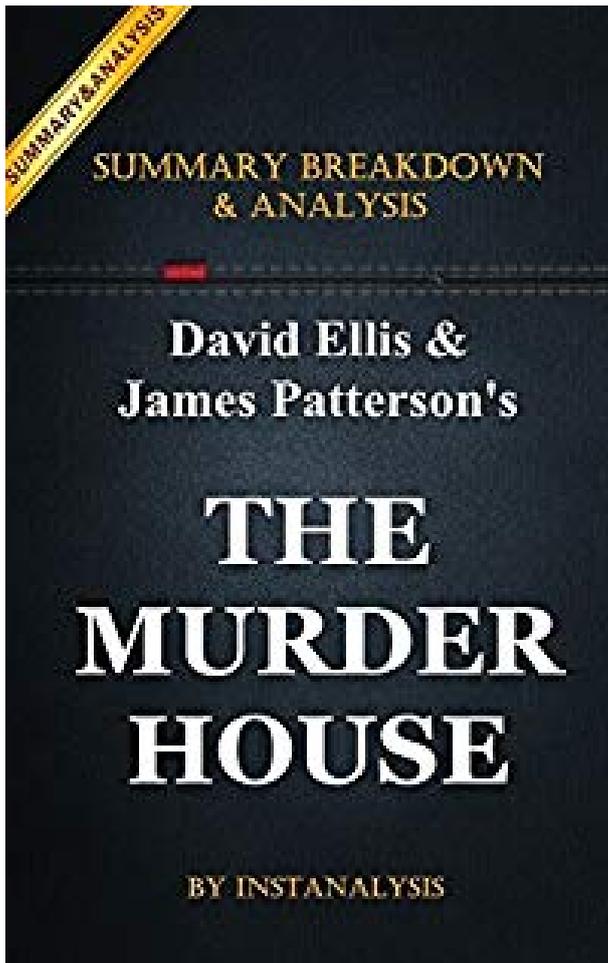


# The Murder House: by James Patterson & David Ellis

## Key Summary Breakdown & Analysis



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Warning: False Copyright Claims will result in legal actions by Unlimited Press Works, LLC LIMITED TIME OFFER \$2.99 (Regularly priced: \$4.99) Murder House is the fourth collaborative effort between James Patterson and David Ellis, an Illinois Appellate Court justice. The book is written in the staccato-style suspense that typifies James Patterson's thrillers, with numerous short chapters and unrelenting suspense and action. Murder House does not depart from this formula. The twist and turns continue to unveil surprises to the very end. In Murder House, Noah Walker is a good-looking handyman working in the tony and well-heeled Southampton area in New York, the playground and occasional residence of the country's rich and famous. While he is cavorting with the young wife of a hedge fund millionaire, he is arrested for the murder of two people at 7 Ocean Drive, the "Murder House". The arresting officer is Jenna Murphy, a pretty, former Manhattan police detective who now works for the Southampton Police Department. Pretty soon, however, she harbors doubts whether he is the real killer. However, influential forces within the town want Noah convicted no matter what, and after Murphy's uncle, chief of police, Langdon James, is murdered, Jenna joins those who suspect him, and she even lies in front of a judge to try to have him convicted. The prosecution also

brings up Noah's involvement in a BB gun shooting 17 years earlier, which helps convict him, and he is sentenced to life imprisonment at New York's Sing Sing prison. In prison, Noah has a difficult time adjusting, and after refusing to join the Aryan Brotherhood prison gang, he is beaten up and his hand is nailed to a piece of wood. A few weeks later, he gets a letter saying that his girlfriend, Paige, has killed herself. He goes on a murderous rage, and attacks, and seriously injures, the Aryan Brotherhood head who had him beaten up. He is immediately sent to solitary confinement. Soon after this, Jenna Murphy finds a letter on his late uncle's computer, where her uncle admits to fabricating evidence to make sure that Noah is convicted. Jenna presents the evidence to the district attorney and Noah's lawyer, which leads to Noah's immediate release from prison. The release of Noah Walker still does not solve any of the murders, especially that of Jenna's uncle. Police chief Marks also isn't happy that Noah Walker has been released, and assigns Jenna to minor police work after warning her to keep away from looking into the murders. But Jenna is undeterred, and with the help of a new partner, Ricketts, continues her investigation. She learns about the dark history of Murder House and its former occupants, especially Holden Dahlquist VI, the last in a line of demented people whose past was dotted with murders and mysterious disappearances. Jenna establishes a link between Holden Dahlquist VI, and the town's mysterious, and evasive, graveyard keeper, Aiden Willis. She begins to tie Aiden Willis to the Murder House, and to the unsolved murders. Murphy soon finds another unexpected ally in Justin Rivers, the debonaire owner of the local seafood restaurant Tasty's. She wonders why there is an electric charge when he is around Noah Walker, without feeling anything for the handsome, low key, and somewhat shy, Justin. As she digs deeper into Aiden's past, Jenna learns that Aiden's mother was a prostitute who was impregnated by Holden Dahlquist VI, and that this mysterious "lost brother", may have committed all the murders.