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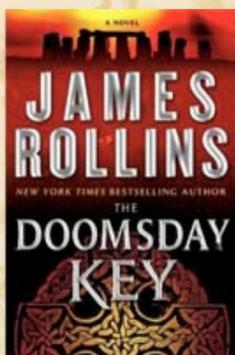
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JUNE NEWSLETTER

THE DOOMSDAY KEY

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The Doomsday Key

Release Date: June 23, 2009

Sigma Force confronts humankind's greatest threat in an adventure that races from the Roman Coliseum to the icy peaks of Norway, from the ruins of medieval abbeys to the lost tombs of Celtic kings. The ultimate nightmare is locked within a talisman buried by a dead saint--an ancient artifact known as the Doomsday Key.

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Origin Behind the Doomsday Key

Official Release: Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Whenever I start a novel, I'm looking for two things: a bit of history that ends in a question mark and some cutting-edge science that makes me think "What if...?"

In the latest thriller, I reach back to the twelfth century, to the prophecies of an Irish saint, a saint only a little less famous than St. Patrick. I am referring to Saint Malachy and his Prophecies of the Popes. According to his history, Saint Malachy was known throughout the ancient British Isles as both a great healer and someone capable of wielding curses, but his most famous story relates to a prophetic vision he had during a pilgrimage in Rome. He was shown all the popes from his time to the end of the world. There were 112 popes in total, each described with a cryptic bit of Latin. To date, each of those descriptions are accurate, even up to Pope Benedict XVI, who Malachy described as "the glory of the olives" (the symbol of the Benedictine order is the olive branch). But the most disturbing part of this story is that the current pope is #111. According to Malachy's prophecy, the very next pope will see the world end.

Is this true? Can this fate be avoided? Read the book for those answers.

As to the science in this story, I'll be delving into the genetic engineering of the world's food. What is really going on with this industry? Should we be disturbed? And on a totally different subject matter, I'll also be tackling another disturbing question: what is REALLY going on with the disappearance of the world's honeybees? There is an answer in The Doomsday Key. And the most frightening of all: it's true.

Interested in the Science behind The Doomsday Key? If so, here is the link: [All the Buzz](#)

Ineresed in the History of The Doomsday Key? If so, here is the link: [Saints and Seeds](#)

IN OTHER NEWS

Touring The Doomsday Key

June - July 2009

I'll be on the road for about a month. I hope to see as many of you as possible out there! And as a reminder for those in the Phoenix area, my signing in sunny Arizona will feature an extra special guest, the father of the modern adventure story: Clive Cussler!

I will be making a number of Radio and TV appearances. In particular, on the Glen Beck **Radio** and **TV** shows. Of course, for specific details about all my **Appearances** visit the appearances page on my [website](#).

Also, during this tour, thanks to all the feed back from all of you, I have hired a professional videographer that will, with two cameras and a wireless mic, film one of my tour appearances. The video will be featured on my website located within the media/video page. Be sure to check that page sometime around late July or the first week in August! Here is the link to the **Video** page if you would like to see my other videos as well as my Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow tour video.

For your convenience, I have listed below the locations where I will be speaking and signing. If your city and state is listed, click on the link and you will be brought to the page giving you all the details about where, when and at what time. But note, there may be additional locations so it is always a good idea to visit the **Appearances** page on my website for the most up-to-date information!

- [Scottsdale, AZ](#)
- [Corte Madera, CA](#)
- [Roseville, CA](#)
- [Aspen, CO](#)
- [Colorado Springs, CO](#)

- [Denver, CO](#)
- [Highlands Ranch, CO](#)
- [Jacksonville, FL](#)
- [New York, NY](#)
- [Houston, TX](#)

Thrillerfest

8th July - 11th, 2009

As co-president of the International Thriller Writers, I would be remiss not to mention the big conference in New York City (July 8th to 11th). A great pantheon of writers will be in town that weekend to share writing tips, stories, and I suspect down a few drinks in the local bars. It's a great place to meet your favorite writers in an intimate setting, to talk shop for those looking to break into writing, and to simply have a great time.

Some of this year's spotlight authors include Robin Cook (who I'll be interviewing!), David Baldacci, Sandra Brown, Clive Cussler, Brad Meltzer, Steve Berry, David Morrell, Katherine Neville...and many, many more.

For more information, click [THRILLER WRITERS](#).

Hardcover Editions

Coming in 2010, 2011 and 2012

Over the past decade, I've been fielding a common question: Are there hardcover editions of your first three books (Subterranean, Excavation, and Deep Fathom)? Until today, that answer has been: No, these books were released in the United States as paperback originals. Well, that answer is about to change. In March 2010, Subterranean will be coming out in a hardback edition, with the other two books coming out once a year after that. So for those looking to make their Rollins library all match on their bookshelf, it's about to happen!

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