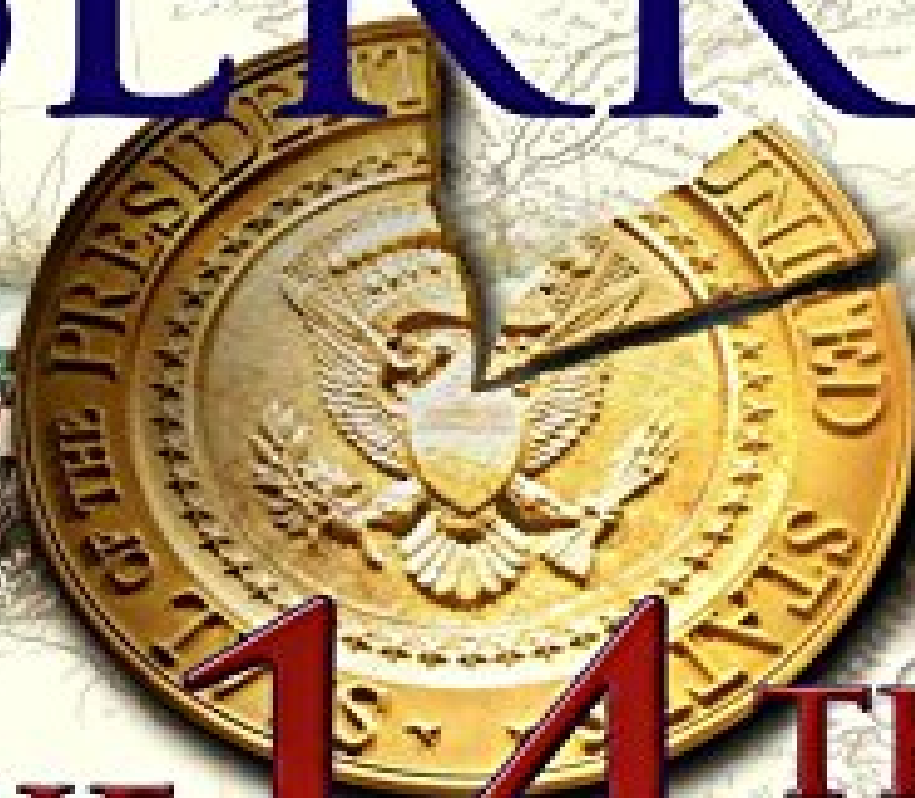


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"What happens if both the president and vice-president-elect die before taking the oath of office? The answer is far from certain in fact, what follows would be nothing short of total political chaos." Shot down over Siberia, ex-Justice Department agent Cotton Malone is forced into a fight for survival against Aleksandr Zorin, a man whose loyalty to the former Soviet Union has festered for decades into an intense hatred of the United States. Before escaping, Malone learns that Zorin and another ex-KGB officer, this one a sleeper still embedded in the West, are headed overseas to Washington D.C.

Noon on January 20th Inauguration Day is only hours away. A flaw in the Constitution, and an even more flawed presidential succession act, have opened the door to disaster and Zorin intends to exploit both weaknesses to their fullest.

Armed with a weapon leftover from the Cold War, one long thought to be just a myth, Zorin plans to attack. He is aided by a shocking secret hidden in the archives of America's oldest fraternal organization the Society of Cincinnati a group that once lent out its military savvy to presidents, including helping to formulate three invasion plans of what was intended to be America's 14th colony Canada.

In a race against the clock that starts in the frozen extremes of Russia and ultimately ends at the White House itself, Malone must not only battle Zorin, he must also confront a crippling fear that he has long denied, but which now jeopardizes everything.

Steve Berry's trademark mix of history and speculation is all here in this provocative new thriller."

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