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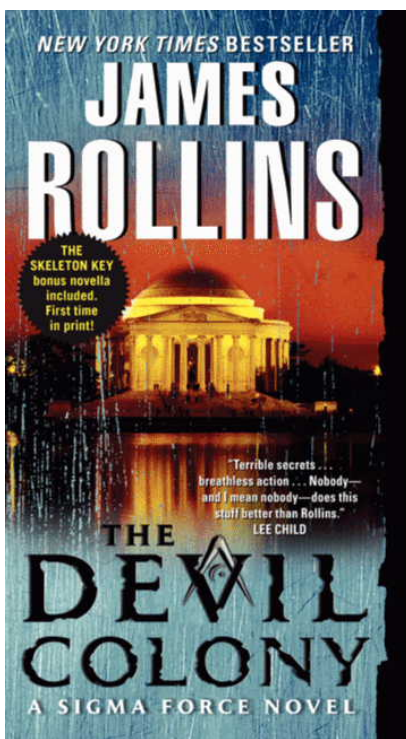
*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author James Rollins asks,  
***“Was the United States of America Built on a Lie?”***

in his newest edge-of-your-seat thriller

# THE DEVIL COLONY

## BONUS MATERIAL:

THE SKELETON KEY, an original novella included for the first time in print



“Riveting....Rollins gets better with each book, and his position at the top of this particular subgenre remains unshaken.” — *Publishers Weekly*

“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*

“Rollins combines science and history with the best qualities of a great page-turner and creates a single-sitting read that wows on every page.” — *Chicago Sun Times*

“Rollins knows how to bring the fun better than almost any other writer today.” — *Florida Times*

“This is wild, unrestrained storytelling at its level best, and Rollins is the best pure action writer out there today, bar none.” — *Providence Journal*

“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*

In his most controversial and eye-opening book to date, bestseller James Rollins delves into the secrets and lies surrounding the founding of the United States of America. In **THE DEVIL COLONY** (Harper Mass Market PB, ISBN 9780061785658, \$9.99, on sale March 27, 2012) SIGMA Force—the scientists and ex-special forces soldiers that form an elite unit funded by the Department of Defense’s DARPA division—becomes embroiled in a centuries-old puzzle, one coded in the nation’s most important founding documents.

Deep in the Rocky Mountains two Native American teenagers, using a map stolen from an elder, hunt for a cave that legend says is protected by the Great Spirit. Upon finding the location they make a gruesome discovery—hundreds of mummified bodies—all posed in what looks like a mass suicide. But before the two can leave, one of the boys is murdered by an elder Indian who then commits suicide. Legend says that whoever trespasses into the Great Spirit’s cave is never allowed to leave or the world will come to an end. But the remaining boy escapes and unwittingly unlocks a curse that has been brewing underground for centuries.

The National Guard is quickly called in as the site stirs international attention and fervent controversy. Despite doubts as to the bodies' origins, the local Native American Heritage Commission lays claim to the prehistoric remains, along with the strange artifacts found in the same cavern: gold plates inscribed with an unfathomable script. But all is lost when, during a riot at the dig site, an explosion kills an anthropologist and buries the cave, all in plain view of television cameras. Video evidence points to a teenage firebrand who is part of a radical group of Native Americans. She escapes with a vital clue to the explosion 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 ignites a war among the nation’s most powerful intelligence agencies and doing so awakens a group more powerful than even he could ever imagine. Yet, an even greater threat looms as events in the Rocky Mountains have set in motion a frightening chain reaction, a global geological meltdown.

From the volcanic peaks of Iceland to the blistering deserts of the American Southwest, from the gold vaults of Fort Knox to the bubbling geysers of Yellowstone, Painter Crowe joins forces with Commander Gray Pierce to penetrate the shadowy heart of a dark faction, one that has been manipulating American history since the founding of the thirteen colonies.

**THE DEVIL COLONY** poses questions about the truth hidden within the pages of the Book of Mormon, about a conspiracy of lies tied to this country’s most important founding documents and how the truth of those lies was secretly locked into the Great Seal of the United States by founding fathers Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. **THE DEVIL COLONY** is not only a thrill-a-minute read, it is an essential one for any person living in America today.

**Also included:**

**THE SKELETON KEY** is a bonus novella previously only available as an e-original short story. **THE SKELETON KEY** goes deep beneath the city of Paris to a dark necropolis where a cataclysmic plot is unfolding. Seichan, a popular character featured in the “Sigma” series, awakens in a Parisian hotel with a deadly electronic collar fastened around her throat. Joined by a young man who is similarly threatened, she must rescue the son of a hated enemy, who has fallen under the sway of the nefarious leader of an apocalyptic cult. Caught between two enemies, she must fight for her life...while time ticks down toward a fiery end.

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## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR: JAMES ROLLINS**

James Rollins is the bestselling author of seven Sigma Force thrillers, the novelization of Lucasfilm's blockbuster movie, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, and five individual adventure thrillers. His novels have been deemed perfect "summer reads" by reviewers in publications as diverse as *People magazine*, *USA Today*, and *Publisher's Weekly*.



