

Explosive, Page-Turning Adventures: James Rollins Novels

James Rollins began his writing career in 1999 and has brought readers at least one book a year since this first thriller was published. His novels have been deemed perfect summer reads by reviewers in publications as diverse as People magazine, USA Today and Publisher's Weekly.

The Bestselling Sigma Force Series

A division of DARPA (the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), Sigma Force is a covert organization of highly skilled Special Forces operatives with expertise in two or more scientific fields. Each novel stands alone, yet all share a cast of recurring characters – and some unexpected appearances by characters from Jim's previous thrillers.

Sandstorm: The search for a lost city buried beneath the Arabian desert brings together a former U.S. Navy SEAL, an international adventurer and a researcher of antiquities who holds the key that will unlock this dangerous, intrigue-filled mystery. Lincoln Child noted that "Rollins is one of the most inventive storytellers writing today." *Sandstorm* was selected as one of the best Mystery/Thrillers of 2004 by [Readers Read](#).

Map of Bones was named by Publishers Weekly as the successor to *The Da Vinci Code*. It reveals an ancient conspiracy to create a new world order out of the ashes of modern civilization. Gray Pierce, Monk Kokkalis and the Sigma team race to put an end to the threat once and for all. "This pulse-pounding thriller moves at mach speed," writes *The Venetian Betrayal* author Steve Berry. "James Rollins is clearly at the top of his game."

In *Black Order*, Sigma Force learns that the nightmares of Nazi research did not end with World War II. Gray Pierce and the Sigma team race to expose a century-old plot that threatens to destroy the current world order and alter the destiny of humankind. This exhilarating and controversial novel was named one of the summer's "hottest reads" by People magazine.

The Judas Strain is an ancient menace reborn to plague the modern world, and it is merely a harbinger of the doom that is to come. Unraveling its origins and searching for a cure, the Sigma team follows the trail of the most fabled explorer in history, Marco Polo. The Judas Strain never lets up in its relentless, high-octane pace. "Rollins invests *The Judas Strain* with his characteristic command of detail, along with a creeping dread," writes the Charleston Post and Courier.

The last Oracle at Delphi died two thousand years ago. Or maybe she didn't. *The Last Oracle* combines historical and religious intrigue with edge-of-your-seat adventure as a fragmented Sigma team works at opposite ends of the world against a bioengineered threat that could bring about the extinction of humankind.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

When thriller author Tess Gerritsen described *Amazonia* as a nonstop thrill-a-minute ride which was "just the book for Indiana Jones fans," she literally predicted the future. Lucasfilm felt the logical choice was James Rollins to convert the fourth Indiana Jones blockbuster into novel form. Shortly after accepting the assignment, Jim found himself

sequestered with David Koepp's fast-paced screenplay of the George Lucas-Jeff Nathanson original story, creating the book-length tale of everyone's favorite globe-trotting, treasure-hunting, wisecracking archaeologist.

Independent Adventure-Thrillers

Jim's first thriller, *Subterranean*, features a team of specialists embarking on an exploration toward the center of the earth. Here new discoveries uncover mysteries older than time and revelations that could change the world. Author John Saul wrote that *Subterranean* kept him "turning the pages well into the night."

Excavation took readers out of *Subterranean*'s deep caves and up to the peaks of the Andes, only to plunge once again below the earth's surface to finish the arc of discovery begun centuries earlier. But while seeking answers, the modern-day explorers find something wondrous – and terrifying – is seeking them. Douglas Preston called it "a compulsive read."

With *Deep Fathom*, readers barely had enough time above the earth to catch their breaths before submerging below the sea on a desperate mission to save the world on the brink of a nuclear apocalypse.

Amazonia takes readers to yet another exotic landscape, this one the jungles of the Amazon, where a team of scientists and U.S. Army Rangers discover a reality that science can barely explain and ancient, unspoken terror that can forever alter the world. Lincoln Child noted that "Amazonia grabs you by the throat from page one and refuses to let go until the very last page is turned. Rollins is one of the most inventive storytellers writing today.... Don't you dare miss this one!"

If *Amazonia* made readers sweat, Jim makes them shiver in *Ice Hunt*, set at the top of the world in an abandoned Soviet ice station, which is full of classified secrets and experiments gone terribly wrong. As American researchers and soldiers face off with submarine-borne Russians determined to bury their chilling past, they become drawn into a horror none of them could ever imagine.

Adventures for Kids and Adults

Jim's first adventure for kids and adults, *Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow*, is slated to be published in May, 2009. As the novel opens, Jake receives a parcel-wrapped package in the mail. There is no return address and no sign where it came from. Inside are logbooks from his parents, both archaeologists, who disappeared three years earlier while on a dig in Mexico. Jake and his sister embark on a search that takes them across time and mysterious lands to discover the true fate of their parents.

Short Fiction

On request from editors, Jim has developed works of short fiction for anthologies. His latest piece, "The Pit," appears soon in *Warriors*, a cross-genre collection of short fiction selected by Gardiner Dozier, George R.R. Martin and Daniel Abraham. Side-by-side with pieces from top-name authors such as Joe Haldeman, Tony Hillerman and Neil Gaiman, Jim's heart-rending, gritty story features a complex, tragic, four-footed warrior fighting for survival and redemption in a world few people know or understand.

Also upcoming is a James Rollins chapter in the *7 Days* serialized novel in Glen Beck's Fusion Magazine. Each issue features a different bestselling author writing a new chapter of the serial thriller. Glen Beck's talk show is syndicated to more than 200 radio stations.

An earlier piece, "Kowalski's in Love," for James Patterson's anthology *Thriller (2006)*, featured a hard-boiled, indomitable Seaman who reappears years later – and books later – in the most unexpected place: *The Last Oracle*.