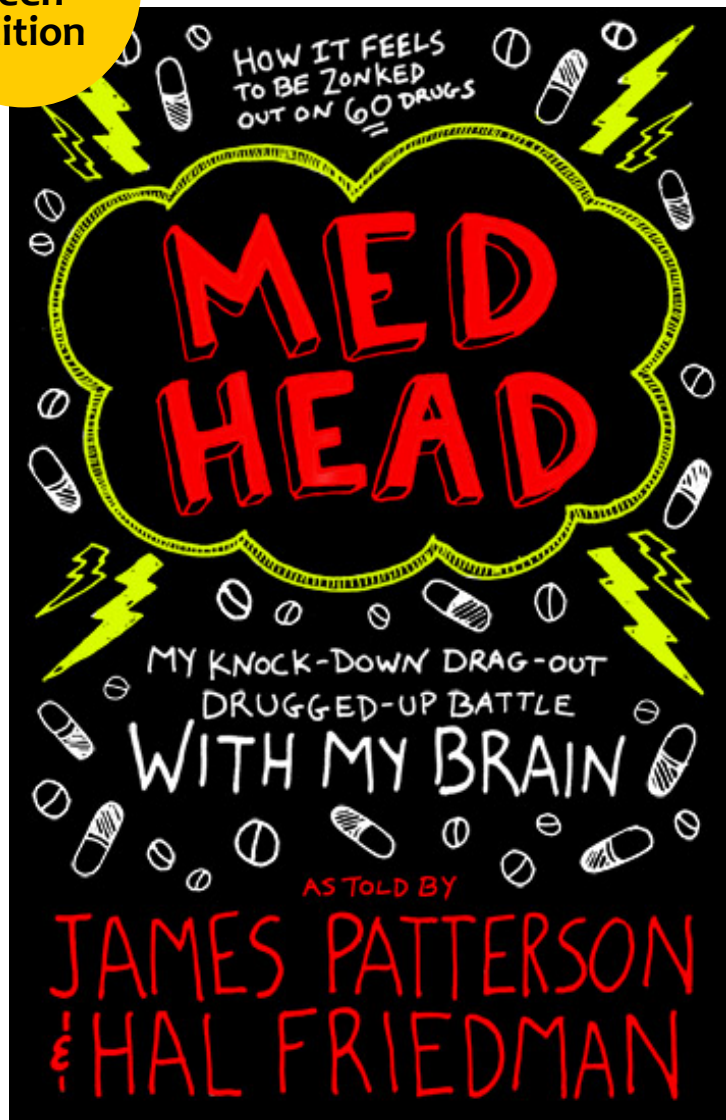


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MED HEAD: MY KNOCK-DOWN, DRUGGED-UP BATTLE WITH MY BRAIN

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"A work of naked truth, as disturbing as it is important...a gift of honesty, huge honesty, and hope, and a reminder that against all medical advice and odds, human beings can prevail."

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Formerly titled *Against Medical Advice* and re-packed in this teen edition, MED HEAD tells the extraordinary story of one family's battle with an agonizing medical mystery, written in Patterson's trademark thriller style.

Cory Friedman woke up one morning when he was five years old with the uncontrollable urge to twitch. His life was never the same again. From that day on, his life became a hell of uncontrollable tics, urges, and involuntary utterances. Eventually he is diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Cory embarks on an excruciating journey from specialist to specialist, enduring countless combinations of medications.

Rejected by peers, misunderstood by adults, and dangerous to himself, Corey's life has been a living hell. Confounding every doctor's analysis, he endures countless combinations of medications in wildly varying doses that only complicate the turmoil. Corey's and his family's determination to reverse a downward spiral and to survive and thrive against all odds is a profoundly inspiring must-read for many ages.

JAMES PATTERSON is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of many books, including *Beach Road*, *Honeymoon*, *Suzanne's Diary For Nicholas*, and the Alex Cross series of thrillers. More than 170 million of his books have been sold around the world, making him one of the top-selling writers of all time.

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