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Honesty

I Found My Heart in

San Francisco

Book Eight

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Honesty is the eighth installment of the twenty-six book serial novel I Found My Heart in San Francisco.

In this book, the fun they had on their short holiday is a fading memory as Jamie and Ryan return to the world of family, school and sports. Jamie is determined to have it out with her Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) father over his treatment of Ryan. But Ryan is dreading that discussion, fearing that the secrets she's been keeping will be revealed.

In theory, Honesty is the best policy. But in practice other concerns can influence when it's best to hide the truth, even at your own peril.

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In keeping with Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) the theme of the book, I can honestly say that my partner Carrie is the ideal woman for me.

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**Chapter One**

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Ryan Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) O'Flaherty stumbled up the basement stairs of her family home on a cool, foggy August morning, wishing that she could return to bed but knowing that a long day of work awaited her. Her hair was thoroughly mussed, partly from sleep and partly from the long hours of lovemaking that she and her partner had blissfully engaged in the night before.

Said partner was still out Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) cold, uttering one small unhappy grunt when Ryan pulled herself from their bed. Before going upstairs, the tall, lean woman had tugged on a pair of loose sweatpants and a T-shirt, knowing there was a possibility that her father was at home. Her brother would definitely be at work on this Friday, so the muffled sound of voices from the dining room puzzled her a bit. *Mmm ... Aunt Maeve's here*, Ryan thought with pleasure when she recognized one of the voices to be female. She looked at her rumpled self and decided that her appearance wouldn't shock the woman, who had seen Ryan look substantially worse on many occasions.

Crossing the small living room, while she absently scratched herself, she nearly screamed upon seeing that her father was not speaking to her aunt after all. Catherine Evans Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) sat at the table, looking casual and alert as she conversed companionably with Martin.

"Well, well, look what the cat dragged Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) in," Martin teased at seeing his scruffy daughter.

"Catherine. How ... why ... uhm ... hi," she finally got out, her pleasure at seeing Jamie's mother overriding her Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) shock.

Casting a long, appraising look at the lanky woman who stood in front of her, Catherine mused, "So ... this is the vision that my daughter wakes to, hmm?"

Slightly embarrassed, Ryan looked down briefly and admitted the truth. "This is about as good as it gets. Scary, huh?"

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Showing a broad smile, Catherine assured her, "I think my daughter has done very well for herself. Now that I've met your father, your stock has gone up even further."

It was clear to Ryan that her father was the latest victim to the charms of Catherine Evans, and she spared a moment to offer up a prayer of thanks that her aunt was not in attendance. Seeing ones fiancé blushing like a schoolboy in the presence of a very charismatic, very attractive, very wealthy woman wasn't a good way to start the day.

Taking a seat at the table, Ryan acknowledged, "Da is the pick of the O'Flaherty litter."

Blushing even more, the senior O'Flaherty got to his feet and made for the kitchen. "Starving as usual, Siobhán?"

"I've only been gone ten days, Da. I couldn't possibly have changed something so elemental to my personality."

"Do all of your children have such a ... healthy Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) appetite, Martin?" Catherine asked over the Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) muted clatter of pots and pans.

"Oh my, yes," he called out. "Many's the time I wished I could drop them off at Bell Foods for the day. They nearly ate me out of house and home."

"I wish I could disagree, but it's all true." Looking at her mother-in-law, she cocked her head slightly and asked, "I'm still a little groggy. How it is that we're having breakfast together?"

Catherine's gaze shifted and she brushed a spattering of crumbs from the tablecloth. She looked a little uncomfortable when she said, "After your cousins dropped me off last night, I

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started to feel quite depressed. Being around you girls and the baby was so wonderful that I could hardly bear the thought of being in Honesty (I Found My Heart in San Francisco Book 8) that big house all by myself.”

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