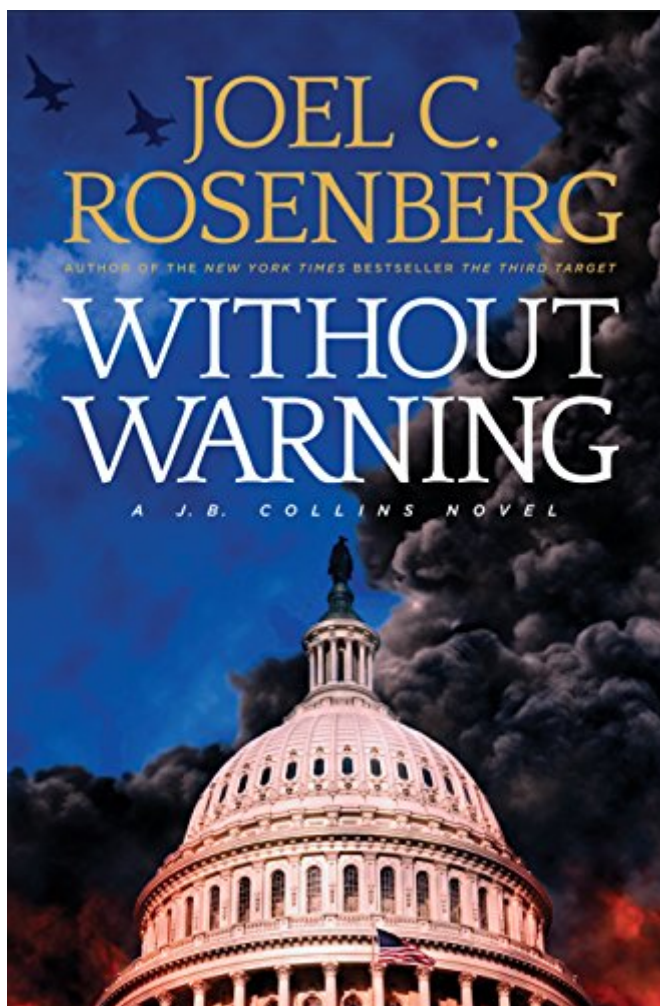


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# Without Warning: A J.B. Collins Novel



## Synopsis

As he prepares to deliver the State of the Union address, the president of the United States is convinced the Islamic State is on the run, about to be crushed by American forces once and for all. But New York Times foreign correspondent J. B. Collins tells the president he's dead wrong. With the Middle East on fire, the Israeli prime minister dead, and Amman in ruins, Collins fears a catastrophic attack inside the American homeland is imminent. He argues that only an all-out manhunt to capture or kill Abu Kahlif—the leader of ISIS—can stop the attack and save American lives. But will the president listen and take decisive action before it's too late?

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## Customer Reviews

This was Joel Rosenberg in his finest form!! started Without Warning this evening with the idea of reading just a few chapters. It's now 3am, I'm bleary eyed and wondering where the past 6 hours have gone. I've read many of Mr.

Rosenberg's books over the years and next to the Copper Scroll this was my favorite. Honestly, I was a little disappointed with Book II but Without Warning was a fantastic and believable read to the very end. Talk about a page turner. Wow. For this third and final installment in the J.B. Collins series Mr. Rosenberg, in his unique way, takes current events and weaves a heart pounding thriller which makes you think seriously about the issues of our day. Even if you are not interested in politics, terrorism, international relations, Israel or spiritual issues this was just a well written and entertaining read. And just about the time you think you've figured out the plot, Mr. Rosenberg throws in a twist that will leave you speechless.

Rosenberg continues to deal with today's political world with a very realistic plot. Correspondent Collins continues to pursue his insightful journey. Into the depths of mid east politics; plenty of twists and turns, enough to ensure you won't figure out the conclusion. Nevertheless it provides a possible realistic picture of all of the participants. Quickly moving, enjoyable it provides a really good read. Not the conclusion I anticipated, that's what makes it a top notch trad.

