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Author of the highly acclaimed Hard Rain, Peter Abrahams surpasses his reputation with Pressure Drop. Nina Kitchener's desperate attempts to find her kidnapped newborn baby pit her against a rich, reclusive, evil family and lead her to some mysterious underwater caverns called "blue holes".P. Dutton.

Pressure Drop Details

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Flo says

This is the 2nd book by Peter Abrahams that I have read and I thoroughly enjoyed both of them. This is a classic mystery thriller involving Matthias, owner of Zombie Bay, a bar and motel located on one of the islands of the Caribbean. The Zombie Bay caters to divers and Matthias is being sued for millions for the negligent handling of the airtanks by his staff of one of his guest divers who apparently is in a permanent coma. Needless to say, Matthias will lose the Zombie Bay, his livelihood and his home. Then there is Nina Kitchener, a soon to be 40 year old single woman with no love life in sight living the good life in New York, running her publishing business, making a lot of money who suddenly feels her biological clock ticking. This is a wonderful thriller, the I-couldn't-stop-reading kind. Intelligent, well written, lots of fun and I really could not stop reading. Peter Abrahams has written quite a few of these and I aim to read them all. Good stuff.

Tawny says

I really liked this book. It does follow something of a standard formula but I never would of thought of putting together sperm banks and secret nazi's. Somehow the author makes it work. I also really liked all main the characters in the story, especially Nina the frantic mother. She's strong but not over the top. Her determination to find her child and the lengths she will go to are the most interesting parts of the story. I enjoy a book where the female lead is not an idiot or weak and Nina is neither of those things.

Debra says

Stephen King recommended author and book. He says: "Peter Abrahams is my favorite American suspense novelist."

In his book On Writing, published 2000, King says on pages 285-286: "These are the best books I've read over the last three or four years, the period during which I wrote The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon: A Popup Book, Hearts in Atlantis, On Writing, and the as-yet-unpublished From a Buick 8. In some way or other, I suspect each book in the list had an influence on the books I wrote."

He continues to say "...a good many of these might show you some new ways of doing your work. Even if they don't, they're apt to entertain you. They certainly entertained me."

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Books Stephen King Recommends

1/5/13. This is my first book by this author, and I was definitely not disappointed. What a thrill-ride! I will be reading more of Abrahams books. Now I know why King recommended him!

Janet says

I keep debating... Four... Four... I guess I really want to rank this novel as a 4 1/2. So I'll give it a five.

This is a book that will grip you and keep you going from paragraph to paragraph and chapter to chapter. Always on the edge and breathless to know what happens next. Not very many books do that to me anymore. This is the first "dive" into Peter Abrams books.

I really appreciate the way that Peter Abrams writes. Even though his other books written under the name of Spencer Quinn, are so very different in theme, there is that quality that makes you want to read more of his works. One thing I like particularly like is his punctuation of a paragraph with a short sentence that brings home the feeling of the words you've just read.

There is, though, an entire paragraph describing some horrors of the Holocaust that sounds too clinical to be coming from an old Jewish lady.

I do wish, though, that he slip some levity in here and there. This is just me. The first author I ever followed religiously was Stephen King. And I think that's what I appreciated most about his novels. The way he could give you a smile or maybe even a giggle when you're holding your breath and then take you into the depths. Also love the ending.

When I found out that Spencer Quinn, my very favorite author of dog tales, also wrote under Peter Abrams I was overjoyed.

of course I realized that these two genres couldn't be farther apart but that was fine with me. I love a good mystery.

I began Hard Rain first because it seemed the more intriguing of the two books. I got in about 50 pages and after an excellent beginning it just seem to get 'ugly'. So I picked up this book and was pleasantly surprised. Loved this one all the way through. With renewed optimism I gave Hard Rain another try. Well, my renewed optimism soon vanished. When he introduces the women they are rich, bitchy sluts. Don't care for that much but I could've overlooked it if it had just not continued on such a downhill turn. Oh well, Think I'll just wait for some more Spencer Quinn.

Katie says		
Good story.		

Diane Secchiaroli says

Interesting mystery. Couldn't figure out how the two story lines would merge but they did in a seamless way. Liked the book the more I got into it. Would recommend it to my bookclub.

Sharyn Hutchens says

Guy suspense and baby kidnapping

Guy-adventure blended with modern-single-mom angst, which rolls into white knuckle suspense. I had my doubts about this book when we moved to Zombie Bay in the tropics, complete with a foul-mouthed parrot, fast boats, and macho men skin diving. But just in time we went back to New York and the kidnapped baby mystery and I stuck it out. The last third of the book made me really glad I did. Recommend highly for anyone who likes suspense and an underplayed love story.

Carmen says

Another kidnapped child. Abrahams seems obsessed with this theme. Some sperm bank/fertility institutes are set up solely to provide a heir for a guy in a coma by his rich, crazy family.

Ellen Stenzler says

Peter Abrahams always does a masterful job of making sure all the pieces of his story fit together seamlessly. Enjoyable read!

Kathy says

Very good book. Perfect to read on a plane trip - I did not want to put it down. The story was paced well and characterization was perfect. Sometimes endings feel forced, but not here.

Mark Soone says

This was my first encounter with Abrahams based upon a reccomendation from none other than Stephen King (on the cover, I don't know the man). I discovered during a dry spell, searching out my library and scouring their shelves.

This was a very delightful find for me. The characters were very engaging the plot was very faced paced with lots of action.

S says

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