

The Secret Of The Crown

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Delve into the enigmatic past with "The Secret of the Crown," an captivating journey uncovering a hidden royal mystery. Explore the ancient historical intrigue and the profound implications of a long-guarded crown secret, finally brought to light. This compelling narrative promises to unveil truths about power, legacy, and the unseen forces shaping royal destinies.

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Now available in paperback, award-winning journalist, author, and monarchical authority John Fraser offers a fascinating account of Canada's ongoing affair with royalty, set against the backdrop of an historic wedding, a Diamond Jubilee year, and a rogue prince. With his trademark wit and artful agility, Fraser looks at the Crown's evolution from the Age of Deference to the era of celebrity to the present popular revival. He examines the differences between tribal monarchy and constitutional monarchy, the key roles of the governor general and the lieutenant governor, and the media's insatiable appetite for the Royal Family. Finally, he speculates on the future reign of Charles, Prince of Wales, and pays homage to Queen Elizabeth II on her Diamond Jubilee. Erudite and highly entertaining, The Secret of the Crown offers a captivating appraisal of Canada's long-standing affair with royalty. This volume includes a lavish 32-page photo insert to create a spectacular visual history of the once and future crown.

The Secret Crown

After Jonathon Payne and David Jones are pulled into a mystery surrounding documents found in a World War II bunker, they quickly find themselves in a struggle to uncover the truth about the mythical treasure of King Ludwig II.

The Secret Crown

Bavaria, 1886 King Ludwig II, infamous for his eccentric behavior, is declared insane by his government and removed from his throne. A day later, Ludwig's corpse washes up in the shallows of Lake Starnberg. Rumours about the cause of the tragedy abound, but few people know why Ludwig was really killed. Or what secret was silenced by his death. Germany, present day . . . Hidden among the crates in a newly discovered Nazi bunker are documents stamped with a black swan, the insignia of the murdered king. As a favour to a friend, Jonathon Payne and David Jones fly to Bavaria to protect the documents, but soon face a life-or-death battle against an unknown enemy. From the depths of the Black Forest to the

water canals underneath Ludwig's castles, the duo must solve the mystery behind the king's death or share his tragic fate.

The Secret Life of the Crown Prince

A Daily Mail Book of the Year and a The Times and Sunday Times Best Book of 2021 'Monumental.. Authoritative and highly readable.' Ben Macintyre, The Times 'A fascinating history of royal espionage.' Sunday Times 'Excellent... Compelling' Guardian For the first time, *Spying and the Crown* uncovers the remarkable relationship between the Royal Family and the intelligence community, from the reign of Queen Victoria to the death of Princess Diana. In an enthralling narrative, Richard J. Aldrich and Rory Cormac show how the British secret services grew out of persistent attempts to assassinate Victoria and then operated on a private and informal basis, drawing on close personal relationships between senior spies, the aristocracy, and the monarchy. This reached its zenith after the murder of the Romanovs and the Russian revolution when, fearing a similar revolt in Britain, King George V considered using private networks to provide intelligence on the loyalty of the armed forces - and of the broader population. In 1936, the dramatic abdication of Edward VIII formed a turning point in this relationship. What originally started as family feuding over a romantic liaison with the American divorcee Wallis Simpson, escalated into a national security crisis. Fearing the couple's Nazi sympathies as well as domestic instability, British spies turned their attention to the King. During the Second World War, his successor, King George VI gradually restored trust between the secret world and House of Windsor. Thereafter, Queen Elizabeth II regularly enacted her constitutional right to advise and warn, raising her eyebrow knowingly at prime ministers and spymasters alike. Based on original research and new evidence, *Spying and the Crown* presents the British monarchy in an entirely new light and reveals how far their majesties still call the shots in a hidden world. Previously published as *The Secret Royals*.

