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## BOOK RESUME: AMERICAN PSYCHO

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this modern classic, the acclaimed author of *The Shards* explores the incomprehensible depths of madness and captures the insanity of violence in our time or any other.

Patrick Bateman moves among the young and trendy in 1980s Manhattan. Young, handsome, and well educated, Bateman earns his fortune on Wall Street by day while spending his nights in ways we cannot begin to fathom. Expressing his true self through torture and murder, Bateman prefigures an apocalyptic horror that no society could bear to confront.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Bret Easton Ellis is a very, very good writer [and] *American Psycho* is a beautifully controlled, careful, important novel. . . . The novelist’s function is to keep a running tag on the progress of culture; and he’s done it brilliantly. . . . A seminal book.” —Fay Weldon, *The Washington Post*

### MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [American Psycho: A history of controversy, Pan Macmillan \(2025\)](#)

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