



cru-ci-ble: a vessel that purifies with fire

In the latter years of the infamous Spanish Inquisition, a new enlightenment was rising and the persecution of witches was waning across Europe—except within a stubborn inner cabal within the Inquisition. This group took the name Crucibulum (Latin for Crucible) due to their continued attempts to purify the world through fire and torment. The sect continued burning men and women—heretics and witches—often in grisly pageants known as Acts of Faith. It is believed by many that in dark corners of Spain this cabal still exists, still hunts witches, still commits ghastly murders.

With CRUCIBLE, Sigma Force will discover the truth—not only about the mystery surrounding this bloody sect, but also about a real-world threat that looms on our horizon, one that terrifies the likes of Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking. This moment will mark the end of humankind’s dominion over this globe. Maybe even the end to everything.

This is a story I wanted to tell for many years—but it can wait no longer. From consulting experts in this field, this threat will rise in our lifetime. Two researchers claim we’ve already reached this threshold and showed me proof. But I also learned a path through this coming challenge to humanity, a path that the heroes of Sigma Force will discover in this book. Consider this both a cautionary tale—and a possible path to our salvation.

As you might surmise, CRUCIBLE marks Sigma’s greatest and most important chapter—one where the personal stakes for each and every team member have never been higher and where the threat has never been closer to reality.

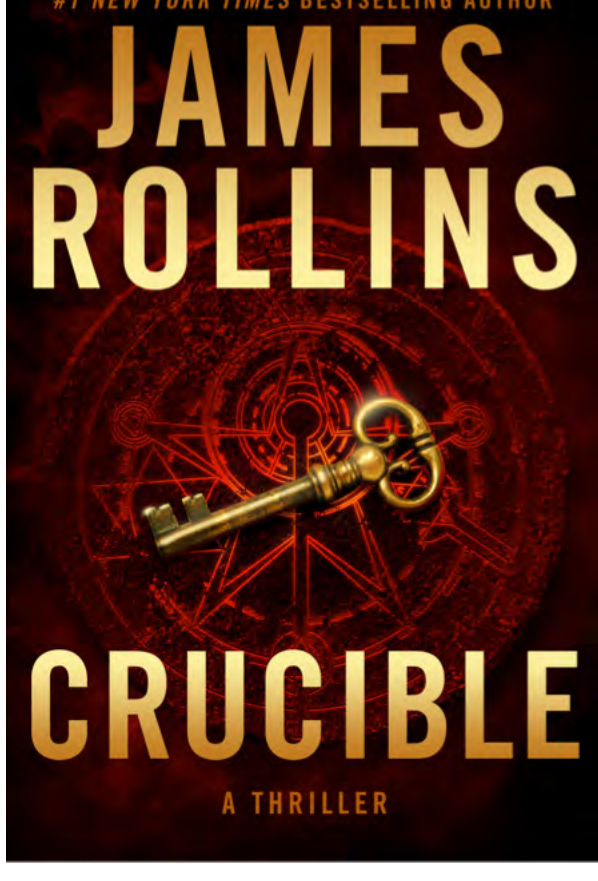
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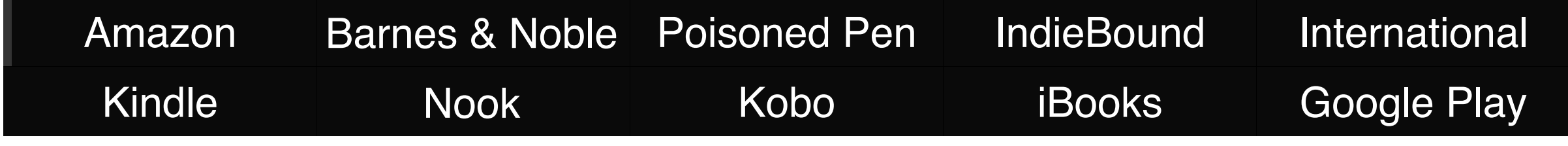
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Out for a drink with his best friend and colleague Monk Kokkalis, Commander Gray Pierce arrives home on Christmas Eve to find his house ransacked, his pregnant lover missing, and Monk’s two young daughters vanished into the night. The only witness to this attack is Monk’s wife, Kat, who is found beaten, bleeding, and comatose on the kitchen floor.

But it is not only their families in danger.

Halfway around the world, the U.S ambassador to Portugal is ambushed at a prestigious scientific symposium of women scientists. She and her colleagues are murdered, their bodies burned beyond recognition. The culprits behind this brutal attack are tied to an ancient sect, one that is determined to return the world to a time of darkness and ignorance, to when witches were burned at the stake.

To stop this cabal and learn the truth about the attack upon their families, Gray and Monk must follow arcane clues tracing back to the time of the Spanish Inquisition—and to the dark mysteries surrounding a Medieval text known as the *Malleus Maleficarum*, the Hammer of Witches, one of the most reviled and blood-soaked books in human history. The shocking revelations that Sigma uncovers about the *past* will reveal a frightening truth in the *present*, and a *future* teetering on the brink of apocalypse.



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Knowing CRUCIBLE is Sigma’s most mind-blowing adventure to date, we prepared a series of EXCLUSIVE editions of this novel.

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