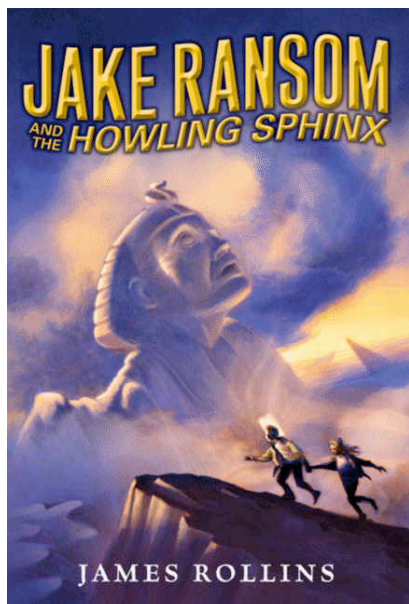


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JAKE RANSOM AND THE HOWLING SPHINX

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0011 Best-selling author James Rollins is renowned for such thrillers as *The Judas Strain* and *Last Oracle*. Now Rollins applies his signature excitement and intrigue to a rich, suspenseful adventure for a younger audience. Following *Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow* (2009), comes the eagerly anticipated sequel, **JAKE RANSOM AND THE HOWLING SPHINX (HarperCollins; 9780061473821; May 2011; Ages 10 and up; \$16.99)**

When Jake uses his father's watch to return to Calypsos in the lost world of Pangea, he's thrust into a harsh desert land. Quickly joined by his friends—the Mayan girl, Marika, the Roman, Pindor, the Neanderthal, Bach'uk, and his sister, Kady—they have no time for rejoicing. All too soon Jake realizes they're caught in the Skull King's sinister trap.

For Jake has something the Skull King wants—a prize that will give its owner awesome power, including control over the space/time continuum. The possessor will become ruler of the haunted city of Awkh Tawy and master of the fearsome Howling Sphinx. In a pounding adventure, Jake races against time to save his friends and outfight Kalvernum Rex, knowing that if the Skull King wins, he'll be unstoppable.

James Rollins brings a deep interest in archaeology and lost worlds to Jake Ransom novels. He includes facts about the Egyptian culture throughout the book and even created his own cryptic language for the series; its alphabet breaks down to English equivalents so readers can translate some of the secret messages.

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James Rollins is the author of many *New York Times* bestselling novels including THE JUDAS STRAIN, BLACK ORDER, and MAP OF BONES. His most recent adult novel, THE DOOMSDAY KEY, has received a lot of critical acclaim, including a starred review from Library Journal. Rollins shares many of the same passions as his protagonist, Jake Ransom. The author's interest in archaeology led him to amass his own Cabinet of Curiosities and, subsequently, write the Jake Ransom books. He lives in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. You can visit him online at www.jamesrollins.com.

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