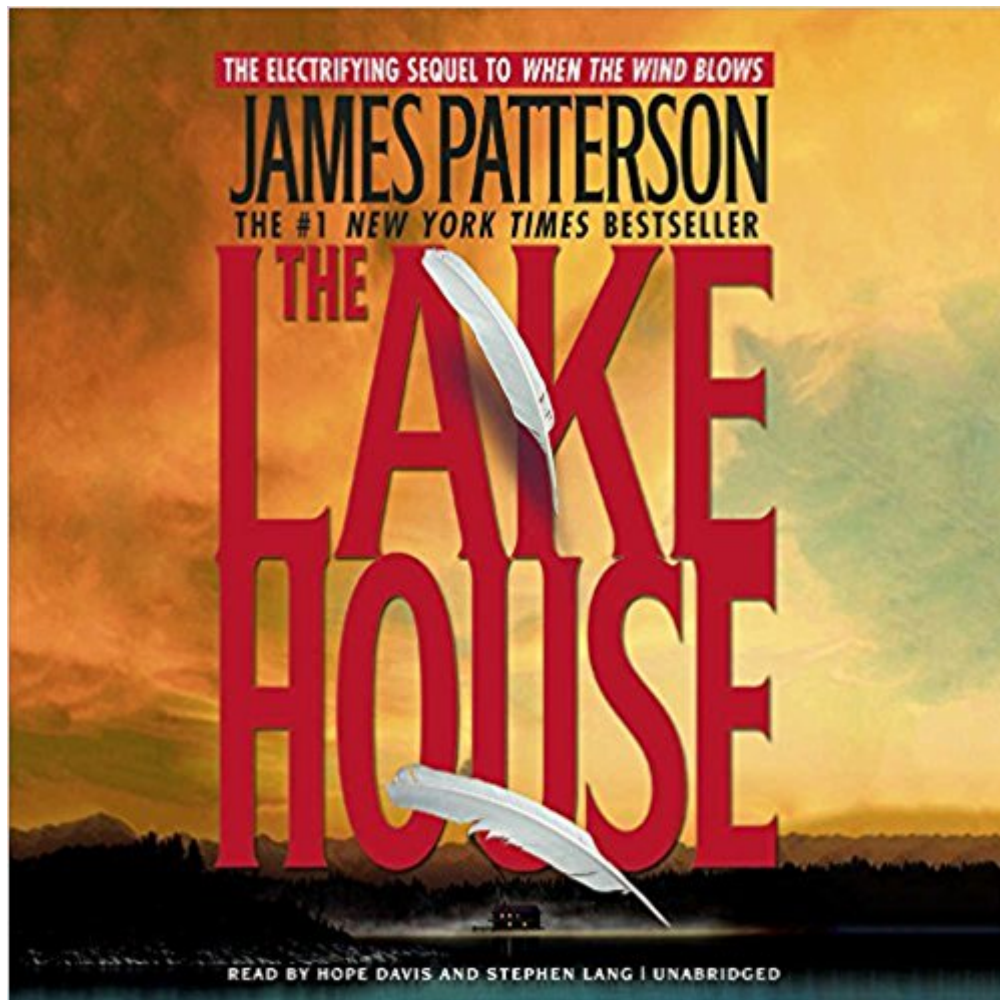




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Synopsis

Six extraordinary children are trying to lead normal lives in the Rocky Mountain countryside. They live in different homes with different families, but there is something powerful that connects them. Something that puts them in terrible danger. The only time they felt safe was when they were together in the waterfront cabin they call the Lake House. And the only people they've ever trusted are Frannie and Kit, the couple who rescued them from unimaginable evil once before. When that evil resurfaces, the kids reconnect with Frannie and Kit and set off on an astonishing adventure. They flee to the Lake House, but even that haven may no longer be safe.

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Customer Reviews

When the Wind Blows (1998), to which this is a sequel, has been Patterson's "most successful novel around the world," according to an author's note. That novel, about children genetically engineered to fly, also thrilled most critics. This one won't, despite some charms, and the reason manifests itself in the three paragraphs-paragraphs, mind-that begin chapter 41: "They were elated to be together again-the flock! The tribe! The family!" Patterson tends toward shorthand writing, and generally it works in his favor, but the problem here is that exclamation points do not engender deep emotions within readers! Nor do italics. And the novel is strewn with both, as well as with too much dumbed-down prose. The plot isn't much to boast about, either. In the original, Max the flying bird-girl and her "siblings" were menaced by the mad scientists who ran the vile laboratory known as

