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William Lasko is a self-made millionaire with an eye for wealth and influence, the ear of the president, and a talent for using both to get what he wants. Now the Economic Crime Commission wants Lasko brought down, and US Attorney Christopher Paget is tipped to take on the job.

The Lasko Tangent Details

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From Reader Review The Lasko Tangent for online ebook

Jeff Dickison says

Pretty good for a first novel, although you can see the rough edges in some places. A quick read, well plotted until the abrupt and surprise ending, which I am sure will not please some people. His later novels are, for the most part, much better. Recommended to any Patterson fans.

Chris Duryee says

This wasn't my favorite book. It just seemed like some of it was a bit predictable to me. The main characters "love" interest didn't feel believable since they never really had a relationship outside of a weekend together. This could have been a much better story.

Linda Gosslin says

I read this book many years ago, when it was first published. I decided to re-read it and see if I still liked this author. I started with The Lasko Tangent because it's the first, chronologically, in the Christopher Paget series.

I found it as interesting, absorbing and well-written as I remember finding Richard North Patterson's novels in the past. THIS Patterson is a lucid, well-spoken writer who presents his characters in such a way that they are memorable. It isn't necessary to keep referring back to previous chapters to remember who is who.

Now I look forward to Degree of Guilt, next in the Christopher Paget saga.

K1d2 says

I'd call the first half OK. The latter part of the second half really gets interesting -- the kind of "I don't want to put it down" interesting -- but then abruptly, the story is done. It's not the way I expected it to end, so that was a bit disappointing. I do realize that Patterson's later books will fill in the gaps with flashbacks back to this book, but it would be nice to have kept the story going and see the story play out here.

Timothy M. Gorman says

I like to read authors' works in chronological order. This book takes place in the 70's, so there was a natural disconnect with some aspects of the book. Solid story. I liked the characters. Glad I can now move on towards more recent works.

Jay Callaway says

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I would not recommend this author or his work to anyone. Slow-paced and reeks of ennui. A great novel if you are bored and ready for bed. Better than Unisom or Ambien for sleeping.

John Graham says

Thoroughly enjoyed the book. Have read almost all of Richard North Patterson's books and have enjoyed them all. I think this was his 1st book or at least one of his early books.....1979. I recognized the main character from several other books. Quick...easy....enjoyable read.

Maria says

Loved it! A gripping political thriller with a main protagonist you can admire for his daring and drive to uncover the TRUTH goddammit. ... if not for his shamelessly chauvinist attitude, which is almost forgivable considering this was written in the barely enlightened final year of the 70s. Hungry for more from Richard North Patterson!

Kevin Bragg says

I tried to like The Lasko Tangent. I wanted to like it. Mr Patterson is a giant in the genre.

In the end, however, I couldn't get there. The characters were flat and uninteresting. I felt very little empathy for the protagonist. The premise held promise but the prose didn't deliver. One could argue it is a reflection to the time in which it was created. I'll concede that point but great literature should be timeless.

Maybe Paget becomes a more interesting character in subsequent novels. I am guessing that Patterson has refined his craft. I'm just not certain I am willing to find out.

Samantha says

I really enjoyed reading Richard North Patterson's first novel. As I am a big fan of his, I felt it only right to go back and read the book that started his incredible career! If you are a fan as well, it is definitely a worthy read and doesn't disappoint. I gave it 4 stars only because it took me a little while to get into it, but once I did, I was hooked!

Flyer says

The lead up to the end was an enthralling and suspenseful read however the ending was slightly abrupt. All was said and done in a flash. Despite the ending an enjoyable read. Will give number 2 in the series a go as well.

Amber says

Incredible debut novel that had me turning pages all the way through. Patterson created a detective that was my kind of cynical as well as being very intelligent. I really enjoyed following him through the novel.

JGrant '71 says

As a lead lawyer at the Economics Crime Commission, Christopher Paget is handed a challenging case to investigate: one of stock price manipulation by a powerful industrialist with political connections to the White House. The case becomes larger and more mysterious quickly and the story becomes more of a police thriller than a legal/political one. While his relentless following of the “paper trail” is quite believable, Chris Paget’s going beyond his mandate in his quest for getting to the criminal element of the story, which encompasses numerous escapes from hit-men, a car chase where he outlasts (albeit, with some luck) the pursuers and coming out on top of a fistfight with a key villain is a lot tougher to take in. Also, the love connection happens quite quickly and not in the most believable manner.

Still, the book is a decent read in that the two essential questions – what is the bigger mystery behind the financial manipulations of the industrialist, Mr Lasko? and how does Lasko always seem to know what Chris Paget is up to and have his hit men ready to assail him? - run across the entire story and keep you interested. In the end, the answer to the first is plausible but not compelling; the answer to the second is a bit of surprise. In short, a decent page turner that reads more like a Hollywood action movie than a tightly written suspense thriller.

Nancy says

I read his later Christopher Paget novels years ago and finally found an old copy of this one. I had to force myself to finish it. I found it very boring; I'm glad his later novels got better.

Scott says

This is a fast read. Lots of twists and turns. A real mystery until the last couple of pages.