Known for building high-octane adventures on a solid science foundation, Rollins juxtaposes the familiar with the exotic and then turbo-charges his tales with suspense. Always mindful of history's legacy, Rollins reveals how secrets, some hidden for centuries, can change the course of human events. His novels explore how advancing technology can affect society - not just the physical threats of unchecked advancements, but also the spiritual and moral challenges. "The true terror of technology is not the cogs and the wheels, but how it will change us," he explains.

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. In recent years, much of Rollins' travel has involved meeting readers in small and large groups, at writing and fan conferences, and even aboard seagoing "seminars."

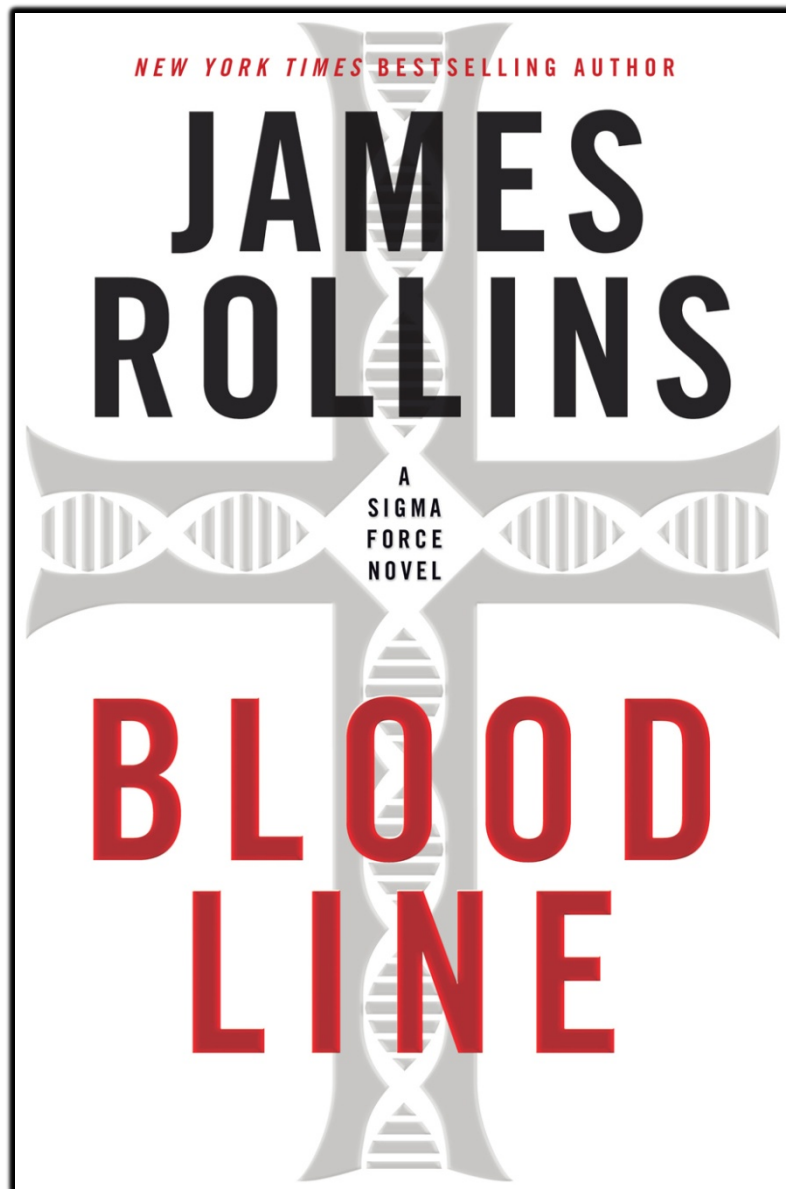
James Rollins decided to become a writer as a boy immersed in the scientific adventures of Doc Savage, the wonders of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, and pulps featuring *The Shadow*, *The Spider*, and *The Avenger*. He honed his storytelling skills early, spinning elaborate tales that often were at heart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

Yet although his talent emerged and grew, writing was not Jim's original profession. Before he would set heroes and villains on harrowing adventures, he embarked on a career in veterinary medicine, graduating from the University of Missouri and establishing a successful veterinary clinic in Sacramento, California, where he still volunteers today. This hands-on knowledge of medicine and science helps shape the research and scientific speculation that set James Rollins books apart.

In 2005, Rollins joined with other luminaries in the genre to create International Thriller Writers, Inc., to recognize and promote the thriller genre, provide opportunities for mentoring, education, and collegiality among authors and industry professionals, and to grant awards for excellence in the genre. This past fall Jim and four other bestselling thriller writers took part in the USO's first authors' tour to a region of conflict—OPERATION THRILLER.

When Jim is not writing, touring or teaching seminars, he can be found spelunking, scuba diving, hiking, and traveling. Jim and his two- and four-legged family members live amid chew toys and paleontological treasures in Northern California.

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**The next installment of the Sigma Force series,  
BLOODLINE, coming June of 2012!**

**BLOODLINE**

*A Sigma Force Novel*

By James Rollins

William Morrow, On Sale: 6/26/2012, \$27.99

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