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*It was the bell of the monastery that woke me. I glanced at my watch. It had stopped; the hands of the clock indicated seven minutes past one. Much too early for the vigils. The powerful pounding of the bell boomed through the old brick walls. All around me I could hear the confused low mumbling of the monks. Obviously they were so distressed by the wild clanging of the bell that they had forgotten their pledge of silence.*

*Then a horrible piercing scream rang through the corridor.*

*I jumped out of my bunk bed, hastily put on my habit and shot out of the dormitory into the corridor.*

*The monks came running from the dormitory of the patres vis-a-vis as well; some were only dressed in their underwear. And still the bell was ringing, though with a somewhat slower clang.*

*The lights went on in the cold corridor.*

*And then we saw him.*

<b>Headline</b>	Deadly thrills by the bestselling author Rainer M. Schröder Breathtaking excitement and mysterious entanglements Mysterious murders at the monastery
<b>Summary</b>	The Cistercian Monastery of the white monks is the site of the new mystery thriller by the bestselling author Rainer M. Schröder. Excitement, background knowledge, history: Rainer M. Schröder weaves a grand tale that grips the reader till the end. A clerical novel with dimension, enhanced by original Gregorian chant on the enclosed CD.
<b>Catalog text</b>	Himmerod, an ancient monastery in the Valley of Salmtal, Germany. A peaceful and quiet place. But horrible things are going on behind the thick walls. Why did Brother Paulinus fling himself from the gallery, knowing it would be his certain death? And what is really behind the desecration of the altar? Brother Thomasius starts his own investigations. Yet the deeper he digs, the more puzzling the case gets. Until he makes a telling discovery inside the monastery's library...
<b>Sales argumentation/ market/ target group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full of breathtaking excitement and puzzling mysteries</li> <li>• A thriller about monks with exciting elements of mystery</li> <li>• By the bestselling author Rainer M. Schröder</li> <li>• The favorite writer of teachers and bookdealers</li> <li>• The hardcover edition of the Grail Trilogy sold over 100,000 copies alone</li> </ul>

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<b>Awards</b>	
<b>Reviews</b>	
<b>Author's biography/ illustrator's biography</b>	<p><i>Rainer M. Schröder</i>, born in 1951, one of Germany's most successful authors of historical novels, has been living in Germany and the U.S. as a freelance writer since 1977. He has travelled to many countries. His work has received various awards – such as the sophisticated “Buxtehuder Bulle“ (2005).</p>