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During a riot at the dig site, an anthropologist dies horribly, burned to ashes in a fiery explosion in plain view of television cameras. All evidence points to a radical group of Native Americans, including one agitator, a teenage firebrand who escapes with a vital clue to the murder and calls on the one person who might help--her uncle, Painter Crowe, Director of Sigma Force.

To protect his niece and uncover the truth, Painter will ignite a war among the nation's most powerful intelligence agencies. Yet an even greater threat looms as events in the Rocky Mountains have set in motion a frightening chain reaction, a geological meltdown that threatens the entire western half of the U.S.

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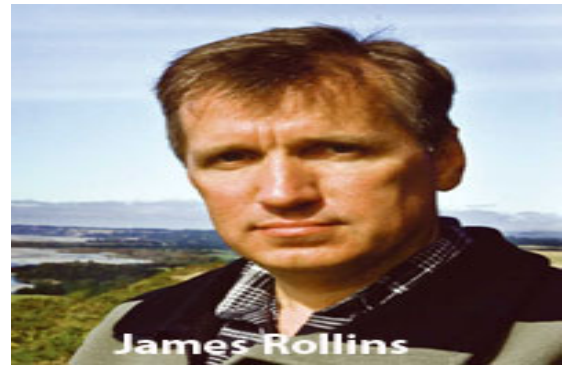
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A Q&A with Author James Rollins

Q: There are some pretty fantastic settings in *The Devil Colony*, all pretty much right here in the good ol' US of A. Was it nice to be able to set a book mainly in America? Were you able to visit the stunning locations in the book, such as the Arizona desert and the Rocky Mountains?



Rollins: I had great fun researching this novel set in my own backyard (so to speak). For the past decade, I've been fielding questions from readers about setting a Sigma novel within the United States. But I knew it had to be the perfect story, a novel thrilling enough to justify coming home. I've been searching for that story for about five years, and when I finally discovered it, the book still took me a full two years to write. It's one of the biggest and most shocking of my novels. It took me trekking across the country and back, from Washington, D.C. and Fort Knox out east, to Salt Lake City and Yellowstone National Park out west. I interviewed Mormon scholars, read scientific and historical abstract, and studied ancient petroglyphs. It is a story never told—but one that needs to be finally revealed after two hundred years of secrets.

Q: Thomas Jefferson—while he never appears in this story—plays a significant role. Why Thomas Jefferson? What intrigues you about him?

Rollins: Everyone knows Thomas Jefferson as the architect of the Declaration of Independence. Volumes have been written about the man over the past two centuries, but of all the founding fathers of America, he remains to this day wrapped in mystery and contradictions. He was both politician and scientist.

For instance, it was only in 2007 that a coded letter, buried in his papers, was finally cracked and deciphered. It was sent to Jefferson in 1801 by a colleague who shared a passion for secret codes. Jefferson was fascinated to the point of fixation on Native American culture and history. At his home in Monticello, he put together a collection of tribal artifacts that was said to rival museums of the day (a collection that mysteriously disappeared after his death). Many of these Indian relics were sent to him by Lewis and Clark during their famed expedition across America. But what many don't know is that Jefferson sent a secret message to Congress in 1803 concerning Lewis and Clark's expedition. It revealed the true hidden purpose behind the journey across the West. In *The Devil Colony*, you'll learn that purpose—and so much more about the founding of America. And it has nothing to do with freemasons, Knights Templar, or crackpot theories. The truth is as illuminating as it is disturbing.

Q: Your books often include high-concept scientific theory. While not wanting to spill any secrets about the plot of *The Devil Colony*, what are some of the breaking-news scientific concepts laced through the pages of this book?

Rollins: The science in this novel addresses the next big leap in scientific research and industry. It can be summarized in one word: Nanotechnology. In a nutshell, it means manufacturing at the atomic level, at a level of one billionth of a meter. The nanotech industry is exploding. It is estimated that this year alone \$70 billion worth of nanotech products will be sold in the U.S. alone: toothpaste, sunscreen, cake icing, teething rings, running socks, cosmetics, and medicines.

What's the downside of such a growth industry? These nanoparticles can cause illness, even death. It's a new

and wild frontier. There is presently no requirement for the labeling of nano-goods, no required safety studies of products containing nanoparticles. But there's an even darker side to this industry. This technology has a history that goes back further than the twentieth century—much further. *The Devil Colony* explores those dark roots of this “new” science.

Q: As a reader, it's a huge treat to re-connect with the Sigma Force team, all of whom are such beloved characters. As an author, is it a similar experience for you to write about them? Do you feel like you're visiting with dear friends?

Rollins: Definitely. I've been living and breathing these characters for going on a decade. We've seen them grow, have children, face the challenge of balancing work with family, and deal with losses. While the Sigma team is chocked full of talented and dedicated people, they are still people with real-life challenges alongside the world-spanning adventures. In this book especially, those two worlds collide in a harrowing manner for one of my characters. To me, that's what makes these characters feel so alive in my heart. They are not a static team who run into adventure after adventure. Instead, they change, they mature, they get life-altering injuries—and yes, they also die. It's that fragility, that mortality, that breathes life into a character.