Spying and the Crown

When Aldwyn, a young alley cat on the run, ducks into a mysterious pet shop, he doesn't expect his life to change. But that's exactly what happens when Jack, a young wizard, picks Aldwyn to be his magical familiar. Finally off the tough streets, Aldwyn thinks he's got it made. He just has to convince the other familiars—the know-it-all blue jay Skylar and the friendly tree frog Gilbert—that he's the telekinetic cat he claims to be. But when Jack and two other wizards in training are captured by a terrible evil, it will take all of Aldwyn's street smarts, a few good friends, and a nose for adventure to save the day!

The Familiars

When human magic is destroyed, familiars Aldwyn the cat, Skylar the blue jay, and Gilbert the tree frog set out without their wizards to seek the Crown of the Snow Leopard, the only object that can save the kingdom of Vastia from the evil hare Paksahara.

The Familiars #2: Secrets of the Crown

Based on documents newly released from KGB archives, this lively account of Soviet foreign intelligence activity in Great Britain during the Cold War provides much new information on the activities of the well-known British pro-Soviet spies as well as many lesser-known spymasters and recruiters. Illustrations.

The Crown Jewels

Britain is on the brink of invasion. George is sent to the countryside while his brother and guardian, Charlie, fights overseas. But the war is closer than he thinks. Nearby, an ancient burial ground hides a treasure Hitler is desperate to possess. George must find and protect it before it's too late...

Crown of Secrets

On May Day, 1464, six-year-old Katherine Woodville, daughter of a duchess who has married a knight of modest means, awakes to find her gorgeous older sister, Elizabeth, in the midst of a secret marriage to King Edward IV. It changes everything—for Kate and for England. Then King Edward dies unexpectedly. Richard III, Duke of Gloucester, is named protector of Edward and Elizabeth's two young princes, but Richard's own ambitions for the crown interfere with his duties... Lancastrians against Yorkists: greed, power, murder, and war. As the story unfolds through the unique perspective of Kate Woodville, it soon becomes apparent that not everyone is wholly evil-or wholly good. Award-winning author Susan

Higginbotham's *The Stolen Crown* is a compelling tale of one marriage that changed the fate of England forever. Praise for *The Stolen Crown*: "The Wars of the Roses come spectacularly to life in Susan Higginbotham's compelling new novel about Kate Woodville, sister to Queen Elizabeth of England. A sweeping tale of danger, treachery, and love, *The Stolen Crown* is impossible to put down!" -Michelle Moran, bestselling author of *Cleopatra's Daughter* "A fascinating and compelling look at a tumultuous era. Susan Higginbotham writes the perfect blend of historical fact and fiction." -Elizabeth Kerri Mahon, creator of the *Scandalous Women* blog "A new King with a secret Queen; love and tears, loyalty and turmoil. With a single stroke, Susan Higginbotham transports her readers into a vividly portrayed past, where the turbulent lives of her characters become very real. Probably her best novel yet!" -Helen Hollick, author of the *Pendragon's Banner* trilogy "A tale of love, palace intrigue, and betrayal...Susan Higginbotham draws the reader under her spell, her characters vivid and real: their voices, their loves, their losses. She brings the dead to life." -Christy English, author of *The Queen's Pawn*

The Buried Crown

The full story of Britain's most secret partnership: the monarchy and their intelligence services.

Stolen Crown

In *The Caper of the Crown Jewels*, Jack is summoned to solve a matter of grave national importance: the theft of the Crown Jewels of the British Empire from the Tower of London. Arriving on the scene, he is greeted by a traditional Tower guard- a Yeoman Warder (or Beefeater)- who explains what's missing: The Imperial State Crown, the Sovereign's Orb, and the Sovereign's Scepter with the cross containing the finest-cut diamond in the world, the Star of Africa. Jack identifies Ivan the Incredible and his assistant, Jazz, as the thieves immediately--but puzzling out how they did it is stickier. The famous Tower has the most advanced security in the world, and even using his impressive gadgets (the Encryption notebook, Heli-Spacer, Rock Corer, and Rope Tornado) Jack is flummoxed by how the jewels were spirited out. However, Jack can conjure up more than gadgets--he foils the evil magicians with some powerful mojo of his own, dispels an invisibility enchantment, and narrowly avoids the executioner's block before restoring the jewels to the crown and earning the gratitude of the Queen herself!

