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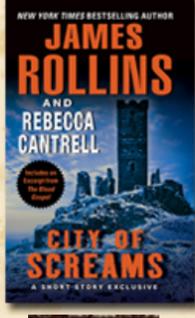
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City of Screams: A Short Story Exclusive

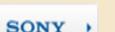
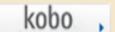
Release Date: **AVAILABLE TODAY - October 30th, 2012**

Just in time for Halloween comes a new short story, a terrifying tale of blood, death, and madness set in war-torn Afghanistan. It's also the first sampling of my new collaboration with award-winning mystery writer, Rebecca Cantrell. It has been fun (along with not a small amount of blood, sweat, and tears on both of our parts) to bring first this short story to light—and then in another couple of months, the full-length novel THE BLOOD GOSPEL. It's the beginning of a huge new venture, bringing the best of both our talents to bear. So get a small taste of what's to come in this short story—along with a teaser into the novel that follows.

From New York Times bestselling author James Rollins and award-winning suspense novelist Rebecca Cantrell comes a disturbing story of vengeance, bloodshed, and creatures that prowl the night.

In the haunted, war-torn highlands of Afghanistan, amid the ruins of Shahr-e-Gholghol, an archaeology team is massacred in the night. Sergeant Jordan Stone and his crack forensic team are called in to examine the site, to hunt for the perpetrators of this horrific act. But the discovery of a survivor—a child of ten—will shatter all the team knows about life and death. Among the crumbling bones of dead kings, something hoary and murderous stirs out of the ancient past, lurching forward to claim vengeance on those still living.

Included with this thrilling story is a sneak peek at The Blood Gospel, where the further exploits of Sergeant Stone and his team will be revealed.



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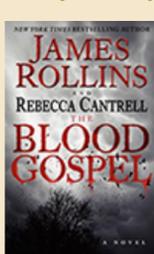
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AND SPEAKING OF THE NOVEL

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013



Below is a short description of THE BLOOD GOSPEL, but if you'd like an early peek at this book, the first 40 or so pages are included with the City of Screams short story. Additionally, please keep following me on Facebook for more details and contests to come in the next few weeks.

An earthquake in Masada, Israel, kills hundreds and reveals a tomb buried in the heart of the mountain. A trio of investigators—Sergeant Jordan Stone, a military forensic expert; Father Rhun Korza, a Vatican priest; and Dr. Erin Granger, a brilliant but disillusioned archaeologist—are sent to explore the macabre discovery, a subterranean temple holding the crucified body of a mummified girl.

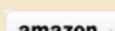
But a brutal attack at the site sets the three on the run, thrusting them into a race to recover what was once preserved in the tomb's sarcophagus: a book rumored to have been written by Christ's own hand, a tome that is said to hold the secrets to His divinity. But the enemy who hounds them is like no other, a force of ancient evil directed by a leader of impossible ambitions and incalculable cunning.

From crumbling tombs to splendorous churches, Erin and her two companions must confront a past that traces back thousands of years, to a time when ungodly beasts hunted the dark spaces of the world, to a moment in history when Christ made a miraculous offer, a pact of salvation for those who were damned for eternity.

Here is a novel that is explosive in its revelation of a secret history and asks many provocative questions. Why do Catholic priests wear pectoral crosses? Why are they sworn to celibacy? Why do the monks hide their countenances under hoods? And why does Catholicism insist that the consecration of wine during Mass results in its transformation to Christ's own blood? The answers to all go back to a secret sect within the Vatican, one whispered as rumor but whose very existence was painted for all to see by Rembrandt himself, a shadowy order known simply as the Sanguines.

In the end, be warned: some books should never be found, never opened—until now.

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IN OTHER NEWS

A TRAIL OF BREADCRUMBS...



Over the upcoming weeks leading up to the launch of The Blood Gospel will be a series of clues leading up to that new book, gathered by a cryptic reporter.

Here are the links to the first two breadcrumbs (with more to come):

[Click the links below to read the clues](#)

[Clue #1](#) | [Clue #2](#)

So Who Is Rebecca Cantrell?



As this is my first collaboration with another author, I figured introductions were in order. First of all, Rebecca Cantrell is the award-winning author of the Hannah Vogel mysteries (starting with A Trace of Smoke). I've been a fan of her work from before her first book was published. So how did we end up working together, what was our process like? There is a short Q&A where you can read about the genesis of this new series and how we worked together to bring forth this first book.

[Click here to read the short Q&A](#)

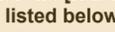
New Sigma Intelligence...hot off the wire

Release Date: **June 25th 2013**



Next summer's Sigma novel has an official title! It's THE EYE OF GOD. And that's all I'm allowed to reveal at this moment, except to say it's a big, bold adventure where everything changes for the team. The book is already available for pre-order!

Preorder the **[Hardcover or E-Book Edition]** book from one of the stores listed below:



Help the Troops



Veterans Day is right around the corner (November 11th). In the spirit of that holiday, I am pleased to announce that I have agreed to serve as the first ambassador for Authors United for Veterans, a new program of USA Cares, Inc.

For those that don't know, USA Cares is a national nonprofit that gives critical financial help to our nation's military veterans. These are hard times. Many military families are financially strapped. USA Cares helps by paying utility bills and rent, and by putting money directly into military pockets. 87 cents of every dollar raised directly helps a veteran or veteran's family. They achieve this by not advertising themselves. Instead, they look to volunteer ambassadors, like me, to help them spread the word.

To that end, I will be collaborating with other writers, starting an awareness and fundraising movement. Please, join me and assist these families who have sacrificed so much of their lives for the good of our great nation.

Please hit the big, red donate button today and give what you can.

