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## **BESTSELLING AUTHOR DAVID MORRELL RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS INKPOT AWARD AT COMIC-CON 2007**

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San Diego, CA -- Multiple *New York Times* bestselling author David Morrell, creator of Rambo and father of the modern action novel, was honored with a surprise presentation of the legendary Inkpot Award during Comic-Con 2007. The annual four-day event, hosted by Comic-Con International, is dedicated to creating awareness of, and appreciation for, comics and related popular art forms. More than 125,000 people attended this year's sold-out event.

Since 1974, Comic-Con International has bestowed the Inkpot Award annually in recognition for outstanding contribution to comic book, comic strip, animation, science fiction and other popular culture fields.

Co-founder of the International Thriller Writer's organization, Morrell is considered to be the pioneer of the modern action thriller. His award-winning first novel, *First Blood*, launched the iconic popular culture powerhouse, Rambo. Since then, he has written more than 28 books that have thrilled readers worldwide. Morrell's blockbuster novel *Brotherhood of the Rose* was developed into a popular NBC mini-series broadcast after the Super-Bowl in 1989. His new six-part comic book series *Captain America: The Chosen* debuts from Marvel in September 2007.

The Inkpot Award was presented to Morrell during Max Allan Collins' Spotlight Interview with the author. "During the interview, a Comic-Con representative came into the room," Morrell said, "when

Max stopped the interview, gave me a big smile and a wink, and said, ‘You’re going to like this!’. It was an utter surprise, as well as an exceptional honor.”

Recipients of the Inkpot Award include Collins (*Dick Tracy, Road to Perdition*), Ray Bradbury, Chuck Jones, George Lucas, Frank Miller, Steven Spielberg, Harlan Ellison, Matt Groening, Gahan Wilson, Clive Barker, Neil Gaiman, Francis Ford Coppola, Mickey Spillane, Rod Serling and more.

Morrell is also a three-time recipient of the prestigious Bram Stoker award, most recently for his 2005 novel *Creepers*. You can visit the author at [www.davidmorrell.net](http://www.davidmorrell.net).

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