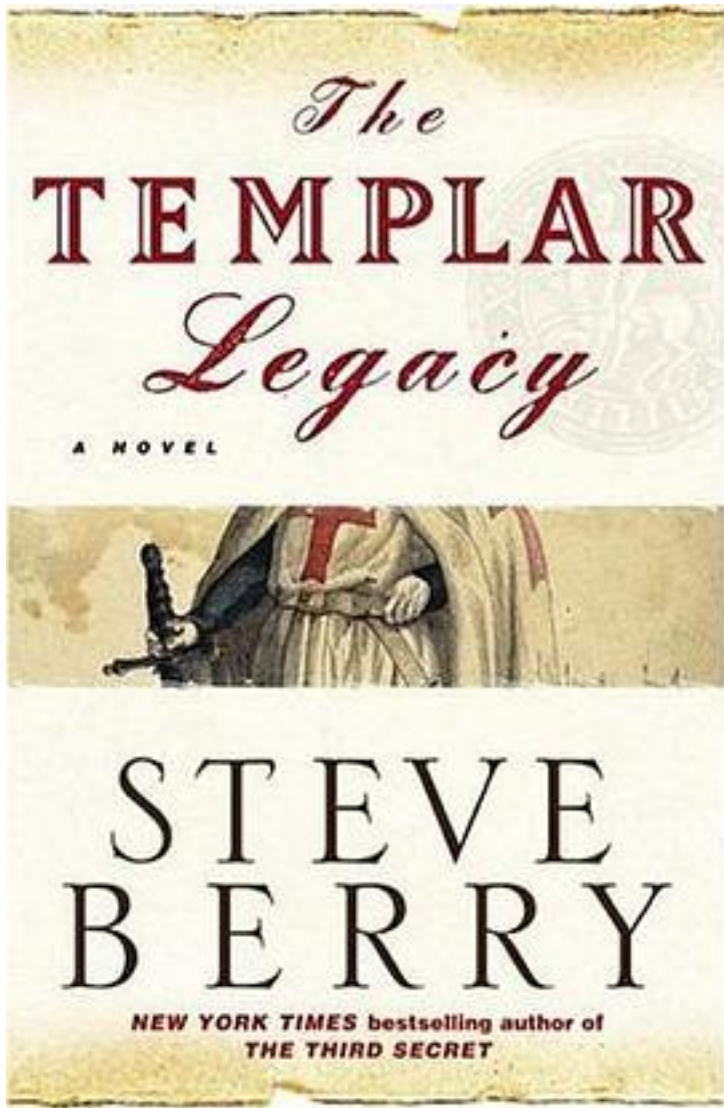


# The Templar Legacy



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The ancient order of the Knights Templar possessed untold wealth and absolute power over kings and popes . . . until the Inquisition, when they were wiped from the face of the earth, their hidden riches lost. But now two forces vying for the treasure have learned that it is not at all what they thought it was—and its true nature could change the modern world.

Cotton Malone, one-time top operative for the U.S. Justice Department, is enjoying his quiet new life as an antiquarian book dealer in Copenhagen when an unexpected call to action reawakens his hair-trigger instincts—and plunges him back into the cloak-and-dagger world he thought he'd left behind.

It begins with a violent robbery attempt on Cotton's former supervisor, Stephanie Nelle, who's far from home on a mission that has nothing to do with national security. Armed with vital clues to a series of centuries-old puzzles scattered across Europe, she means to crack a mystery that has tantalized scholars and fortune-hunters through the ages by finding the legendary cache of wealth and forbidden knowledge thought to have been lost forever when the order of the Knights Templar was exterminated in the fourteenth century. But she's not alone. Competing for the historic prize—and desperate for the crucial information Stephanie possesses—is Raymond de Roquefort, a shadowy zealot with an army of assassins at his command.

Welcome or not, Cotton seeks to even the odds in the perilous race. But the more he learns about the ancient conspiracy surrounding the Knights Templar, the more he realizes that even more than lives are at stake. At the end of a lethal game of conquest, rife with intrigue, treachery, and craven lust for power, lies a shattering discovery that could rock the civilized world—and, in the wrong hands, bring it to its knees.

From the Hardcover edition.

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史帝夫·貝利 (Steve Berry)

大學學的是政治科學，受過專業律師訓練，但因為對歷史的興趣，他居然在政治及律師工作之餘，撥出時間寫暢銷國際的歷史懸疑驚悚小說。除了讚許他的聰明，也讓不同領域的人對他的時間運用法驚奇不已。

史帝夫如今已是全美知名的暢銷小說家，不過其實他1990年便開始寫作，一直到2003年才出版了第一本《琥珀室》(The Amber Room)，不久登上紐時暢銷榜，04年05年接著出版了《羅曼諾夫預言書》(The Romanov Prophecy)、《第三祕密》(The Third Secret)平精裝都榮登《紐約時報》暢銷書榜。《聖殿騎士遺產》是他的第四本書，出版就立刻登上各大書籍排行榜，雄踞榜單多月，同時在《紐約時報》、《今日美國》(USA Today)、《出版人週刊》、獨立書商協會(Book Sense)等各大媒體引起討論。他的近期暢銷著作還有The Alexandria Link、The Venetian Betrayal、The Charlemagne Pursuit等。

史帝夫唸過教會學校，他自嘲寫小說和尋找出版商都需要耐心，教會學校的修女在這部份啟發他很多。他曾屢遭退稿，在Ballantine Books買下他的一本原稿之前，12年間，他有5本不同的原稿，遭到85次退件。如他所說：「沒有做不到的，我就是最好的例子。」這位當年屢敗屢戰的寫作者，現在已經是

個作品被譯成41種語言版本，暢銷全球43個國家，作品廣被閱讀，銷量超過700萬冊的  
天王級作家。

史帝夫・貝利（Steve Berry）住在喬治亞州沿岸，當律師將近三十年；也活躍於地方政治；同時從事寫作。  
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