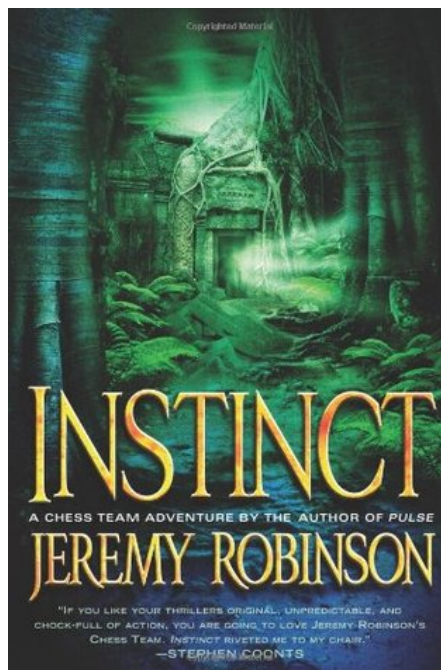




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The high adventure of James Rollins combines with the gripping suspense of Scott Sigler in this second installment in the Jack Sigler Thriller

A genetic disease known as Brugada Syndrome kills its victims without warning, without symptom. When the President of the United States falls victim to a weaponized and *contagious* strain of the disease, the Chess Team?King, Queen, Rook, Knight and Bishop?are assigned to protect Sara Fogg, a CDC detective, as she journeys to the source of the new strain: the Annamite Mountains in Vietnam. Surrounded by Vietnam War era landmines, harsh terrain and more than one military force not happy about the return of American boots to the Ho Chi Minh trail, the fight for survival becomes a grueling battle in the humid jungle.

Pursued by VPLA Death Volunteers, Vietnam?s Special Forces unit, the team?s flight through a maze of archaic ruins reveals an ancient secret...a primal secret that may stop the disease from sweeping the globe?even as it threatens both the mission and their lives.

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Christopher Ogden says

Bit of a slog.

Highly formulaic. It sets a pattern that just repeats though out. So many "deaths" that don't stick. The reveal of who Deep Blue is unfathomably dumb.

Lori L (She Treads Softly) says

Instinct by Jeremy Robinson is the second book in his Chess Team adventure series. (Pulse was the first.) Fourteen years earlier cryptozoologist Dr. Anthony Weston was attacked and disappeared in Vietnam's Annamite Mountains, the same area where a deadly plague, the Brugada syndrome, originated. The Brugada Syndrome has been weaponized and the President of the United States has been infected. The infection is on the brink of being released and would soon wipe out most of the human race unless a cure can be found. The Chess Team (called this because their call signs are chess pieces - King, Queen, Bishop, Knight, Pawn) are sent to this same area with a CDC agent to search for the source of and find a cure for the Brugada syndrome.

This is pure action/adventure escapism as the Chess Team fights for survival and to complete their mission. Instinct is a novel where you have to suspend disbelief and just go where the action takes you. I mean, come on, who doesn't want to read an action/adventure novel with a cryptozoologist and a special forces unit. At the end, there is even a clue about what may be the next mission for the Chess Team.

Now I'll be the first to admit that I'm not a big game player, but I can see why some readers might think Instinct reads like a video game with its fast pace. Instinct is a fast paced novel. The plot surges forward, which suits the genre. I appreciate the science included in the plot, but I am reading the book for the action - and it delivers action. Robinson also furthers the character development of the Chess Team members and includes plenty vivid descriptions along with the action.

Although Robinson has been compared to Matthew Reilly, I can definitively declare that Robinson is a better writer than Reilly. I think he compares more favorably with James Rollins, Clive Cussler, Lincoln Child, and David Goleman.

The dedication in Instinct made me smile. It says: "For Mom, even though I know this one will freak you out."

very highly recommended - this ones for action/adventure junkies; <http://shetreadssoftly.blogspot.com/>

Paul says

When the President of the United States falls victim to a weaponized and contagious strain of a genetic disease – one that kills its victims without warning or symptom – Special Forces commander Jack 'King' Sigler is on the case. He and his team of highly trained operators have been assigned to protect a CDC

detective as she journeys to the source of the new strain: Vietnam's Annamite Mountains.

Surrounded by old landmines, harsh jungle terrain, and more than one military force not happy about the return of American boots to the Ho Chi Minh trail, the fight for survival becomes a gruelling battle. Pursued by the VLPA Death Volunteers, Vietnam's Special Forces unit, the team's flight through a maze of archaic ruins reveals an ancient secret that may stop the disease from sweeping the globe – even as it threatens both the mission and their lives.

Before we begin I have a question. Have you ever seen the movie Crank starring Jason Statham? It is a non-stop assault on the senses as Jason rampages across a city hunting down a group of criminals that stole his heart (yes, you did read that correctly). The reason I ask is because reading a Jeremy Robinson novel kind of feels like the same sort of experience. Once the action starts, it just doesn't quit until the story is done. Like Crank, Instinct knows that there are no real limitations when it comes to action, and it embraces this wholeheartedly. This novel is the written equivalent of pure adrenalin, and I was totally hooked from page one.

