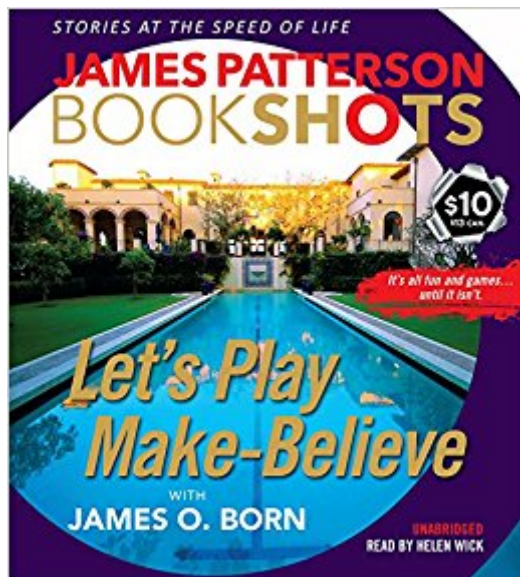


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James Patterson has written more bestsellers and created more enduring fictional characters than any other novelist writing today. He lives in Florida with his family. James O. Born is an award-winning crime and science fiction novelist as well as a career law enforcement agent. A native Floridian, he still lives in the Sunshine State.

Quick & Dirty Highlights
Even as I write this up-front summary, I've not yet decided how many stars this novella warrants, for me. I'm nearly gobsmacked, knowing that I actually read a booklet with a main character whom I did not empathize with to even a remote degree. Yet, technically, the writing was excellent, save for that aspect. What I mean is, the mechanics were good: editing, flow, dialogue and so forth. The main character is well-drawn in terms of believability, at least until the end --- I won't elaborate, lest there be no need for you to read the story. Suffice it to say that I was

impressed the the main character, a woman, sounds pretty much like a woman but, the catch is, she is the creation of a male writer; not sure if she is the creation of James Patterson or of James O. Born. At any rate, she's well drawn. Yet, I never really connected with her or this story. Length: Print, 144 pages. Target Audience/Genre: Q - How was this book obtained? A - Bought on .Q - Is this a book that I can read without having to read others first? A - Yes. In fact, of the six stories in this series, this is the only one I've read. I do not expect to read any of the previous five. Q - Are there a lot of typos/misspellings, grammatical errors or other editing failures? A - No. Q - Is this a fast, easy read or is it more of a leisure read? A - Fast, but, for me, not incredibly fast. Q - What sort of language does this writer use to amplify the points made? A - Adult English. Just one f-bomb (an unnecessary expletive that did nothing artistically to improve the story), but s--t pops up in a number of occasions. Personally, I was not bothered by this, as I would expect any of the characters to utter such mild profanities. Q - What age group is this suitable for? A - if this was a film I would be rated PG-13. Q - My biggest pleasure or disappointment? A - I just never felt any empathy for any of these characters or the predicament. I was surprised by the ending, but I did have some trouble suspending my disbelief. I've included a small excerpt below, so readers can peruse the style of presentation utilized by the author. EXCERPT 'Disney World was all I had dreamed it would be. At least the attractions were, anyway. Somehow, when I was a kid, I'd never calculated how many people were crammed into the park every day. Especially on a beautiful Saturday like this. We managed to make it onto most of the rides, though the longest waits were at Space Mountain and Pirates of the Caribbean. I might have enjoyed a trip to the Magic Kingdom more when I was eleven, but being here today with Marty was really special too. Maybe the most important thing was that I realized how carefully Marty had listened to me and how badly he wanted to see me happy. This guy would do anything for me, and no one had ever made me feel like that before. Walking hand in hand with Marty made me feel like no matter what choices I had made, I had the right man in my life now. He was just what I needed. But after lunch my mood started to change. It began with the salesman from the Bentley dealer calling Marty and asking how he liked the car. Marty handled it perfectly, telling the salesman we were still undecided but we'd bring the car back later this afternoon. As Marty stuffed the phone back into his front pocket, he smiled at me and said, "I just won't answer the phone again until we're about to drop the car off." The call had brought me back to reality, and my problems were no longer a world away. I started thinking about the court hearing and that pompous ass Brennan. While we were floating in our boat through

It's a Small World, I noticed our conversation had turned darker as well. Out of nowhere Marty said, "Disney makes a fortune separating people from the real world and the ugliness around them." "Whoa, what brought that on?" The little girl in front of us had been peeking behind the seat since the ride had started. She might not have understood what he was saying, but she picked up on Marty's attitude and quickly twisted around to sit low in her seat, out of sight. Our conversation drifted back to normal, Magic Kingdom-related topics as we shuffled our way through the Haunted Mansion and Frontierland. Once we landed in comfortable seats and under air-conditioning at the PhilharMagic 3-D, with no one sitting close to us, I acted on the urge to kiss him. Marty said, "I'm glad you're having a good time. I'm sorry you missed out on Disney..." Bottom Line: For my personal interests, this would merit three stars, as I didn't enjoy it even a little. Others, though, especially women who have an axe to grind with someone, this would probably rate four stars. Thus, I'm charitably awarding four stars out of five. Comments regarding your opinion of this book or of my review, whether favorable or unfavorable, are always welcome. If you buy the book based on my review and become disappointed, especially, I do want to know that and I want to understand how I can improve as a book reviewer. Just please be polite. Thank you.

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