



Killer Instinct: A Novel

By Joseph Finder

Download now

Read Online →

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder

Jason Steadman is a thirty-year-old sales executive living in Boston and working for an electronics giant, a competitor to Sony and Panasonic. He's a witty, charismatic guy who's well liked at the office, but he lacks the "killer instinct" necessary to move up the corporate ladder. To the chagrin of his ambitious wife, it looks as if his career has hit a ceiling. Jason's been sidelined.

But all that will change one evening when Jason meets Kurt Semko, a former Special Forces officer just back from Iraq. Looking for a decent pitcher for the company softball team, Jason gets Kurt, who was once drafted by the majors, a job in Corporate Security. Soon, good things start to happen for Jason—and bad things start to happen to Jason's rivals. His career suddenly takes off. He's an overnight success. Only too late does Jason discover that his friend Kurt has been secretly paving his path to the top by the most "efficient"—and ruthless— means available. After all, as Kurt says, "Business is war, right?"

But when Jason tries to put a stop to it, he finds that his new best friend has become the most dangerous enemy imaginable. And now it's far more than just his career that lies in the balance. A riveting tale of ambition, intrigue, and the price of success, *Killer Instinct* is Joseph Finder at his best.

**San Francisco Chronicle*

** *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*

↓ [Download Killer Instinct: A Novel ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online Killer Instinct: A Novel ...pdf](#)

Killer Instinct: A Novel

By Joseph Finder

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder

Jason Steadman is a thirty-year-old sales executive living in Boston and working for an electronics giant, a competitor to Sony and Panasonic. He's a witty, charismatic guy who's well liked at the office, but he lacks the "killer instinct" necessary to move up the corporate ladder. To the chagrin of his ambitious wife, it looks as if his career has hit a ceiling. Jason's been sidelined.

But all that will change one evening when Jason meets Kurt Semko, a former Special Forces officer just back from Iraq. Looking for a decent pitcher for the company softball team, Jason gets Kurt, who was once drafted by the majors, a job in Corporate Security. Soon, good things start to happen for Jason—and bad things start to happen to Jason's rivals. His career suddenly takes off. He's an overnight success. Only too late does Jason discover that his friend Kurt has been secretly paving his path to the top by the most "efficient"—and ruthless—means available. After all, as Kurt says, "Business is war, right?"

But when Jason tries to put a stop to it, he finds that his new best friend has become the most dangerous enemy imaginable. And now it's far more than just his career that lies in the balance. A riveting tale of ambition, intrigue, and the price of success, *Killer Instinct* is Joseph Finder at his best.

**San Francisco Chronicle*

** *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #120342 in eBooks
- Published on: 2007-04-01
- Released on: 2007-04-01
- Format: Kindle eBook

 [Download Killer Instinct: A Novel ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Killer Instinct: A Novel ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder

Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In Finder's newest business thriller (after *Company Man*), Jason Steadman, a middle-management salesman for an international electronics firm, befriends mysteriously well-connected tow-truck driver Kurt Semko and suddenly finds himself on the fast track to the executive suite, thanks mainly to the misfortunes of others. When a suspicious Steadman confronts Semko, his benefactor turns into a deadly foe who threatens to kill him, his wife and newborn baby. Finder's informed view of the dark side of the corporate world is deliciously devious and he is shrewd and witty enough to provide his likable hero with a particularly credible weapon against the seemingly omnipotent opponent: his salesmanship. Steadman, the narrator of this terrifying tale, is blessed with the gift of gab, and Scott Brick, one of the busier audio book performers, smoothly adjusts his delivery to the novel's carefully crafted patter and pacing. This includes quick shifts of tenor and tone to give voice to the self-confident sociopath Semko, Steadman's level-headed but needy wife, and his disgruntled and pink-slip-prone co-workers. Finder has created first-class material, but here it's Brick's impressive pitch that makes the sale. *Simultaneous release with the St. Martin's hardcover. (Reviews, Mar. 13). (May.)*

Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From [Bookmarks Magazine](#)

Both *Paranoia* (2003) and *Company Man* (2005) captured the power plays implicit in the business world and put Joseph Finder at the top of the corporate thriller game. *Killer Instinct* doesn't disappoint. Finder, who convincingly portrays how salesmen close the deal in a cutthroat environment, focuses on character development: Steadman's wife, for example, is no Lady Macbeth but an empathetic character. Although the plot never suffers, a few reviewers called it more predictable and less intricately conceived than those of Finder's other books. Despite this criticism, *Killer Instinct* shows that "political thrillers and spy novels are tame compared to what goes on in the cubicles and offices" (*South Florida Sun-Sentinel*).