Spying and the Crown

Secret Memoirs: The Story of Louise, Crown Princess, a classical book, has been considered essential throughout the human history, and so that this work is never forgotten we at Alpha Editions have made efforts in its preservation by republishing this book in a modern format for present and future generations. This whole book has been reformatted, retyped and designed. These books are not made of scanned copies of their original work and hence the text is clear and readable.

Secret Agent Jack Stalwart: Book 4: The Caper of the Crown Jewels: England

By Henry W. Fischer Of *Memoirs* that are truly faithful records of royal lives, we have a few; the late Queen Victoria led the small number of crowned autobiographists only to discourage the reading of self-satisfied royal ego-portrayals forever, but in the *Story of Louise of Saxony* we have the main life epoch of a Cyprian Royal, who had no inducement to say anything false and is not afraid to say anything true.

Secret Memoirs

Leaving her Dominican Order to stand by a cousin who has been condemned to death by Henry VIII, novice Joanna Stafford and her father are arrested and ordered by the Bishop of Winchester to recover a religious artifact believed to hold a sacred power.

Secret Memoirs

"Inspirational historical romance"--Spine.

Secret Memoirs: The Story of Louise, Crown Princess

A royal young adult epic fantasy novel with intrigue, magic, and enemies to lovers romance. This first book in a brilliant epic fantasy series is about a young woman who goes from having nothing to fighting for everything. Perfect for fans of *Throne of Glass* and *Shadow and Bone*. She wasn't supposed to

become so powerful. She wasn't even supposed to survive. In an empire divided into three rings, Talise is from the lowliest and most dangerous outer ring. To escape that life, she just has to do three things. 1) Attend an elite academy for manipulating the elements of water, air, earth, and fire. 2) Become the most powerful student in her year. 3) Prove her magic is the best in a competition in front of the emperor himself. Everything goes according to plan until a handsome and rich young man shows up with just as much skill as her. She has to win. She has to hate him. But when the competition falls apart, the emperor forces them to work together instead. Their growing attraction only distracts them from dark truths the empire has hidden for too long. Secrets lurk in every shadow of the palace, hiding a conflict that sits on the brink of war. But Talise has secrets of her own. Secrets that could destroy her. A war is coming. Talise can only hope she's powerful enough to meet it. This completed young adult fantasy series includes: Book 0: Ice Crown (get for *free) Book 1: The Elements of the Crown (this includes Ice Crown, which is *Free, it also includes the rest of book 1) Book 2: The Elements of the Gate Book 3: The Elements of the Storm Omnibus: The Elements of Kamdaria The Complete Series PRAISE FOR THE ELEMENTS OF KAMDARIA EPIC FANTASY SERIES "Elemental magic, magic trials, a masquerade ball, and an enemies to friends to lovers plot? Yes please!" --Tessonja Odette, author of Curse of the Wolf King "The twists of this series are never ending and will have you gasping for breath along the way. Any fan of danger, adventure, elemental magic and pushing the buttons will love this book! Perfect for fans of Elise Kova and LJ Andrews." "This is a brilliant read. Wonderful well written plot and story line that had me engaged from the start. Love the well fleshed out characters and found them believable. Great suspense and action with wonderful world building that adds so much to the story. Can't wait to read more." "This book has deception, betrayal and romance with strong characters and awesome friendships. It is filled with lots of twists you don't see coming." Readers who like young adult epic fantasy, young adult fantasy, YA fantasy books, YA Fantasy, epic fantasy fiction, young adult fantasy, romantic fantasy, fantasy romance, Elise Kova, Tessonja Odette, LJ Andrews Sabaa Tahir, Sarah J. Maas, Victoria Aveyard, Kiera Cass, Leigh Bardugo, and Elise Kova are sure to love this royal young adult epic fantasy novel with intrigue, magic, and enemies to lovers romance.

