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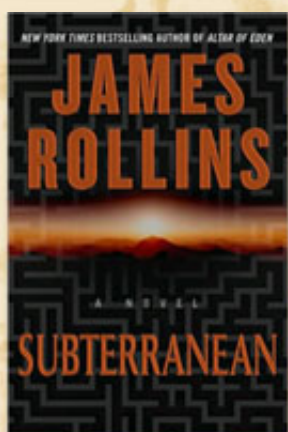
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MARCH NEWSLETTER

## SUBTERRANEAN

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### Subterranean (Hardcover)

Release Date: March 9, 2010 (Limited Edition)

In the debut novel by James Rollins, travel to the bottom of the earth to a place you never dreamed existed. Beneath the ice a hand-picked team of specialists makes its way toward the center of the world. They are not the first to venture into this magnificent subterranean labyrinth. Those they follow did not return.

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#### What's Old is New Again...

March 2010

Over the past decade, I've fielded a flurry of questions concerning hardback editions of my first three books: *Subterranean*, *Excavation*, and *Deep Fathom*.

Unfortunately such editions never existed. The first three books were released as mass paperback originals. It is the way publishers groom new authors, to introduce them in paperback and eventually graduate them to hardback. As one of those lucky few authors, I'm grateful to HarperCollins for taking a chance on a veterinarian from Northern California who wanted to write stories of strange creatures and exotic travels.

My first book, *Subterranean*, was published in 1999 and hit national and international bestseller lists. But the only hardback edition of this novel was published in Germany. Well, I'm happy to say that's about to change. After ten years, *Subterranean* will be published in the U.S. for the first time in a glossy hardback edition (available on March 9th).

To commemorate this release, I thought I'd share my original handwritten synopsis for this first novel. Here is the outline I jotted down before I started writing the book: "I'm going to take five characters, drop them two miles into the Earth, throw in some monsters... and shake." Based on that detailed outline, I began writing that first novel.

As I look back, it's been a long haul from that meager beginning, but I must say that it's also been a blast and a delight—not only in the writing, but also meeting and talking with all of you. Thanks for coming with me on this journey! The best is yet to come!

### IN OTHER NEWS

#### Subterranean - The Lost Chapter (Newsletter Exclusive)

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This chapter ended up on the cutting-room floor during final edits. I resisted letting it go because I really liked how these three scenes unfolded. The purpose of this chapter was to show how the assassin Bizan took over the guise of the geologist Khalid and to explain how the assassin obtained the explosives he would use later in the book.

In this chapter, I also introduced a minor character—a Eurasian woman wearing a Chinese dragon pendant (who deals in illegal arms trafficking). I hated to see her cut out of the story...so I resurrected her as Seichan for the Sigma series. So here is the never-before-seen chapter featuring an early rendition of Seichan...along with a bit of nastiness from Bizan/Khalid.

The chapter takes place in Buenos Aires, on the day before the team sets out for Antarctica.

Click [Here](#) to read the *Subterranean - Lost Chapter*

#### The Pit, a short story

Release Date: March 16, 2010

A few years ago I was asked by author George R.R. Martin to contribute a short story to the *Warriors* anthology. I jumped at the chance and wrote the short story "The Pit."

In addition to my contribution, there is a long list of other bestselling storytellers that contributed to the *Warriors* anthology.

For more information, visit the [George R.R. Martin website](#) or buy the book [Here](#).

#### Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx (Sneak Peek)

Release Date: February 9, 2010

On February 9th *Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow* released in paperback. What some of you might not know is that there is a *Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx* sneak peek at the back of the book. There is an interview with Jake's friend Pindor Tiberius and prologue: Valley of the Kings!

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