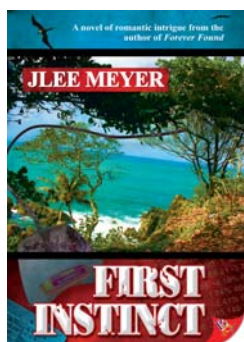


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*First Instinct* by JLee Meyer has heart thumping chase scenes and life-threatening encounters under the cover of darkness. This story features a deeply flawed heroine who is trying to maintain a professional distance from the woman she is protecting. Sounds a little formulaic? Not so, because Meyer's presentation and storytelling is one of a kind. She does everything right in her second novel, *First Instinct*. Meyer's easy writing style helps her readers get attached to the characters as we become engrossed in the book. Her stories are like magnets, pulling us in and refusing to let us go. This is a trait that she has carried over from her first successful novel, *Forever Found*.

The timing and pacing are even and quick throughout *First Instinct*. Meyer develops the romance and suspense so they are in harmony with each other. She never rushes a scene, but never adds more words than needed. While we may guess at where the end will take the reader, we have no idea how the author will achieve that, and this is what makes Meyer and *First Instinct* rare. In the end, she gives us a very satisfying read with a rewarding ending. Meyer makes it look simple. Now that is a mark of a seasoned pro.

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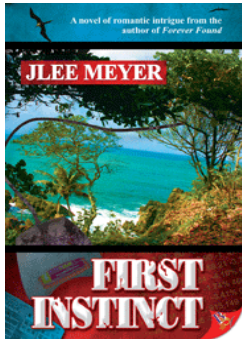
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When Dr. Conn Stryker, PhD and CEO of a forensic software firm with governmental ties meets Leigh Groove, a possible informant in her latest sting, she does everything she can to avoid getting close. Even though their first encounter ends up with Leigh in Conn's arms, Conn is a self-imposed loner who steers clear of relationships, especially when it involves her work.

What happens when Leigh, presumably straight, meets the person of her dreams, and that person happens to be a woman? Conn is a tall striking redhead with a brilliant mind, who sweeps her off her feet. Conn is mysterious, reserved, and a tough woman to figure out but the outgoing and persistent Leigh is up for the challenge.

Leigh is a cover model, a Harvard sorority girl and debutante, and has a Wharton MBA. She's particularly endearing when she uses humor in the face of danger to get out of deadly situations. Readers won't be able to turn the pages quick enough to find out if Conn lets Leigh into her heart even if it means risking Leigh's life?

First Instinct by JLee Meyer is a romance, but before long Meyer proves that she has something special to offer in her action-packed intriguing love story. Meyer's heroines are quirky, funny, and so very good together that you can't visualize them apart. Between the multi-dimensional characters with their genuine virtues and flaws, a plot you won't have figured out from the beginning, and a most satisfying conclusion, First Instinct leaves readers sated but anxious for more. Luckily, Rising Storm picks up where First Instinct leaves off.

From the absurdly funny to the romantic moments, First Instinct, a 2007 Golden Crown Literary Award winner, is a satisfying journey you won't want to miss.

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