Copyright © 2004 Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

Finder writes a special brand of business-world thriller one might call Dilbert noir. His previous best-sellers, including *Paranoia* (2003) and *Company Man* (2005), spliced corporate cubicle routines with murderous plots and international intrigue. In his latest, Finder takes a man least likely to swim with the sharks--Jason Steadman, a very happy, contented salesman for an electronics giant--and places him on Fortune's wheel. The first spin of the wheel comes from Steadman's wife, a lovely Lady Macbeth type consumed with ambition for a picture-book family and a much bigger house. The next spin comes from a car accident that ends up with Steadman meeting a tow-truck driver, a special forces officer recently returned from Iraq. Steadman takes a liking to this man's man and gets him hired in his firm's corporate security department. Suddenly and inexplicably (to Steadman), his career skyrockets as his rivals experience a run of bad luck and even worse accidents. Part of the dreadful fun of this thriller is figuring out ahead of Steadman who is behind his good fortune; the rest of the suspense comes from watching Steadman seek to outwit his malevolent benefactor. Finder is a first-rate story weaver, though he sometimes lavishes too much detail on unnecessary scenes or bits of dialogue. Still, Steadman's 10-month ride from complacency to terror is filled with the requisite number of thrills and chills. *Connie Fletcher*

Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Users Review

From reader reviews:

David Ochoa:

Why don't make it to be your habit? Right now, try to ready your time to do the important action, like looking for your favorite e-book and reading a e-book. Beside you can solve your problem; you can add your knowledge by the book entitled Killer Instinct: A Novel. Try to stumble through book Killer Instinct: A Novel as your pal. It means that it can to get your friend when you truly feel alone and beside that of course make you smarter than before. Yeah, it is very fortunated for you personally. The book makes you considerably more confidence because you can know everything by the book. So , let us make new experience and also knowledge with this book.

Alvaro Holloway:

As people who live in the actual modest era should be revise about what going on or details even knowledge to make these people keep up with the era that is always change and progress. Some of you maybe will probably update themselves by looking at books. It is a good choice for you but the problems coming to an individual is you don't know which one you should start with. This Killer Instinct: A Novel is our recommendation so you keep up with the world. Why, because book serves what you want and need in this era.

Margo Soares:

Do you certainly one of people who can't read enjoyable if the sentence chained within the straightway, hold on guys this specific aren't like that. This Killer Instinct: A Novel book is readable through you who hate the straight word style. You will find the details here are arrange for enjoyable looking at experience without leaving perhaps decrease the knowledge that want to supply to you. The writer connected with Killer Instinct: A Novel content conveys prospect easily to understand by many individuals. The printed and e-book are not different in the written content but it just different available as it. So , do you nevertheless thinking Killer Instinct: A Novel is not loveable to be your top collection reading book?

Stephanie Hopkins:

Reading a book to get new life style in this season; every people loves to learn a book. When you go through a book you can get a large amount of benefit. When you read textbooks, you can improve your knowledge, simply because book has a lot of information onto it. The information that you will get depend on what forms of book that you have read. If you want to get information about your examine, you can read education books, but if you act like you want to entertain yourself read a fiction books, these kinds of us novel, comics, and soon. The Killer Instinct: A Novel provide you with new experience in examining a book.

Download and Read Online Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder #W9S45OQMFUC

Read Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder for online ebook

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder books to read online.

Online Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder ebook PDF download

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder Doc

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder Mobipocket

Killer Instinct: A Novel By Joseph Finder EPub