The Crown

In 1941 the European war ended in the Farthing Peace, a rapprochement between Britain and Nazi Germany. The balls and banquets of Britain's upper class never faltered, while British ships ferried "undesirables" across the Channel to board the cattle cars headed east. Peter Carmichael is commander of the Watch, Britain's distinctly British secret police. It's his job to warn the Prime Minister of treason, to arrest plotters, and to discover Jews. The midnight knock of a Watchman is the most dreaded sound in the realm. Now, in 1960, a global peace conference is convening in London, where Britain, Germany, and Japan will oversee the final partition of the world. Hitler is once again on British soil. So is the long exiled Duke of Windsor - and the rising gangs of "British Power" streetfighters, who consider the Government "soft," may be the former king's bid to stage a coup d'état. Amidst all this, two of the most unlikely persons in the realm will join forces to oppose the fascists: a debutante whose greatest worry until now has been where to find the right string of pearls, and the Watch Commander himself.

The Secret Princess

Peter, a young City of London high-flyer, is approached and recruited by a secret society. He finds out that his father and his grandfather have all worked for the same people. His appointment takes him on travels that he could only ever dream about. The prime objective of the organisation being to 'Protect The Crown' at all costs.

The Elements of the Crown

A ship adrift, all hands dead. A lighthouse keeper murdered in the night. The Crown needs man to find the truth. Doctor Mungo Lyon, his reputation tarnished by the Burke & Hare scandal, and forbidden to practise as a surgeon, is the wrong man. That's exactly why the Crown chose him.

Secret Memoirs: The Story of Louise, Crown Princess

Natharr is Guardian of Maarihk, one of a long line of protectors dating back to the Firstborn Age, before the Aa Conquest. Natharr's is an ancient role, rooted in his Firstblood, giving him Sight to see what is yet to be, adhering to his sacred duties even in the centuries since the Firstborn were forced to the brink of extinction by the Aa. Natharr still stands guard over all men, Aa or Firstborn, Seeing what will

come to pass, determining what can be avoided and what cannot. Spending decades planning, even for saving the life of the newborn Crown Prince, so he may one day reclaim the throne.

Half A Crown

'One of the best fantasy book series of the past decade' **TIME** Never trust an assassin. Celaena's story continues in this second book in the #1 bestselling Throne of Glass series by Sarah J. Maas. Celaena Sardothien won a brutal contest to become the King's Champion. But she is far from loyal to the crown. Though she goes to great lengths to hide her secret, her deadly charade becomes more difficult when she realises she is not the only one seeking justice. Her search for answers ensnares those closest to her, and no one is safe from suspicion -- not the Crown Prince Dorian; not Chaol, the Captain of the Guard; not even her best friend, Nehemia, a princess with a rebel heart. Then, one terrible night, the secrets they have all been keeping lead to an unspeakable tragedy. As Celaena's world shatters, she will be forced to decide once and for all where her true loyalties lie ... and what she is willing to fight for. The second book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Throne of Glass series returns readers to a land destroyed by liars, where one woman's truth is the only thing that can save them all.

The Secret Journeys of the Golden Hinde

Bestselling author Jennifer Estep returns to her Crown of Shards world with an all-new trilogy and a bold new heroine who protects her kingdom from magic, murder, and mayhem by moonlighting as a spy. Gemma Ripley has a reputation for being a pampered princess who is more interested in pretty gowns, sparkling jewelry, and other frivolous things than learning how to rule the kingdom of Andvari. But her carefully crafted persona is just an act to hide the fact that Gemma is a powerful mind magier—and a spy. Gemma is undercover, trying to figure out who is stealing large amounts of tearstone from one of the Ripley royal mines when she encounters Prince Leonidas Morricone of Morta—her mortal enemy. Gemma tries to steer clear of the handsome prince, but when she finds herself behind enemy lines, she reluctantly joins forces with Leo. Also coming to Gemma's aid is Grimley, her beloved gargoyle. Despite the fact that Andvari and Morta are old, bitter enemies, a dangerous attraction sparks between Gemma and Leo. Further complicating matters is Leo's murderous family, especially Queen Maeven Morricone, the mastermind behind the infamous Seven Spire massacre. The closer Gemma gets to the stolen tearstone, the more deadly plots she uncovers. Everyone is trying to capture the crown, but only one queen can sit on the throne ...