Review

"Terrible secrets, the sweep of history, an epic canvas, breathless action...nobody--and I mean nobody--does this stuff better than Rollins." -- Lee Child on *The Devil Colony*

"From the hidden Indian treasure, to the Fort Knox secrets, to the conspiracy at the beginning of the United States *The Devil Colony* gives you every reason why you'll want to be a member of Sigma Force." -- Brad Meltzer, New York Times bestselling author of *The Inner Circle* on *The Devil Colony*

"James Rollins delivers one of the best thrillers of the year in *The Devil Colony*, an amazing amalgam of history, science and adventure." -- Associated Press on *The Devil Colony*

"Riveting....Rollins gets better with each book, and his position at the top of this particular subgenre remains unshaken." -- Publishers Weekly on *The Devil Colony*

"A first-class, breathtaking adventure that will have readers whizzing through the pages. The only thing wrong with this tale: it has to end." -- Romantic Times (4 1/2 stars) on *The Devil Colony*

"Magnificent....This is wild, unrestrained storytelling at its level best, and Rollins is the best pure action writer out there today, bar none." -- Providence Journal

"An amazing amalgam of history, science and adventure....A great page-turner." -- Gloucester County Times

"His books have everything....Yet it works, because Rollins is a master of controlled chaos." Fort Worth Star-Telegram

From the Author

About James Rollins

JAMES ROLLINS is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of international thrillers that have been translated into more than forty languages. Known for unveiling unseen worlds, scientific breakthroughs, and

historical secrets, Rollins' knack for breakneck pacing and stunning originality has been hailed by critics and embraced by scores of millions of readers around the world.

The Critics Rave

The New York Times says that his "roguish charm comes from his efforts to persuade readers the story is credible [through] real-life sources for his novel's science, history and geography." Rollins' rare blend of action, suspense, and knowledge was also mentioned by the Huffington Post, which stated that "After Crichton passed away in 2008 he clearly passed the baton to James Rollins, who like Crichton, is a renaissance man."

NPR calls his work "adventurous and enormously engrossing..." and the New York Journal of Books had this to say: "If you're a fan of smart, entertaining adventure fiction, this is your summer beach read writ large....All the science, all the history, and all the locations are masterfully intertwined. The characters are multi-dimensional. And the story is, well, a corker."

The Story Teller's Story

As a boy immersed in the scientific adventures of Doc Savage, the wonders of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, and pulps such as *The Shadow*, *The Spider*, and *The Avenger*, James Rollins decided he wanted to be a writer. He honed his storytelling skills early, spinning elaborate tales that were often at the heart of pranks played on his brothers and sisters.

Before he would set heroes and villains on harrowing adventures, Rollins embarked on a career in veterinary medicine, graduating from the University of Missouri and establishing a successful veterinary practice. This hands-on knowledge of medicine and science helps shape the research and scientific speculation that set James Rollins books apart.

Explosive Page-Turning Adventures

The exotic locales of James Rollins novels have emerged as a hybrid between imagination, research, and his extensive travels throughout the United States and Europe, as well as New Zealand, the South Pacific, China, Southeast Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America. Recent jaunts include book tours and stops across the country and several European nations to give talks, seminars, and media interviews. In recent years, much of James' travel has involved meeting readers in small and large groups, at writing and fan conferences, and even aboard seagoing "seminars." James' mentoring and coaching skills have made him a sought after writing instructor and guest speaker for workshops, symposia, conventions, and other forums throughout the country.

James Rollins is the author of nine thrillers in the bestselling Sigma Force series (*Sandstorm*, *Map of Bones*, *Black Order*, *The Judas Strain*, *The Last Oracle*, *The Doomsday Key*, *The Devil Colony*, *Bloodline*, and *The Eye of God*); six individual adventure thrillers; and the Jake Ransom middle grade series (*Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow*, *Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx*.)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Jonathan Woods:

The reason why? Because this *The Devil Colony: A Sigma Force Novel* (Sigma Force Series Book 7) is an unordinary book that the inside of the e-book waiting for you to snap the item but latter it will jolt you with the secret this inside. Reading this book alongside it was fantastic author who write the book in such awesome way makes the content inside of easier to understand, entertaining way but still convey the meaning fully. So , it is good for you because of not hesitating having this any more or you going to regret it. This amazing book will give you a lot of benefits than the other book possess such as help improving your proficiency and your critical thinking approach. So , still want to postpone having that book? If I have been you I will go to the book store hurriedly.

Joyce Morgan:

Reading can called brain hangout, why? Because while you are reading a book particularly book entitled *The Devil Colony: A Sigma Force Novel* (Sigma Force Series Book 7) your thoughts will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in each aspect that maybe not known for but surely can become your mind friends. Imaging every single word written in a publication then become one application form conclusion and explanation that maybe you never get just before. The *The Devil Colony: A Sigma Force Novel* (Sigma Force Series Book 7) giving you a different experience more than blown away your mind but also giving you useful info for your better life in this particular era. So now let us explain to you the relaxing pattern this is your body and mind will likely be pleased when you are finished reading through it, like winning a game. Do you want to try this extraordinary shelling out spare time activity?

Ashley Wright:

Your reading 6th sense will not betray an individual, why because this *The Devil Colony: A Sigma Force Novel* (Sigma Force Series Book 7) reserve written by well-known writer whose to say well how to make book that can be understand by anyone who all read the book. Written in good manner for you, still dripping wet every ideas and composing skill only for eliminate your own personal hunger then you still skepticism *The Devil Colony: A Sigma Force Novel* (Sigma Force Series Book 7) as good book not only by the cover but also by content. This is one e-book that can break don't ascertain book by its cover, so do you still needing a different sixth sense to pick this!? Oh come on your studying sixth sense already told you so why you have to listening to a different sixth sense.

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