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Editorial Review

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In this sequel to *The Blood Gospel* (2013), archaeologist Erin Granger receives a message from Cardinal Bernard, leader of the Order of Sanguines, a group of vampires operating within the Vatican, whose thirst for human blood is kept in check by the blood of Christ. The message leads Erin back into the ancient war between the Sanguines and the Strigoi, a rival group of vampires whose interests lie in a more evil direction than the Sanguines'. Now a new villain has surfaced, a man who calls himself Judas Iscariot—and who may indeed be the biblical Judas. To save the world from Armageddon, Erin reluctantly joins forces with another entity whose evil nature is not to be trifled with. This collaboration between Rollins, the well-known author of the Sigma Force thrillers (contemporary stories with ties to ancient riddles), and Cantrell, author of the atmospheric Hannah Vogel mysteries (set in Berlin in the 1930s), should appeal to their fans, but also to readers who like an action-packed, epic-size story portraying the battle between Good and Evil. --David Pitt

Review

"A thriller of dark subterranean complexity, rather like a rare, vintage red wine." (NY Journal of Books)

"A combination of religious conspiracy and another popular genre, and to reveal more about the concept behind this engaging novel would be a crime." (Washington Post on *THE BLOOD GOSPEL*)

"There's a touch of genius... in pairing a Dan Brown-ian hidden-codex mystery with a vampire tale. Let that suffice lest spoilers ruin the fun, except to say that the blood of the title is no accident." (Kirkus on *INNOCENT BLOOD*)

"[A]nother darkly hypnotic hybrid, and supremely effective, horror-thriller... A harrowing tale that's truly epic in scope. Not to be missed." (Providence Journal on *INNOCENT BLOOD*)

"[C]aptures the imagination and leaves the reader panting in anticipation for the next adventure." (New York Journal of Books on *INNOCENT BLOOD*)

"[An] intense and shocking thriller...filled with history, espionage, love, revenge, and the power of forgiveness." (Library Journal on *INNOCENT BLOOD*)

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From the Author

About James Rollins

JAMES ROLLINS is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of international thrillers that have been translated into more than forty languages. Known for unveiling unseen worlds, scientific breakthroughs, and historical secrets, Rollins' knack for breakneck pacing and stunning originality has been hailed by critics and embraced by scores of millions of readers around the world.

The Critics Rave

The New York Times says that his "roguish charm comes from his efforts to persuade readers the story is credible [through] real-life sources for his novel's science, history and geography." Rollins' rare blend of action, suspense, and knowledge was also mentioned by the Huffington Post, which stated that "After Crichton passed away in 2008 he clearly passed the baton to James Rollins, who like Crichton, is a renaissance man."

NPR calls his work "adventurous and enormously engrossing..." and the New York Journal of Books had this to say: "If you're a fan of smart, entertaining adventure fiction, this is your summer beach read writ large....All the science, all the history, and all the locations are masterfully intertwined. The characters are multi-dimensional. And the story is, well, a corker."

The Story Teller's Story

As a boy immersed in the scientific adventures of Doc Savage, the wonders of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, and pulps such as *The Shadow*, *The Spider*, and *The Avenger*, James Rollins decided he wanted to be a writer. He honed his storytelling skills early, spinning elaborate tales that were often at the heart of pranks played on his brothers and sisters.

Before he would set heroes and villains on harrowing adventures, Rollins embarked on a career in veterinary medicine, graduating from the University of Missouri and establishing a successful veterinary practice. This hands-on knowledge of medicine and science helps shape the research and scientific speculation that set James Rollins books apart.

Explosive Page-Turning Adventures

The exotic locales of James Rollins novels have emerged as a hybrid between imagination, research, and his extensive travels throughout the United States and Europe, as well as New Zealand, the South Pacific, China, Southeast Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America. Recent jaunts include book tours and stops across the country and several European nations to give talks, seminars, and media interviews. In recent years, much of James' travel has involved meeting readers in small and large groups, at writing and fan conferences, and even aboard seagoing "seminars." James' mentoring and coaching skills have made him a sought after writing instructor and guest speaker for workshops, symposia, conventions, and other forums throughout the country.

James Rollins is the author of nine thrillers in the bestselling Sigma Force series (*Sandstorm*, *Map of Bones*, *Black Order*, *The Judas Strain*, *The Last Oracle*, *The Doomsday Key*, *The Devil Colony*, *Bloodline*, and *The Eye of God*); six individual adventure thrillers; and the Jake Ransom middle grade series (*Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow*, *Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx*.)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Kenneth Roland:

Nowadays reading books are more than want or need but also be a life style. This reading routine give you lot of advantages. The advantages you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book in which improve your knowledge and information. The information you get based on what kind of publication you read, if you want attract knowledge just go with schooling books but if you want experience happy read one along with theme for entertaining including comic or novel. The *Innocent Blood: The Order*

of the Sanguines Series is kind of book which is giving the reader capricious experience.

Michael Brown:

People live in this new day time of lifestyle always aim to and must have the extra time or they will get large amount of stress from both day to day life and work. So , once we ask do people have free time, we will say absolutely without a doubt. People is human not really a robot. Then we question again, what kind of activity do you possess when the spare time coming to a person of course your answer will certainly unlimited right. Then ever try this one, reading textbooks. It can be your alternative in spending your spare time, the particular book you have read is Innocent Blood: The Order of the Sanguines Series.

Diane Morgan:

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