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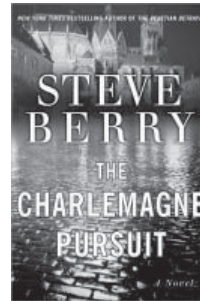
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The Charlemagne Pursuit

By Steve Berry

Ballantine Books, \$26.00, 528 pages

In a *Da Vinci Code*-esque fashion, Berry merges history, historical fiction, mystery, and modern literature into quite the complex little thriller. *The Charlemagne Pursuit* forms its concentric circles of plot around Cotton Malone, a high-level federal employee who is seeking the truth about the death of his father. He discovers that there has been some kind of cover-up concerning the submarine his father died on, and that it was in fact lost under Antarctica, as opposed to the previously reported location. Involving himself in a search for the reality of the situation, Malone ends up stumbling upon a complex conspiracy involving some very odd parties.



With the only initial and, in fact, superficial flaw being that the genre may be overplayed with seemingly similar books, *The Charlemagne Pursuit* is presented in an engaging manner, such that you forget that it is fiction, and it seems as if you are a fly on the wall to a real life piece of drama.