

## An enigmatic crime story with bizarre characters and situational humour



Hendrik Esch  
**Hunting Instinct**  
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**Hendrik Esch**, born in 1975, works as a lawyer representing victims and defence lawyer, but also gets bogged down with rear-end collisions, migrant renters and wire fences. No human abyss is unknown to him, but he nevertheless makes sure that hope dies last. *Hunting Instinct* is his first novel and the beginning of a series featuring lawyer Paul Colossa.

After the unexpected suicide of his uncle, the young lawyer Paul Colossa from Munich inherits his law firm in the Bavarian sticks – and with it a load of curious cases. Like that of the attractive Maja, the daughter of a shady Russian businessman called Victor Rivinius. Maja is being stalked by her ex-lover and Colossa's task is to obtain a court restraining order. And yet Colossa himself promptly falls for the charms of the young woman.

Blind with love, he breaks all the rules – and doesn't see the extent to which Maja is involved in her father's dubious wheelings and dealings. Before he knows what's happening he is caught up in the middle of a highly dangerous hunt ...