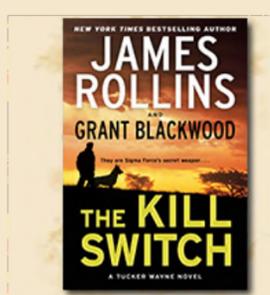




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The Kill Switch: A Tucker Wayne Novel

Available Today: May 13th, 2014

First of all, I'm thrilled to introduce a new saga in the Sigma Force universe: the start of a new series featuring Tucker Wayne and his military war dog Kane in their first solo novel.

This duo won my heart when I introduced them in the short story "Tracker," followed by their full debut in the Sigma novel, BLOODLINE.

But after finishing that book, I knew I wanted to continue their story—and from the feedback of readers, apparently I wasn't alone in this sentiment. So I called on a good friend of mine,

Grant Blackwood, who is not only a U.S. Navy veteran but also a skilled novelist with a slew of bestsellers under his belt. (He's also a big dog lover, too.)

I knew that by pairing his background and knowledge of the military with my love of animals, science, and history, we could craft a story deserving of this unique pair of heroes.

And from the early starred reviews that this new book has garnered so far, I think we might have pulled it off. But I'll leave it to you to be the judge, as you're the reason I spin these tales.

So what's this first outing about?

Tucker Wayne and Kane are recruited by Sigma Force to extract a Russian pharmaceutical magnate out of Siberia, a man who holds the biological key to a new weapon system, a danger engineered out of the ancient past to terrorize the modern world. From the frozen steppes of Russia to the sun-blasted savannahs of Africa, Tucker and Kane must piece together a mystery going back to the origin of life on Earth—before that ancient peril can destroy the heartland of America, and with it, the world.

Trust me when I say: This story NEVER stops. I hope you enjoy the ride!

Early praise:

"The taut and complex story sprints across the globe from Russia to Istanbul to southern Africa to the United States, and offers a diverse cast of well-developed characters and a tightly woven plot that intrigues, excites, and doesn't let go." — Library Journal (*starred review*)

"This exceptional military thriller, a spin-off from bestseller Rollins's Sigma Force series (Bloodline, etc.), introduces U.S. Army Ranger Tucker Wayne and his four-footed partner, a small Belgian shepherd named Kane. ...The action careens across Russia and into South Africa, where Tucker and Kane must go underground to find the deadly life form. Rollins and Blackwood succeed brilliantly at depicting interspecies communication." — Publishers Weekly (*starred review*)



Origin of Tucker and Kane



In the winter of 2010, I was honored to participate in a USO tour of authors to bases in Iraq and Kuwait. It was a thrill to give back and thank the warriors out there in harm's way. But as a veterinarian, I was drawn to those four-legged warriors—and the soldiers who handled them. I observed the pairs working and training, but also playing. It was clear that there was a strikingly unique bond between handler and war dog. On that same tour, I also happened to run into a former veterinary school classmate of mine, who was working with the veterinary corps in Iraq at the time. From him, I was able to learn more about his role working with war dogs, along with what it's like to be a veterinarian in the military.

This experience inspired me to create Tucker Wayne and Kane—but I also wanted to do them justice.

After three decades of working with dogs, I knew that I wanted to portray these stalwart war heroes as they really are—not just as soldiers with four legs, but as real dogs. I wanted readers to experience what it's like to be a war dog—to be in their paws—to accurately capture how a dog perceives the world, how he functions in combat with his unique talents and senses.

I first wrote the short story "Tracker" to try to capture that special bond on paper, to write scenes from Kane's perspective. I then put them through their initial paces as new allies of Sigma in the novel BLOODLINE. But with THE KILL SWITCH, I had a chance to finally give this unique duo all the attention they deserve.

I hope you enjoy their first adventure—it won't be the last!

Who is Grant Blackwood?



In addition to his New York Times bestselling collaborations with Clive Cussler and Tom Clancy, GRANT BLACKWOOD is the author three novels featuring Briggs Tanner: The End of Enemies, The Wall of Night, and An Echo of War. A U. S. Navy veteran, Grant spent three years as an Operations Specialist and a Pilot Rescue Swimmer. He lives in Colorado.

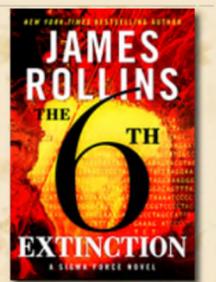
The Kill Switch Tour

Note: For additional appearances not listed below, please visit my [appearances page](#).

- Phoenix, AZ
- San Francisco, CA
- Prescott, AZ
- Denver, CO
- Folsom, CA
- Fort Collins, CO

- Sacramento (Roseville), CA
- Chicago, IL
- Naperville, IL

And coming this summer, Sigma's biggest adventure yet! Out August 12th, 2014



A remote Military research station sends out a frantic distress call, ending with a chilling final command: Kill us all! Personnel from the neighboring base rush in to discover everyone already dead—and not just the scientists, but every living thing for fifty square miles is annihilated: every animal, plant, and insect, even bacteria.

The land is entirely sterile—and the blight is spreading.

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Authors United for Veterans



After coming home from the USO Tour described above, I knew I wanted to continue to help those men and women in the Armed Forces who bravely keep our country safe, in whatever capacity I could. For many veterans, returning home often leads to financial hardships, and the fine people at USA Cares are there to support and counsel them. For every dollar they raise, ninety cents ends up in the pocket of a veteran. So please check out this wonderful organization and [click here](#) to learn how you can help, too. Thanks!

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