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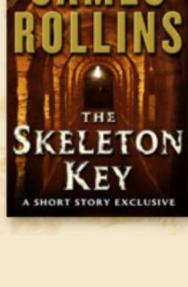
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## THE SKELETON KEY

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### The Skeleton Key

Release Date: **On Sale Now**

Seichan is ripped out of the Sigma series for an adventure all her own—but can she survive? The beautiful and elusive assassin wakes in a hotel in Paris with a deadly electronic collar fastened to her throat. Joined by a boy 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.

To survive, she must venture into the dark world beneath the City of Lights, into the infamous catacombs of Paris. Caught between two enemies, she must fight for her life...while time ticks down toward a fiery apocalypse.

But in the dark, surrounded by the moldering bones of the dead, even success does not equal survival. In the end, the only true hope for the world lies in a stunning act of betrayal.

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### The Skeleton Key: A Short Story Exclusive

Tuesday, May 31st, 2011

With Memorial Day weekend over, summer officially starts - and it's a big summer for me with the upcoming release of *The Devil Colony*. But that's still three weeks off, so I thought I'd offer a little teaser to that book, a short story being released as an ebook exclusive, titled *The Skeleton Key*.

#### It's out TODAY!

So how does this short story tie into *The Devil Colony*?

In this summer's book, the mysterious assassin Seichan arrives on Gray's doorstep with a package of information. In *The Skeleton Key*, we learn how she acquired that bit of intelligence. And it wasn't easy!

I also wanted to write this story for those readers who have never read a Sigma novel before. This thriller can be enjoyed by anyone new to the series. Confined to one character and restricted to a self-contained adventure, I hope this story can serve as a sampler for any reader interested in the series but daunted by a full novel.

Also included with this short story is a sneak peek at the first 70 pages of *The Devil Colony*, where a clue unlocked by *The Skeleton Key* will play a key role.

I hope you enjoy this early glimpse into the big adventure hitting shelves this summer - I know I had a great time writing it!

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### IN OTHER NEWS

#### Learn About the Lie!

*The Devil Colony*, On Sale June 21, 2011

Also in preparation for this summer's release of *The Devil Colony*, here's a brief discussion about the true mysteries at the heart of the novel. This book was two years in the making as I followed a disturbing (but true!) bit of history behind the founding of America. It opens with an intriguing question: *Was America founded on a lie?*

Watch the video below and help spread the word about the lie!

Note: If your email client will not allow you to watch this embedded video, follow this link to view it within your Internet Web Browser: [Spread The Word About The Lie](#).

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The first review has come in for the new book from *Publisher's Weekly*:

*A secret from the past threatens to destroy the modern world in bestseller Rollins's riveting seventh Sigma Force novel...Mormonism, Native American legends, Thomas Jefferson, and explorer Meriwether Lewis, to name just a few of the fascinating characters and scientific threads that stitch this intricate action thriller together. Rollins gets better with each book, and his position at the top of this particular subgenre remains unshaken.*

### Help Spread the Word About the Lie and help a great cause, The Humane Society of America!

I thought I'd mark the upcoming release of *The Devil Colony* with a bit of fun and a chance to help animals in danger (heck, I'm still a veterinarian at heart).

As mentioned above, at the core of this upcoming novel is an intriguing question: *Was America founded on a lie?* Learn the truth in this summer's book. But in the meantime, I've engaged a campaign to help spread the word about that lie. Namely t-shirts, tote bags, and bumper stickers.

They're available through the [James Rollins Store](#) and ship to the following: USA, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, and Europe. [<http://www.cafepress.com/james-rollins>]

So not only can you help SPREAD THE WORD, but ALL profits from these sales are donated directly to the HUMANE SOCIETY OF AMERICA. Each sale helps rescue animals at risk.

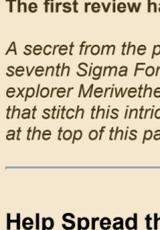
It's a great cause, and on the book tour, I hope to see at least a couple of you wearing them out there. *I'm bringing my camera! You've been warned!*

Also feel free to personalize them with rips and tears, bullet holes, burns, Magic Marker messages, buttons, or whatever you can think of. At the end of the tour, I will have a VERY special prize for the person found with the most interesting take on this new "rescue wear."

So go guerrilla and have at it!

### The Devil Colony [Chapters 1-2]

Preview Available Now



Deep in the Rocky Mountains, a gruesome discovery—hundreds of mummified bodies—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.

During a riot at the dig site, an anthropologist dies horribly: burned to ash in a fiery explosion in plain view of television cameras. All evidence points to a radical group of Native Americans, including one agitator, a teenage firebrand who escapes with a vital clue to the murder and calls on the one person who might help: her uncle, Painter Crowe, director of Sigma Force.

Download Chapters 1 & 2. While you wait for the download, here is what two of my favorite authors had to say about *The Devil Colony*:

From Lee Child, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Worth Dying For*:

"Terrible secrets, the sweep of history, an epic canvas, breathless action...nobody—and I mean nobody—does this stuff better than Rollins."

From Brad Meltzer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Inner Circle*:

"From the hidden Indian treasure, to the Fort Knox secrets, to the conspiracy at the beginning of the United States, *The Devil Colony* gives you every reason why you'll want to be a member of Sigma Force."

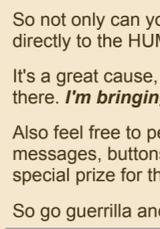
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### Black Order special price ebook

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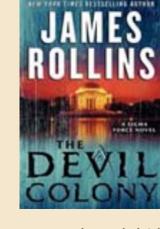
To celebrate the release of *The Devil Colony*, my publisher, William Morrow, will offer *Black Order* (A Sigma Force Novel) ebook edition at the reduced price of \$1.99 from May 31st – June 13th, 2011.

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Last, before I sign off, I want to encourage everyone to join me on Sigma Force Facebook! We're running contests, fun quizzes (okay, some of them stumped me), and it's the fastest way to learn what's going on in my life and in the Sigma community at large. It's also a great way for me to have one-on-one connections with all of you. Plus I love eavesdropping on the discussions. It's like one unending party. So come join the fun and click here!

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