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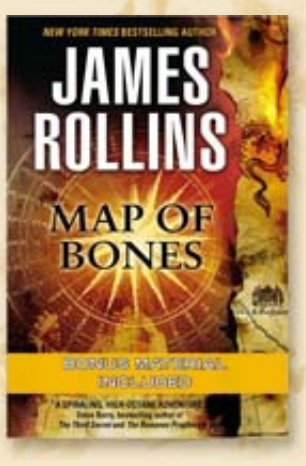

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Release Date: August 23, 2010 Through September 6, 2010

The crime is inhumanly cruel with horrific consequences both unthinkable and inevitable. During a service at a cathedral in Cologne, Germany, a band of armed intruders dressed in monk's robes unleashes a nightmare of blood and terror, ruthlessly gunning down worshippers and clergy alike. The killers haven't come for the church's gold and valuable artwork, but for a priceless treasure secreted within: the preserved bones of the Three Magi who once came to pay homage to a newborn savior. As they flee the carnage they have wrought, they carry a prize that could reshape the world.

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Map of Bones (Limited Specially Priced Download)

August 23 - September 6, 2010

I thought I'd share the news of an exciting offer that starts today (and runs through September 26th). For this limited time only, the first of the Sigma series--Map of Bones--can be downloaded for the special reduced price of $1.99. If you haven't read Map of Bones--or if you know of someone who might enjoy a copy--I hope you take advantage of this great offer. And please feel free to pass this e-card to friends and family!

In addition, the Map of Bones download includes an excerpt from Altar of Eden (which will be published in paperback this fall). To take advantage of this offer, please visit your favorite e-book retailer today or click the following links!

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IN OTHER NEWS

The USO to Carry Out "Operation Thriller" on U.S. Troops Stationed in Persian Gulf

Five of Today's Most Celebrated Thriller Writers to Embark on Week-Long USO Tour to Combat Zone in Fall 2010

WHAT: USO Tour Featuring Bestselling Authors from International Thriller Writers (ITW), the nation's first and only professional organization devoted solely to thriller authors:

- **Steve Berry** (*The Paris Vendetta, The Charlemagne Pursuit and The Venetian Betrayal, among others*)
- **David Morrell** (*First Blood, in which Rambo was created, and The Brotherhood of the Rose*)
- **Doug Preston** (*The Monster of Florence and Relic, which later became a number one box office hit*)
- **James Rollins** (Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, and the Sigma Force series including The Devil Colony)
- **Andy Harp** (*A Northern Thunder*)

WHEN: Fall 2010 **WHERE**: Washington, D.C. and Persian Gulf

Note: Due to security reasons, the countries and tour dates cannot be released at this time.

WHY: In Fall 2010, some of the nation's New York Times best-selling thriller authors will deploy to the Persian Gulf on a week-long USO tour to visit and uplift troops. The tour, fittingly entitled Operation Thriller, will kick off with a special visit to Washington, D.C., where the group will visit with troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and National Naval Medical Center. The group will then fly to the Persian Gulf to talk fiction, inspire, spread cheer and, most importantly, show their heartfelt gratitude.

Participating in what will be their first USO tour, the authors will visit multiple posts, sign autographs, pose for photos and distribute advance copies of their upcoming novels.

From July 7-10, 2010, the authors attended ThrillerFest V, a four-day celebration of thriller books organized by the International Thriller Writers, where they announced their upcoming USO tour.

If you haven't already read--The Good and the Bad

THE GOOD NEWS

The cat's out of the bag, courtesy of the Hollywood Reporter and several other blogs. The Sigma series has been optioned for film by the award-winning producer, Dino De Laurentiis. His production company produced such luminary works as Frank Herbert's Dune, the disturbing Blue Velvet, and the classic Three Days of the Condor.

And the incredibly good news, Dino didn't want a story you had seen before. He insisted on a completely new storyline for the big screen. I think you can imagine how excited I am to be able to craft a unique, film-ready story for Dino and company...with hopefully more to follow.v Of course, far more details will come, but for now click here to read more about it.

AND THE BAD

Due to a squeezed schedule, the publication of The Devil Colony will be pushed off until next summer (June 2011). I was disappointed to learn this, but it was not totally unexpected. Publishers like to have manuscripts hitting an editor's desk about a year before it is due to be published. The reason for that long lead-time is to help in promotion, marketing, and getting Advanced Readers Copies to reviewers.

Writing two books a year (and three last year), I've slowly been eating into that lead-time. It's been shortening from 12 months, to 9, to 6. I turned in Altar of Eden only 4 months before it was due to be published. And this year with protracted family health issues, I simply wasn't going to catch up.

Plus The Devil Colony is a huge and pivotal storyline, and I certainly did not want to rush a story of this magnitude. So the move allows the publisher to get back into a proper marketing sequence and allows me the elbowroom to dive deeply into the history and science of The Devil Colony and to craft the most exciting entry in the Sigma series to date.

So yes, the move of Devil Colony is disappointing, but that does mean I will have THREE books out in 2011:

- Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx (Spring)
- The Devil Colony (Summer)
- and a secret book that is going to shock a lot of people (Winter)

And don't forget the paperback of The Doomsday Key is out – with a teaser to tide you over for The Devil Colony—and the paperback edition of Altar of Eden will be out this winter.

Also be watching Twitter and Facebook for random updates as I take brief breaks from my writing den!

For more consistent news, trivia and giveaways, though, head over to @ThrillersRockT. This twitter stream is run by a huge fan and a long-time friend. Basically if anything is happening in my world, she knows it, and sometimes to my embarrassment, she will tell you about it!

So remember, while there will be a bit of a delay at the moment, new and exciting titles are going to come hard and fast! Until then, THANKS for all the years of support!

More In Other News

Computer Desktop Wallpaper: Available for download are five desktop wallpapers:

- Altar of Eden
- The Doomsday Key
- The Last Oracle
- The Judas Strain
- Map of Bones (New! Coming August 27,2010)
- Subterranean

Eventually, all the hardcovers will be available as a desktop wallpaper. So check back periodically for the latest download! Click **Wallpaper Downloads**

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