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## An Opened Grave: Awarded Best Books of 2006

### Christian Novel Wins First Place For Best Religious Fiction

(Roseville, CA) *An Opened Grave: Sherlock Holmes Investigates His Ultimate Case* (ISBN: 1934080004, Pub date 10/30/06), authored by L. Frank James, was awarded First Place in Religious Fiction in the national book competition, "BEST BOOKS OF 2006". USA Book News (USABookNews.com) organized the venue and received over 1,200 entries. Winners and finalists traversed the publishing landscape: Simon & Schuster, Warner Books, New American Library a division of the Penguin Group, Red Wheel Weiser and Conari, New World Library, The Salt Works, and hundreds of independent press titles contributed to this year's outstanding competition.

*An Opened Grave* has received kudos from some of the most well-respected names in the general book trade and in Christian publishing. The front and back covers boldly tout major endorsements from the likes of John Eldredge and Hugh Ross—representing a broad spectrum of the Christian market. Eldredge places the book on a par with G.K. Chesterton's Father Brown Mysteries, and says "A great accomplishment." Hugh Ross claims, "Frank James is one of the most creative and engaging writers I have ever met." ChristianFictionReviews.com and NovelJourney.com reviewed it and gave it their "RECOMMENDED" stamp of approval.

However, one of the most unexpected endorsements came from Alan J. Couture in ForeWord Magazine (Nov/Dec '06). In a full length review, Couture showers James and *An Opened Grave* with numerous accolades for the quality of the story and the writing. He goes so far as to say, "the reader can easily forget that Conan Doyle did not actually pen this story." ForeWord Magazine is a major publication to the general book trade, featuring reviews of the best books in independent publishing.

*An Opened Grave*, is a fictional story featuring two of the most well-known names in our culture. Sherlock Holmes and Jesus Christ take center stage in this adventure drama that pits the best arguments for unbelief against the most reasonable assertions for faith in God. Challenging and compelling dialog between Holmes and Watson runs throughout this fast-paced, exciting story-line that is sure to keep the attention and spark the imagination of any lover of serious detective fiction.

James and The Salt Works have another novel in the works, *Mr. Inside: A Novel*, to be released in late May, 2007.