The Crown Agent

The first biography of Australia's own fairytale princess.

Crown Prince

When a powerful demon, summoned by the secret society of European witches known as the Covenant, tries to possess their newborn infant, Proctor and Deborah, embarking on a desperate journey to Europe to destroy the Covenant, uncover a dark, necromantic design of epic proportions. Original.

Crown of Midnight

An anonymous barrister offers a shocking, darkly comic and very moving journey through the legal system – and explains how it's failing all of us. The Sunday Times number one bestseller. Winner of the Books are My Bag Non-Fiction Award. Shortlisted for Waterstones Book of the Year. Shortlisted for Specsavers Non-Fiction Book of the Year. You may not wish to think about it, but one day you or someone you love will almost certainly appear in a criminal courtroom. You might be a juror, a victim, a witness or – perhaps through no fault of your own – a defendant. Whatever your role, you'd expect a fair trial. I'm a barrister. I work in the criminal justice system, and every day I see how fairness is not guaranteed. Too often the system fails those it is meant to protect. The innocent are wronged and the guilty allowed to walk free. In *The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken* I want to share some stories from my daily life to show you how the system is broken, who broke it and why we should start caring before it's too late. A Sunday Times top ten bestseller for twenty-four weeks. 'Eye-opening, funny and horrifying' – Observer 'Everyone who has any interest in public life should read it' – Daily Mail

Capture the Crown

In an absorbing mystery thriller, a teenage girl with a past arrives in a city: new name, new identity, new foster family. She has chosen the city herself, and is fascinated by its harmony and beauty, but is clearly in fear of discovery. She is nursing a secret from her early childhood, a secret that produces new terrors for her the moment she fears her identity has been spotted. A parallel narrative tells of a young architect's apprentice, Zak, in 1750 - working with Jonathan Forrest, a man obsessed with past Druidic mysteries and a new architectural vision for the city. He plans to create the world's first circular terraced street, the King's Circus - a plan greeted with scorn and derision. Zac soon realises there's more than just obsession with an architectural vision; there is some secret associated with building a hidden chamber in the centre of the Circus. But Zac himself has his own confused and highly destructive agenda ... These narratives are framed by the voice of Bladud - mythical first builder of the city, destined to die in trying to fly. And ultimately his narrative brings all together in a clever and brilliantly intriguing climax.

Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark

Publisher Description

The Demon Redcoat

It is the final years of the 18th century, but a world which few would recognise. The people of Europe shelter in small islands of safety, havens from the enchanted wilderness - the strange boundless forests people call the Tumble. It is across this demon-haunted landscape that the low-born officer Taliesin must lead his men, caught up in the deadliest of intrigues while fighting wars for a noble class which despises him. With vicious murderers from the worst gutters in the Realm marching behind him, and the forces of the most powerful nations of the mainland arrayed against him, the odds are stacked against Taliesin. Heavily. Yet he will fight on, battling armies, sorcerers, assassins, beastmen and cross into the face of hell itself. Not for loyalty, or grudging respect for his scheming monarch - not even for the small mountain of silver the Island Queen has promised him if he succeeds. But because fighting is all he and his pressed band of cut-throats and thieves have ever known.

