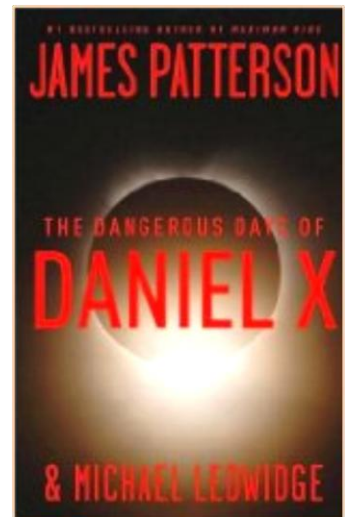




The Dangerous Days of Daniel X Discussion Questions

1. What did you like best about the book? Was there anything you did not like?
2. In what ways is Daniel a typical teenage boy?
3. Daniel leads a pretty lonely life. He is the only one of his kind on Earth. How do you think his solitary existence influences his actions?
4. Does Daniel change during the course of the story? If so, how? What event triggers the changes?
5. In the book, Daniel gets to visit his home planet, and meets his grandmother and other members of his family that he didn't know existed. Do you think the knowledge that he does have family left will influence his actions in any way as he continues on his quest?
6. What surprised you most about this book? Did you feel that the story followed a predictable path?
7. *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X* is Science Fiction. Did you find any aspects of the story to be believable? Do any of Daniel's problems resemble "regular human" problems? If so, how are they similar?
8. Were there any specific themes that you thought James Patterson was trying to emphasize with this novel? What do you think he was trying to get across to his readers?
9. The author left the ending of this book wide open for a sequel, and even gave us the first few chapters to keep our interest alive. Will you read the sequel when it's published? Why or why not?



About the Author

Time magazine once called James Patterson, "The Man Who Can't Miss." His books have sold an estimated 130 million copies worldwide. He is the first author to have #1 new titles simultaneously on *The New York Times* adult and children's lists and is the only author to have five new hardcover novels debut at #1 on the list in one year – a record-breaking feat he accomplished twice, first in 2005 and again in 2006.

Patterson is a champion of reading and the founder of the \$250,000 PageTurner awards that seek to spread the excitement and joy of books and reading in the United States. James's first foray into kid-accessible fiction, the critically acclaimed *Maximum Ride* series, debuted on the list at #1 and remained there for 12 straight weeks. The series has so far been on *The New York Times* bestsellers lists for more than 56 weeks, proving that kids love page turners, too.

Patterson has authored books behind six films on the Hollywood fast-track, including the young adult series *Maximum Ride*, an adaptation of the celebrated illustrated children's book, *SantaKid*, the thrillers *Honeymoon* and *Lifeguard*, and a horror novel published in 2007, *You've Been Warned*.

He is the author of novels – from *THE THOMAS BERRYMAN NUMBER* (1976) to *HONEYMOON* (2005) – that have won awards including the Edgar, the BCA Mystery Guild's Thriller of the Year and the International Thriller of the Year award.

