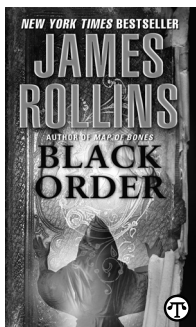


Adventures in Reading

Best-selling Thriller Is A Hot Read

(NAPSA)—How far can man push evolutionary science before it goes too far? It's one of the provocative questions discussed in the New York Times best-selling thriller "Black Order" (Harper paperbacks, on sale June 2007). Author



James Rollins' book finds Sigma Force, a covert arm of the Department of Defense, venturing "to the brink of death to puzzle out mysteries that encompass the theories of evolution, intelligent design and

the physical and spiritual nature of love and God" (Publishers Weekly).

"Black Order" plunges into the religious and scientific debates surrounding the origin of life and the creation of a master race—and finds Sigma Force making an unholy pact with an enemy unlike any other in history. And it is up to Commander Gray Pierce to find the balance between salvation and damnation, even if it means sacrificing those close to him.

The new thriller is a complex and compelling novel that intertwines three simultaneous story lines: one set in the Himalayas, one that races from the modern streets of Copenhagen to ancient German strongholds, and one that roams the wild expanses of a South African nature preserve. The plotlines converge through a series of cryptic runes, arcane Nazi philosophies, the creation of a master race through gene-altering experiments and the search for the origins of life.