

The First Lady
By James Patterson
Study Questions

1. What is your opinion of the following characters?
Discuss: Harrison Tucker, Sally Grissom, Parker Hoyt, Marsha Gray, Tammy Doyle, Grace Fuller Tucker
2. The President is the cause of the First Lady going into hiding, yet we don't hear very much from his character as the story develops. Thoughts?
3. Parker Hoyt and Amanda Price each thinks the other orchestrated the accident that happened to Tammy on her way home from Atlanta. When Tammy confronts Amanda about the accident, what does Amanda tell her? If they didn't do it who did, and why?
4. Sally Grissom is in the midst of marital disintegration; how does she try to keep her daughter's respect while not letting her personal life distract her from her job?
5. The horse farm is teaming with federal personnel and they can't find the first lady. What do they find that angers the owner of the farm.
6. How do they finally figure out where she is?
7. How does Parker know that the First Lady is hiding out with her father in the cabin in the woods?
8. Mr. Fuller, the First Lady's dad, has always felt that his daughter shouldn't have married Harrison Tucker. What is his role in all of the things that are going on in the story?
9. Some criticize the book as being too cliched; i.e. The President who is being bossed around by his Chief of Staff, the femme fatale assassin or the evil Halliburton-like corporation. Thoughts?

10. The red scarf that Amelia made for her mother plays an important part in the story, what is it?
11. Did you like the shorter chapters? Do you think that they kept the plot from losing momentum?
12. Patterson is known for the twists and turns at the end of his novels, did this one take you by surprise?