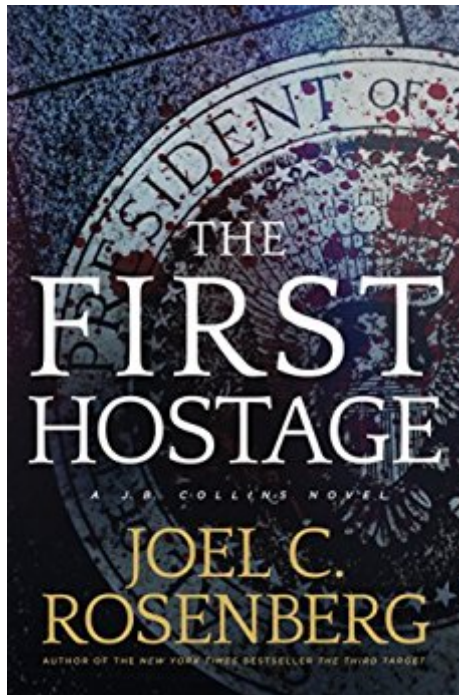


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# The First Hostage: A J. B. Collins Novel



## Synopsis

What if the Islamic State captured the most valuable hostage in history? The president of the United States . . . is missing. With these words, New York Times journalist J. B. Collins, reporting from the scene of a devastating attack by ISIS terrorists in Amman, Jordan, puts the entire world on high alert. The leaders of Israel and Palestine are critically injured, Jordan's king is fighting for his life, and the U.S. president is missing and presumed captured. As the U.S. government faces a constitutional crisis and Jordan battles for its very existence, Collins must do his best to keep the world informed while working to convince the FBI that his stories are not responsible for the terror attack on the Jordanian capital. And ISIS still has chemical weapons . . . Struggling to clear his name, Collins and the Secret Service try frantically to locate and rescue the leader of the free world before ISIS's threats become a catastrophic reality.

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Joel Rosenberg has demonstrated an ability to write fiction which is centered upon his analysis of what is actually happening or going to happen in the volatile middle east. The First Hostage

successfully follows this trend and continues to be centered on the rise of Isis which Mr Rosenberg described in a previous book "The Third Target". J.B. Collins a reporter for the New York Times had been covering Isis as an emerging offshoot of Al Qaeda. This book's opening finds him covering an attack by the terror group on Amman, Jordan in which he puts the entire world on alert about Isis. During the attack the leaders of Israel and Palestine are critically injured, the president of the US is missing and presumed captured and the king of Jordan has to fight for his kingdom and his very life. Rosenberg places Collins in the most important salients of the ensuing battles. In the course of his coverage of the events Collin's Israeli love interest, Yael meets up with him again as she appears carrying out action for the benefit of her country as well as getting the injured Israeli leader home for medical care. The two find that in the midst of all the horror they are more and more attracted to each other and will probably work side by side in future novels. The blame for the success and advance of Isis falls on Collins due to his incendiary stories about them and the horrors they perpetrate in moving forward. He is pursued by the US and finds he has to work with the Secret Service in finding the president as well as clearing his own name.

Joel C. Rosenberg sets the mood and tone of his explosive new release, "The First Hostage" with the chilling statement, "The president of the United States...is missing." Even though everyone thought he had boarded Air Force One and cleared Jordanian air space with a "fighter escort." Foreign correspondent J.B. Collins had seen Secret Service agents race from the palace grounds in a bulletproof vehicle when he fired the MP5 thrust into his hands. The "short bursts" of fire power more a distraction than cover, allowed the King and Sa'id time to lift the severely wounded Israeli Prime Minister and the President of the Palestinian Authority into the back of the bulletproof SUV with wounds that made Collins injuries appear insignificant. The acrid smell of thick, black smoke and blood assaulted Collins nostrils as he jumped into the bulletproof Suburban. Through the window he saw the mangled bodies of soldiers, police and black-hood jihadists strewn across the "smoking crater" where Jordan's state-of-the-art international airport terminal had once stood. The successful ISIS attack had been deadly and brought the signing of the historic peace agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians to an abrupt end. Thus, "The Third Target," (review) book one in Rosenberg's J. B. Collins series ended. The action packed pace of "The First Hostage" picks up seconds later with Collins trying to convince the foreign editor of the New York Times that "U.S. and Jordanian security forces were presently engaged in a massive search-and-rescue effort to find the president." Unable to name the source for the breaking news the editor refused to print the story. Add a U.S.

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