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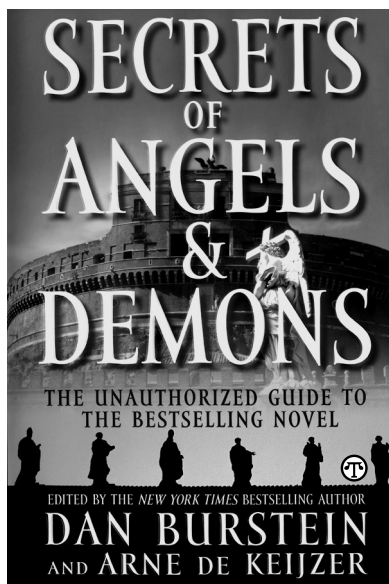
(NAPSA)—Sometimes when you finish a real page-turner, it's hard to shake the story from your head. So hard, in fact, you read a book about the book you just read. That's the idea behind one of the latest trends in the book industry: books about books.

For instance, "Secrets of Angels & Demons: The Unauthorized Guide to the Bestselling Novel" (CDS Books/Squibnocket Partners, \$23.95) takes a close—and informed—look at the bestselling "Angels and Demons," by Dan Brown. The book examines the truth behind many of the historical scenarios posed in the novel.

"Secrets of Angels & Demons" made its debut on The New York Times Extended Bestseller list at #25. It was written by Dan Burstein and Arne de Keijzer. The authors' previous book, "Secrets of the Code" (CDS Books/Squibnocket), which dealt with Brown's popular "The Da Vinci Code," spent over 20 weeks on the Times' bestseller list.

In "Secrets of Angels & Demons," Burstein and de Keijzer present original essays, interviews and book excerpts from some of the world's leading thinkers and experts—including theologians, scientists, technologists, Vatican watchers, art historians, symbologists, philosophers, forensic medicine specialists, linguists, conspiracy theorists and conspiracy theory debunkers.

"Dan Brown's books weave easy-to-digest bits of Big Think and arguments from the history of Western civilization around fast-paced murder mystery plots," observes Dan Burstein. "Our books in the 'Secrets' series bring genuine world-class experts into



A popular new book examines a recent bestseller.

the discussion to help readers sort out fact from fiction. Even though Brown may be wrong on some of his facts, where else in contemporary culture would you find millions of people interested in discussing Bernini, Galileo, and the Illuminati? The experts of the 'Secrets' books help extend and deepen the ideas that Dan Brown only touches on."

Publishers say a key to the "Secrets" series' popularity is that it covers ideas raised in Dan Brown's books in balanced ways, with equal time given to the religious and scientific points of view. This lets the reader "make up his or her own mind," says de Keijzer.

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