The Secret Barrister

This is a typical enemies-turn-to-lovers romance story between two young men. When Crown Prince Shen Qinghan actually married Lin Jie, a street vendor, countless girls who adored the prince were heartbroken. And the cause of this seemingly absurd event was a promise made by the Emperor when he was young. On the wedding day, the Crown Prince didn't seem happy at all. After all, he did not wish to marry Lin Jie on his own accord. Lin Jie, who was about to become the crown princess, was also confused. He had indeed thought of marrying a rich man in the future, but he had never thought of marrying the current crown prince! Lin Jie wanted to run away from the marriage, but the Crown Prince caught him while he was climbing the wall. Because his shoes were a bit too big, one shoe fell off and hit the Crown Prince in the face... Lin Jie was so scared, sitting still on the wall. "Get off." Shen Qinghan said, showing little emotion. This is awkward. About the Author Ye Dong, one of the best BL/Yaoi writers. Her novels often feature creative storylines and bitter-sweet secret love between main characters. Her masterpieces include Devil Monarch, Be a Good Lover, Captured by His Gentle Love, The 'Crown Princess' Wants to Run Away.

Crown of Acorns

The secret to their future lies in the past. War rages on, stretching the Army of Merceria to the breaking point. Even with Norland armies marching in the north, their capital proves the tougher challenge, leaving Gerald no choice but to split his army. Meanwhile, devastated by the loss of its king, Weldwyn desperately struggles to marshal enough forces to repel the inevitable invasion from their greatest rival. Seizing the opportunity, the Twelve Clans flood across the border, confident that this time they will fulfill their destiny. Now, as conflict sweeps across the lands, the Dark Queen finally unleashes her ruthless fury. Can the youngest kingdom defeat humanity's oldest foe? Join Anna and Gerald as they struggle to save the kingdom they have spent so many years building as the Heir to the Crown series continues in Book Nine, War of the Crown. Prepare to engage in battle as you unsheathe War of the Crown. New to the series? Meet Gerald Matheson, the steadfast warrior in *Servant of the Crown*, Heir to the Crown: Book One, available in eBook, Audiobook, and Paperback. What readers are saying about Paul J Bennett's books: - "Fantastic Fantasy" - "Fabulously written, loved it." - "Another excellent book series!!" - "Wow! Best book I've read in a LONG time!" - "Thoroughly absorbing, exciting and

mystical" - "If you like fantasy fiction, then this is a must-read!" - "This story gripped me and kept me turning the pages." - "Action, Intrigue, Adventure, Romance and some twists!" - "I love the book, had me on edge and could not put it down!" - "The most amazing adventure with a strong magical influence." - "The characters you love in the books come to life in such a fabulous way" - "The tale flows effortlessly along, blending action, adventure and heartwarming scenes." - "It's really difficult to stop reading these books. Looking forward to more books from this author." Other Books by Paul J Bennett: Heir to the Crown Series: Battle at the River - Prequel Servant of the Crown Sword of the Crown Mercerian Tales: Stories of the Past Heart of the Crown Shadow of the Crown Mercerian Tales: The Call of Magic Fate of the Crown Burden of the Crown Mercerian Tales: The Making of a Man Defender of the Crown Fury of the Crown Mercerian Tales: Honour Thy Ancestors War of the Crown Triumph of the Crown The Frozen Flame Series: The Awakening/Into the Fire - Prequels Ashes Embers Flames Inferno Frost Power Ascending Series: Tempered Steel - Prequel Temple Knight Warrior Knight Temple Captain Warrior Lord The Chronicles of Cyric: Into the Maelstrom - Prequel A Midwinter Murder The Beast of Brunhausen