In the first novel Pulse, Jack Sigler's team mate and heavy weapons specialist, Bishop was given the opportunity to shine. Don't get me wrong I like all of the members of the Chess Team but Jack aside, Bishop stood out. This time it is Queen who comes to the fore. At one point, she suffers greatly at the hands of VLPA but she gets the opportunity for epic bloody revenge. Robinson really likes to push his characters to their limits. I've been thinking about this for a while and Queen reminds me of Mother from the Matthew Reilly Scarecrow novels. Both are tough as nails women who are just as capable as all the men around them. They are forces of nature in their own right.

The pace is blistering through out but be warned, Mr. Robinson delights in throwing the reader the occasional curve ball. Put it this way, at the end of chapter twelve there was a moment where I had to read a sentence multiple times as I was so flabbergasted about what had just transpired. There is nothing better than when a writer manages to drop something wholly unexpected into a story. Sneaky, but splendidly so.

I do have a minor quibble. I have to admit to being a little surprised that the identity of Deep Blue, the Chess Team's secretive right hand man, has been revealed. I enjoyed the enigmatic air that surrounded Deep Blue and part of me is sorry that this element is now gone. In saying that, without spoiling anything, I do now have a burning curiosity about where the reveal will lead.

Pulse is good but Instinct is great. This is a thriller that wears it's heart in it's sleeve and I believe it to be all the better for that. Instinct is the purest form of unmitigated escapism. I think it is about time you all discovered for yourself the never-ending action of The Chess Team.

Threshold, the third Chess Team novel, is already available in hardback, the paperback edition is due for release on 31st January 2012. I'll be purchasing it as soon as the paperback is available on Amazon UK.

Mary says

This book literally had me up turning pages all night. It's packed with action and high adventure. The storyline was interesting if not bordering on the outlandish but I've gotten good at suspending disbelief in favor of an exciting read. This author does not disappoint! More than once I asked myself how the Chess Team was going to get out of a particularly dire situation. No spoilers but suffice it it say it was always a slam bang and usually unexpected solution. I love these books and plan to pick up the next one sooner rather than later. Highly recommended for action junkies and insomniacs alike.

John says

I am really getting into this series. I believe the characters are developing more. Each is written into branching scenarios which are entertaining, but manage to stay the course and merge back together into the primary narrative. A few threads in the story kind of drop towards the end, such as the Death Volunteers' leader. Also, as with many of these types of novels, luck might as well have a shout out as well. Overall, the novel is entertaining and magnetic - pulling the reader back to the novel with its pace and energy.

Dave Stone says

a book this ridiculous can be fun if you approach it as a comedy. there is violence and gore, but it's cartoon violence. too over the top, and psychically impossible to be taken seriously. ...until it turns dark and serious. one torture scene too many and the over the top silliness gets down right stoopid. (it passed stupid, and digressed to stoopid) the identity of deep blue was so jaw droppingly asinine it left me gobsmacked. is that supposed to be funny? why would you write something so idiotic? this book started as a guilty pleasure and left be uncomfortable by the end.

Ian says

It was too long! I don't normally say that about a book but an editor was required to cut out the padding. And make it flow in a more pleasing way. Some sections were just stretched out and I was glad it was over by the end. It's not a bad book nor poorly written it just needs help.

Rick says

The Chess Team are in Vietnam searching for a cure to a disease that could wipe out humanity as we know it. Along their way they discover a frightening ancient civilization and a lot of consequences. Worth the read if you are following the harrowing adventures of Robinson's Dream Team.

Debosophy says

The Chess Team are on a new mission: to save the lives of the entire world.

Nefarious villains seek to weaponise a virus that causes everyone (particularly males) to fall down dead where they stand. Healthy people dropping to the ground in droves!

The Chess Team infiltrate a small village in Vietnam in search of the cure in the Annamite Mountains, but find instead the Volunteer Death Squad and odd bipedal life forms bent upon the destruction of humankind.

Will they find the cure before the entire human population falls prey to Brugada? Or will they be killed at the hands of The VPLA and Nguoi Rung? And just where IS Deep Blue?

Gasp as Queen delivers her own brand of justice to those who cross the members of Chess!

Gün ?lke Y?ld?r?m says

Uzun zamandır okumadığım macera türünde öyle bir kitap okudum ki, tadı damağımda kaldı resmen. İlk kitabı "Nabız" ile Bay Robinson'un harika bir işi çıkardığını belli oldu zaten ama ikinci kitabın bitmesiyle serinin devam kitapları mı? araştırmakken cidden canım sıkıldı? Çünkü ülkemizde bu harika serinin devam kitapları henüz yok. Pozitif düşünüyün henüz diyorum ama ikinci kitabı 2013'te çevrilmi, yani vazgeçmi olabilirler bu seriden. Pegasus yayınlardan sesimi duyan varsa, lütfen vazgeçmeyin. Serinin devamını da basın. Her ne kadar çeviride ve basımda hatalar olsa da, iki oturuştaki biten böyle maceralara pek sık denk gelmiyoruz. Macera severlere be? yıldı?lı? tavsiyemdir. =)

Kurt Mickelson says

A bit far fetched. I wish I would have known before I got started reading this one.