A fast moving and fitting final edition to this three volume series with plenty of page-turning action and typical Rosenberg insight into world affairs, the political mindset, and terrorist tactics. The charismatic and elusive Abu Kahlif intends to create a climate of death and destruction to bring on the promised Mahdi. He also wants journalist J.B. Collins dead, his family with him, and issues a fatwa and reward to get it done.. Collins is the only westerner who has talked with the ISIS leader and who can identify him by face, walk and speech. The only way to stop the terrorist killers and the murder teams sent after Collins and his family is to enlist in the government witness program with total loss of identity, no further contact with any friends, and the total abandonment of all relationships. The other option --- find Kahlif and his fanatics and make sure they are all destroyed completely. An intense and wide ranging narrative with plenty of twists and turns and a tough surprising and abrupt ending. Well worth the time.

This book is a thrilling story about the NY Times reporter, J. B. Collins, and a brilliant female Israeli operative, Yael, who try to stop ISIS from a worldwide victory. Collins and Yael build an alliance between Israeli, Egyptian and Jordannian leaders to help bring down the top ISIS leader, Khalif, who has led strikes killing many thousands in America and elsewhere. The alliance is necessary because our President refuses to act for his own selfish political gain. This will really get your dander up! In addition to the action, there are moving family stories and profound stories about

religion. Throughout the book, Collins isn't a very aggressive guy. On one occasion he couldn't identify someone as Khalif without having the slightest shadow of a doubt, which caused his alliance to stand down. The person did in fact turn out to be Khalif. While frustrating at times, Collins' meek behavior does add realism to this excellent, well-written book. And Collins is anything but meek at the end!

If you have read the first two books in this series (*The Third Target* and *The First Hostage*), you will likely buy and read this book without even looking at the reviews just as I did. However, it maybe helpful to set your expectations with this book to avoid the disappointment I just experienced in reading it. Not disappointment in the writing or the story telling (both are fantastic), but in the story itself. Before you read any further, what I am about to write reveals some plot twists. I do not give any details, but it may be more than you want to know. If so read no further. I just finished reading *Without Warning* last night. It is a very well written book that connects you emotionally with the main character. So much so that it has left me a little depressed. It was a riveting book and I stayed up all night reading it. I could not put it down because I wanted to know what happened next. I particularly wanted to know what was going to happen between J.B. and Yael. And that is the source of my disappointment in this book. If you read the first two books, then you know that a romance was beginning to blossom between these two characters. While this subplot is secondary to the main plot (and some readers may not even care about it) it was something I very much enjoyed (even though I am a guy) and was looking forward to continuing in *Without Warning*. But from the very start of book, the reader finds that the relationship has foundered without any explanation. There is also no interaction with Yael until about halfway into the book. When she finally does appear, she is cold and unwilling to discuss what is going on with J.B. She stays this way well into the second half of the book at which point she finally reveals what is going. However, the explanation was a bit vague to me and didn't really seem to fit with the prior two books. I won't give the details, but suffice it to say it was a big let down for me. I raced through the remainder of the book hoping that the situation would reverse, but it didn't. This did not sit well with me as this was one of the main reasons I was interested in this particular book. I know this book is not a romance novel. I didn't start reading this series expecting it to be. However, the romantic relationship between J.B. and Yael was big part of the plot in the first two books and one would assume it would continue in this book. Especially if you read *The Twelfth Imam* series which had a similar subplot, but with a happier ending. For some reason Rosenberg decided to toss this budding romance in the trash bin. Possibly to add to J.B.'s brokenness that leads to his acceptance of Christ. However, I felt it was

unnecessary and didn't seem to fit with the first two books. I admit that this review is more an emotional response than a critique. I guess I took this a bit personally. I share a lot of similarities with the main character. Physically and emotionally. Both good and bad. I have personally experienced some of the pain this character has. Because of this, I really wanted the final chapter of this story to turn out happier than it did. Maybe that is why I am so disappointed.

Read this one in 1 1/2 days, couldn't put it down. Joel's writing has always captivated me as I am an ongoing student of biblical prophecy. Are we looking at the future in this book? He is spot on with his view of the radical Muslims. I always enjoy his characters and am sorry that we probably won't be hearing any more about JB. Love the Christian influence of this and all of Joel's books, but feel that it is not "in-your-face" to non-believers. Great job again, Joel!

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