

# Booklist

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## **Adrenaline.**

Abbott, Jeff (Author)

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New action-series hero Sam Capra likes to unwind with parkour, leaping from building to building, clambering up walls and hurtling through space across the urban landscape, following an invisible line of momentum that turns obstacles into opportunities. The sport's a fitting metaphor for Abbott's style, tumbling from page to page with the frantic inevitability of Robert Ludlum. If a few handholds along the way crumble at the touch, there's hardly time to notice before we're on the move again. Here's the setup: CIA operative Capra gets a call from his pregnant wife warning him to flee a meeting before the whole building explodes. She is last seen receding in a car with a man with a question-mark scar. Torture, flight, interference from a mysterious superspy, brainwashing, infiltration into the slimy Amsterdam underworld of human trafficking, and rumors of weaponized nanotechnology are some of the plot elements Capra hurdles searching for his wife and newborn son (aka "the bundle"). It all works beautifully if you don't stop and think about it, which you won't want to, anyway.

— *David Wright*