Jeremy says

"If you like thrillers original, unpredictable and chock-full of action, you are going to love Jeremy Robinson's Chess Team. INSTINCT riveted me to my chair."

--Stephen Coonts, NY Times bestselling author of THE DISCIPLE and DEEP BLACK: ARCTIC GOLD

"Robinson's slam-bang second Chess Team thriller [is a:] a wildly inventive yarn that reads as well on the page as it would play on a computer screen."

--Publisher's Weekly

"Jeremy Robinson has done it again. INSTINCT is a knock-down, thought inducing, all-out-thrill-fest with enough testosterone to put hair on even the wimpiest of chests. The Chess Team is back and once again they'll travel to the ends of the earth in an effort to save it. "

--thenovelblog.com

"Jeremy Robinson is a fresh new face in adventure writing and will make a mark in suspense for years to come."

--David Lynn Golemon, NY Times bestselling author of LEGEND and EVENT

"Instinct is a jungle fever of raw adrenaline that goes straight for the jugular."

--Thomas Greanias, NY Times bestselling author of THE ATLANTIS PROPHECY and THE PROMISED WAR

Philip says

I loved this book! It was fun and interesting...not to mention, well-written.

Michael DeMarco says

A really exciting military/sci-fi adventure - the Chess Team is back trying to prevent the end of mankind, by trying to find the cure for a virus that has an extra punch to it (don't want to give away the specifics of the very interesting virus). They go to Vietnam where they meet an army of, well I will leave that for you to find out. Very exciting, the Chess team characters are well developed and the action is non-stop. Can't wait to read the next one.

David says

Jeremy Robinson is one of those authors who, simply put, writes books I want to read, and Instinct is no exception. Instinct includes just about all the things I enjoy in a thriller: an exotic setting, a compelling mystery, creepy creatures, and action galore! Pulse was good, but Instinct is better. Chess Team is carving out a niche for itself alongside the likes of the Event Group, Sigma Force, and NUMA. If you like James Rollins, Michael Crichton, or Matthew Reilly, give Robinson a try. You won't regret it!

Rizwan says

It's a good, fun, entertaining, engrossing action-adventure. Just didn't have that PUNCH that suck the breath right out of you and makes you submerged into the layers of the story without a care for the real world around you. The main characters are great, all of them have distinctive voices and characteristics (my personal favorites are Rook and Knight), with equal important parts to play in the story, the author juggled the characters impressively to give a perfect balance with all of them. The main story was not so bad either, but as I said, it just didn't have that impact and uniqueness to make it one of a kind. A victim of a bit of "been there done that" syndrome. Which is a shame, because Jeremy Robinson's writing is very crisp and fastpaced, not to mention a good eye for giving proper depths and detailing to all the characters as needed (which is a rare thing in multiple character-centric gung-ho action-adventure genre), he only needs to find a great story to go with it all. In the next books of the series, I really hope so.

Fiona says

Well I mean ummm well ummmmm so ummmm I am lost for words this so gooooooohhhh

What a bloody brilliant book I loved this so much and could not get enough of it...

Cracking story and will (I promise) keep you hooked...

Enjoy this one - I am off to read Threshold now - cannot wait to get back into the Chess Team world.

Gio C says

Another good novel by Mr. Robinson. It was fast paced and a pretty easy read. It did linger a little bit but all in all a good read. It flowed nicely but I wasn't as excited for the end as I was with the other novels as I didn't expect a huge ending like in the other novels. I will be looking forward to reading the next installment in the series. It does help if you have read the past novels as there are a lot of references to what has happened in the past. A lot more will make sense.

Julie Carter says

This was another great Chess Team adventure. It was fast-paced from the start and it was great to revisit the Chess Team. I liked the addition of Sarah to this story. It was great to see a kick-ass scientist assisting the team. I am looking forward to the next book in the series!

Freda Malone says

So now I've read the second books in the series of "Chess Team Adventure" and "The Event Group Adventure" by David Golemon. What I was trying to do was decide which of the two series I liked more. I like the 'Chess Team' series because it reads a bit more simpler, without a lot of technical technology. No fillers to bore you to death, which was what the Event Group was doing half the time.

I loved this story because it had such a unique topic, neanderthals, evolving by kidnapping a human doctor who just happened to be observing them for a while. Unfortunately, the president has been struck with a pandemic, and the neanderthals hold the cure. It is up to the Chess Team to get the cure back to the US to avoid human race extinction. Much like the 'Sigma Team' series by James Rollins, I am falling in love with ALL the characters. It's a thrilling ride and I'm looking forward to reading more.
