



Private India / Ashwin Sanghi & James Patterson

Two of the most celebrated thriller writers collaborate on this fast-paced murder mystery that intertwines Indian history and mythology with prominent Mumbai monuments and the pulsating life of the city.

The Private series began in 2010, with ex-marine Jack Morgan rebuilding the detective agency founded by his father. And now, four years later, after travelling to London, Berlin, LA and Sydney, the eighth instalment sees James Patterson team up with Ashwin Sanghi on Private India.

No prizes for guessing the book opens with a murder followed by another... bodies of women are being found all over Mumbai with a yellow scarf around their neck and strange objects bound to their limbs. And, it is up to the Private India team, headed by Santosh Wagh-a man haunted by his past who seeks solace in a bottle of Johnnie Walker-to find the connection between these seemingly random murders

As though finding a serial killer in a city of over 13 million eople wasn't enough, into the plotline come the Indian Mujahideen, an underworld don, a depraved godman, and a corrupt tobacco-chewing cop. From the clandestine Thuggee cult of the 1800s to the many avatars of Durga, history and mythology come alive in this action-packed thriller, along with the vibrant city of Mumbai.

With Private soon being made into a TV series, we wonder who will be roped in to play the charming Jack Morgan?!

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