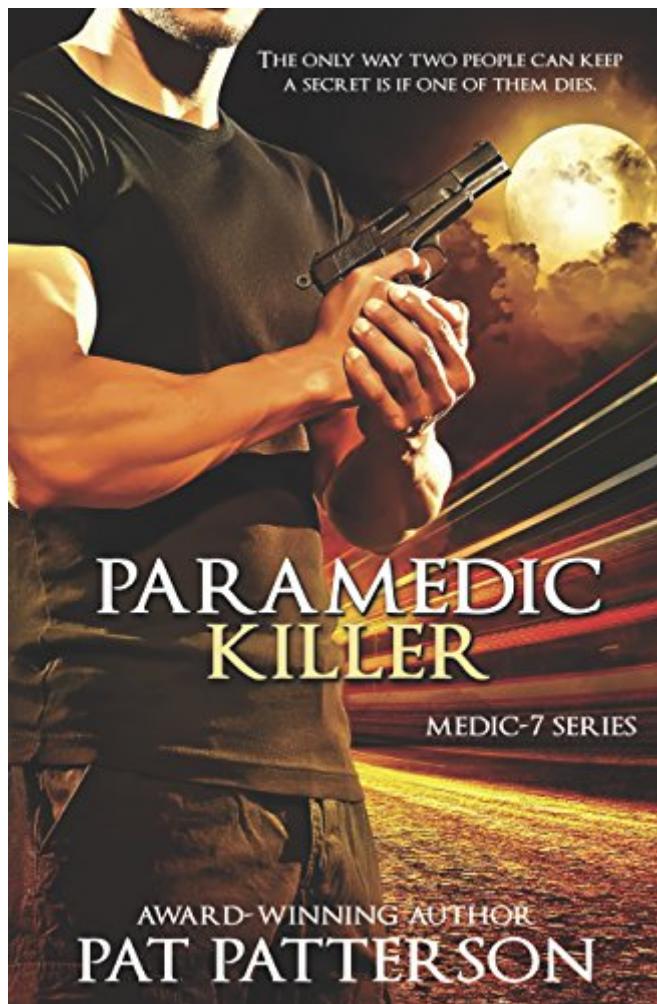


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# Paramedic Killer - The Only Way Two People Can Keep A Secret Is If One Of Them Dies (Medic 7 Series - Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

An early morning wreck. A grisly, fiery mess. Paramedic Jim Stockbridge does his best to save the family, but the flames drive him back. Now, with a family relative out for revenge and two beautiful women on his mind, Jim is about to learn that failure is not an option - especially when lives are on the line."Fast action from dramatic start to thrilling climax. Sailors, medics, EMTs, and those in emergency medicine will delight in the accuracy of technical detail. Patterson delivers thrilling suspense fiction." ~ Donn Taylor, author of Lightning on a Quiet Night, Rhapsody in Red, and The Lazarus File.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Most of this story was decent but there were parts of it that left me scratching my head. The paramedic story line is what pulled me in. I grew up around the paramedic lifestyle so I wanted to check it out. Sadly, some of what happened was just too unrealistic to completely enjoy this story. I really wanted to enjoy it but it was just a hair shy of being good. Spoilers ahead, so stop reading if you don't want to know things that happened: Jim is a good, strong character. He struggles with

anxiety and depression, much like real paramedics do. He has a very stand-offish fiance that I didn't like from the get-go. Maybe that was the author's intention - if so, nice job on that part. Melanie, the little sister, was annoying. She came off as a bratty twelve-year-old even though she was supposedly college-aged. Her nagging about Jim having a gun on the boat made me want to scream at her. I'm not sure if that was liberal agenda or not, but I almost stopped reading when that happened. And then there is Sadie, the traveling author who finds men where she goes to step in as her leading man in her romance novels. Good premise with her and I started liking her, but she seemed too damsel in distress to get my respect. I am glad that her and Jim ended up together at the end but it was too clean of an HEA. It was like the author was reaching for a certain word count and when he got there, he tied up all the loose ends in a very neat fashion and ended it all. Some other unrealistic parts were that Rico wanted to stick Jim in witness protection at the drop of the hat. In real life it would never move that fast and it would warrant something a little more drastic. It would also involve the FBI to get that done.

I wanted to like this book. There is not a plethora of Christian fiction in the thriller category. And this book offered up a lot in that area with the team from the East Beach Police, although I did become confused as the author switched between their tags and their real names. And there was just enough romance, which never draws me in, to keep things interesting. I also liked the setting on the coast of North Carolina. I would have welcomed even more description of the area. I went to Google maps to get a sense of all the locations the author mentioned and to determine where and how far Durham was from the coast. However, there were a number of things that bothered me. I belong to a Christian fiction book club and with all of the killing that happened in the book, even though it was the "bad" guys, there is no way we would read or discuss this book. And in at least one instance, crude language was noted and there was a fair amount of smoking and drinking. I am sure this was the author's attempt to give the book some realism but the book would have been just as good without it. It definitely is not a book that our book club readers would be drawn to nor is it a book that I could recommend to the patrons in the church library that I oversee. The author convinced me that he was indeed knowledgeable in the world of paramedics and in sailing. The problem is I am not an expert in either. So there were a number of descriptive paragraphs that I just skipped over because I had no idea what he was talking about. When a term is used that is not generally known, the author needs to figure out a way to describe what he is talking about so he doesn't lose his reader. You can never assume your readers know something.

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