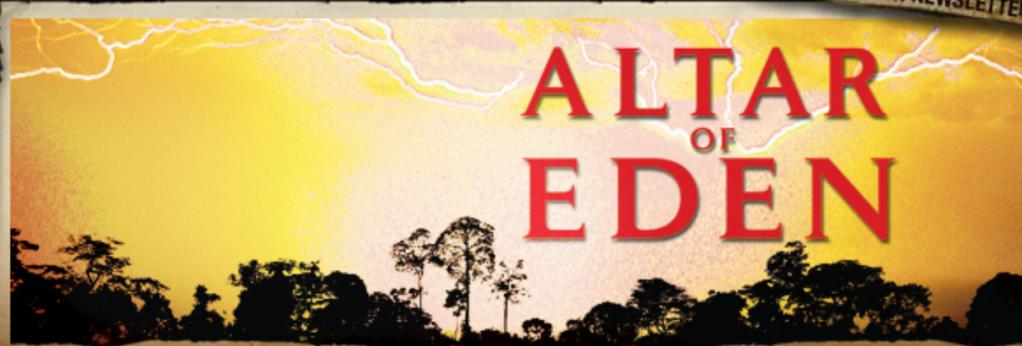


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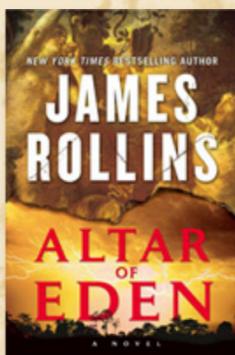
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Altar of Eden, the Truth Behind the Tale pt 2

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

As most of you know, I started my career as a veterinarian. After lots of questions and requests, I've written Altar of Eden, a stand-alone book featuring a vet as the lead character.

Some might think I modeled the character after myself. But while my practice was primarily small animals, Lorna handles exotic species from monkeys to lions. Of course, that doesn't mean I didn't handle my share of interesting animals.

I had one woman who brought in a Tibetan wild cat. It was feral, as large as a cocker spaniel and she always brought it in a net. Usually her visits were for easy things like vaccines that could be given through the net. One visit her complaint was "There's something wrong with his back teeth, but I don't want him tranquilized." It was not a pretty sight. There was much screaming (by both the cat and my technician), but we all escaped with all of our fingers intact. The problem was simply a cat treat stuck in its cheek pouch. Moral of this story: always chew your food properly.

Another time, someone brought in a tarantula with a lice problem. I looked into the plastic spider carrier, looked at the owner...and reached for my can of Raid. Okay, maybe not. But c'mon, people, who keeps a tarantula as a pet?!?

Lastly, a fair amount of my practice was birds. One time the local wildlife rescue center brought in a huge barn owl with an injured claw. We treated the injury but had to hospitalize the bird overnight. I was working late, but just before I left, the owl began to hoot a forlorn sound. The way it echoed through the empty hospital was almost unearthly. If anyone ever wants to film a horror movie at a veterinary hospital, add that hooting owl.

I have always loved treating all manner of beasts, from the common to the exotic. But like most vets, I would love to work in conjunction with a zoo sometime. It would be great to work with the big cats, elephants, giraffes, and for that matter, "all creatures great and small."

Would you like to learn more about Altar of Eden? Click [HERE](#) to read the extensive Q&A. (Be sure to click on the Q&A tab on the website).

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Touring Altar of Eden (Guest Starring Steve Berry!)

January 2009 - February 2010

Our characters have appeared in each others booksnow were appearing together. Ill be heading out on tour in the next few weeks for Altar of Eden and at four of those stops, Ill be joined by my friend and fellow thriller author Steve Berry. Its a dangerous thing when we get together. A complete list of dates and locations can be found [HERE](#).

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