Murder in Istanbul

The Immortal Crown is the second novel in the acclaimed Age of X series from New York Times bestselling author, Richelle Mead. Religious investigator Justin March and Mae Koskinen, the beautiful supersoldier assigned to protect him, have been charged with investigating reports of the supernatural and the return of the gods, both inside the Republic of United North America and out. With this highly classified knowledge comes a shocking revelation: not only are the gods vying for human control, but the elect-special humans marked by the divine-are turning against one another in bloody fashion. Their mission takes a new twist when they are assigned to a diplomatic delegation headed by Lucian Darling, Justin's old friend and rival, going into Arcadia, the RUNA's dangerous neighboring country. Here, in a society where women are commodities and religion is intertwined with government, Justin discovers powerful forces at work, even as he struggles to come to terms with his own reluctantly acquired deity. Meanwhile, Mae-grudgingly posing as Justin's concubine-has a secret mission of her own: finding the illegitimate niece her family smuggled away years ago. But with Justin and Mae resisting the resurgence of the gods in Arcadia, a reporter's connection with someone close to Justin back home threatens to expose their mission-and with it the divine forces the government is determined to keep secret. Praise for Richelle Mead: 'The book is fast-paced and suspenseful' Booklist 'An engaging read, with an unusually tangible, believable, living story world, featuring a protagonist of unexpected depth and sympathy' Jim Butcher (on Succubus Blues) The Age of X is a new fantasy series from Richelle Mead, containing all the mythological intrigue and relentless action of her bestselling Vampire Academy and Bloodlines series. The Immortal Crown is the second novel in the series following Gameboard of the Gods. Fans of Chloe Neill and Jim Butcher should look this way. Richelle Mead, the New York Times bestselling author of Vampire Academy, lives in Seattle, Washington with her husband and baby. Gameboard of the Gods, the first in the Age of X series and Richelle's first adult novel, is also available from Penguin.

Crown Duel

A hidden door. A magical staircase. Discover the world of Droon! Has Eric gone bad for good? The young wizard has joined forces with the villainous Moon Dragon, Gethwing, to seek out a magical artifact that will give them untold power. Keeah, Julie, Neal, Galen, and Max know they need to do whatever it takes to stop Eric and Gethwing-- even if it means putting their old friend in harm's way. But Gethwing is planning something more terrifying than even Galen can predict. And with Eric at his side, he may be unstoppable. . .

For The Crown and The Dragon

"Bone-chilling." –Publishers Weekly (Starred Review) "One of the best in the series." –Booklist (Starred Review) To save mankind's future, the members of Sigma Force must make a devil's bargain as they join forces with their most hated enemy to stop an ancient threat in this gripping adventure from #1 New York Times bestselling author James Rollins. Off the coast of Brazil, a team of scientists discovers a horror like no other, an island where all life has been eradicated, consumed, and possessed by a species beyond imagination. Before they can report their discovery, a mysterious agency attacks the group, killing them all, save one: an entomologist, an expert on venomous creatures, Professor Ken Matsui from Cornell University. Strangest of all, this inexplicable threat traces back to a terrifying secret

buried a century ago beneath the National Mall: a cache of bones preserved in amber. The artifact was hidden away by a cabal of scientists—led by Alexander Graham Bell—to protect humankind. But they dared not destroy it, for the object also holds an astonishing promise for the future: the very secret of life after death. Yet nothing stays buried forever. An ancient horror—dormant in the marrow of those preserved bones—is free once more, nursed and developed into a weapon of incalculable strength and malignancy, ready to wreak havoc on an unsuspecting world. To stop its spread, Commander Grayson Pierce of Sigma Force must survive a direct attack on the island of Maui. To be there first has always been the core mission of Sigma Force, a covert team forged to be America's front line against emerging threats. But this time, even Sigma may not be able to decipher the deadly mystery, one that traces back to the founding of the Smithsonian Institution. With each new discovery, the menace they hunt is changing, growing, spreading—adapting and surviving every attempt to stop it from reconquering a world it once ruled. And each transformation makes it stronger . . . and smarter. Running out of time and options, Commander Grayson Pierce will be forced to make an impossible choice. To eradicate this extinction-level threat and expose those involved, he will have to join forces with Sigma's greatest enemy—the newly resurrected Guild—even if it means sacrificing one of his own.

The 'Crown Princess' Wants to Run Away

Before the crown there was a love story...

War of the Crown

The Immortal Crown