"the School," but were helped in escaping by erstwhile narrator Frannie O'Neill, a veterinarian, and Kit Brennan, an FBI agent. Here, Max and her five siblings are menaced by the mad scientist who runs the vile laboratory known as "the Hospital" but are helped by erstwhile narrator Frannie and Kit. So what's new? Not much, other than a few neat touches (for instance, the villain, Dr. Ethan Kane, is addicted to M&Ms) and-in by far the best section of the novel, not coincidentally one in which Patterson slows down-a truly moving description of how Max and the oldest male bird-child mate. The rest is an extended hunt and chase, as Kane goes after Max and her siblings in a medical conspiracy so outrageously unbelievable that readers will blink in wonder. The pages move like the wind that lifts Max's wings, of course, but Patterson can, and has, done far better than this. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Starred Review Patterson's latest picks up where one of his most popular novels, *When the Wind Blows* (1998), about a group of children who have been genetically engineered to fly, left off. Beautiful Max and handsome Ozymandias lead the group of six children who are fighting to stay with Kit and Frannie, the couple that saved them from the School, where they were being held by the scientists who created them. The court returns the children to their biological parents, but only Max knows how much danger they're in. Max is privy to information about Resurrection, another project that is even more daring and groundbreaking than the one that created the children. Dr. Ethan Kane, the scientist who heads up Resurrection, is determined to keep Max silent and plots to kidnap the children. Though Max won't share the secret with anyone, she and Oz gather up the other children and run to Frannie, but Kane is one step ahead of them and will do anything to stop Max from endangering his project--even if it means killing the children. An unexpected and sweet romance between Max and Oz alleviates the nail-biting suspense somewhat, but as usual, Patterson gets his readers in his grip from page one and doesn't let go until the last page is turned. This sequel is even better than the first book. Kristine Huntley Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

First off, I love to read James Patterson. That being said, this book was disappointing. After reading several reviews, pro and con, I decided I had to read it and decide for myself. It just didn't "sound" like James Patterson. I only gave it 3 stars because I love some of the characters in his other books. Someone mentioned all the exclamation points - yup, there are a lot of them. Someone else mentioned choppy sentences, yup, lots of them, too. You have to assume a lot when you read this book - like how did the bad guys keep finding them? You have to assume that maybe the cars were

lo-jacked or maybe Frannie and gang were constantly followed. And bird-kids having sex? I'm not even going to go there except to say it was mentioned a couple times that the kids were older in "bird years". I kinda figured Max was going to wind up pregnant, but she laid eggs? Okay. And I have to admit, Frannie did kind of seem like a twit. The title didn't make sense either since they didn't even wind up at the Lake House until the very end . Not at all what I expected of a James Patterson novel. I almost had to force myself to finish it. I'm not sorry I read it because it did satisfy my curiosity. But, I think I'll stick to Alex Cross, Michael Bennett and Detectives Jordan and McDonald.

With every flash of danger and each soaring flight of victory, I was flying with these great kids. Intelligence and childish wonder made this story so wondrous to read and participate in. I flew.

I ended up with "When the wind blows" for 59 cents at some kind of a sale in a warehouse my ma took me to. I'm not too big into sci-fi, but the title intrigued me... I couldn't stop reading it. Patterson is a phenomenal writer. I didn't think twice before buying this book, and I wasn't disappointed. It was part of the original story. There's nothing boring about it whatsoever. What people were expecting reading it, I don't know. I have no regrets!

When the wind blows and lake house could be as good if not better than twilight. MOVIE MOVIE if you like the idea of flying and who doesn't these books are a GREAT READ. NOW MAKE A MOVIE and stick to the book.

Read this many years ago. I liked it so much that I had to read it again, especially now that they have a series. I still love it! Yes, I highly recommend it

I choose this rating because the book was so well written and it just kept me so interested. It was different because of the kids not being human beings. The author just kept you so intrigued that you couldn't wait to turn the page. It was a very intriguing book. Hope there is a book three.

AWESOME book! I'm not big on fantasy books but The Wind Blows and The Lake House...WOW!! These 2 books are a must read series, you will enjoy.

This is the first James Patterson book I've read. I liked it. I didn't know when I started it that it was

the second book in the series (of 2) but it didn't matter except I probably will never read the first book now. I thought the book had a good pace. It kept my interest. I gave it 3 stars because it was a very light read, meaning the plot could have been more involved/detailed in certain areas. I absolutely plan to read Patterson again.

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