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### Local Readers Eagerly Anticipate Author's Visit

A bestselling, nationally recognized author known for his suspenseful thrillers and mysteries has been selected for the 2012 **Lake Travis Reads** program.

"Jeff Abbott has agreed to be our featured author this year, and we're very excited," said Morgan McMillian, Director of the Lake Travis Community Library. "His suspenseful thrillers are guaranteed to keep you reading way into the night."

Abbott will make an appearance at the Bee Cave library on Thursday, February 23, 2012 where he will discuss his work, share some experiences, and answer questions.

*Booklist* praises Abbott for his riveting action sequences and plot twists. "Fans of Harlan Coben, Lee Child, Joseph Finder, or John Grisham – anyone who enjoys a wild ride on a bumpy road – can cheer the arrival of our latest master of the fine art of page-turner. Highly recommended."

Abbott has published thirteen mystery and suspense novels in the past twenty years. His first series, featuring librarian Jordan Poteet, takes place in the mythical small town of Mirabeau, Texas and balances traditional mystery plots with folksy homespun humor. In *Do Unto Others*, protagonist Poteet's quiet domesticity is shattered when he locks horns with Beta Harcher, the town's prize religious fanatic, in a knock-down drag-out battle over censorship. Beta is soon found dead and the mystery begins!

Texas judge Whit Mosley is featured in Abbott's second mystery series, starting with *A Kiss Gone Bad*. When the black-sheep son of a senator lies dead, Mosley fights political pressure while contending with drug lords, con artists, and power-hungry sharks. Author Harlan Coben says that the book "rocks big time. It's an adrenaline-fueled, twist-filled thrill ride of pure, white-knuckled suspense. I read it in one sitting. I couldn't put it down. I skipped meals. Jeff Abbott is a master, and *A Kiss Gone Bad* is a marvelous page-turner."

Abbott's latest novels are stand alone thrillers and full of unforgettable characters and jolting plot twists. His most recent novel, *Adrenaline*, features CIA agent

Sam Capra who loses everything that matters to him in one horrifying moment in London. He is soon criss-crossing the globe to find his possible double agent wife and newborn son. *Publisher's Weekly* gave the novel a starred review and calls the book, "outstanding and genuinely moving. Readers who thrive on relentless narrative pace and a straight line to the finish won't be disappointed."

"We are thrilled to have a writer of Jeff's caliber as our featured author," said Bee Cave Public Library Director Barbara Hathaway. "From his earlier mysteries set in Texas to his current heart-pounding thrillers, his work offers something for everyone."

Abbott graduated from Rice University with a degree in History and English, and worked as a creative director at an advertising agency before writing full-time. He now lives in Austin with his wife and two sons. He is published in many languages and has been a bestseller in the US, the UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Australia, Portugal, and other countries. His novels *Panic* and *Collision* have been optioned for film and are in script development.

"Abbott's books are always page turners with interesting characters and many questions to solve," said Lake Travis Community Library employee Earlene Loflin. "His plots are great puzzles for sleuths!"

**Lake Travis Reads** is a "One Book, One Community" program designed to bring the community together to read and discuss a single book or author. This year's version, featuring the works of local suspense writer Jeff Abbott, is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual version of the program co-sponsored by the libraries and Friends groups of Bee Cave, Lake Travis and Spicewood. Previous years featured *This Voice in My Heart: A Runner's Memoir of Genocide, Faith and Forgiveness* by Gilbert Tuhabonye and *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson. The program has also featured the novels of Sarah Bird and Ben Rehder.

Multiple copies of Jeff Abbott's books are available at the Bee Cave, Lake Travis, and Spicewood libraries. The "Evening with the Author" on Thursday, February 23 will be at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Bee Cave City Hall, and is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, visit [www.laketrisreads.org](http://www.laketrisreads.org) or contact any of the participating libraries.

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For more information, please contact Barbara Hathaway at Bee Cave Public Library at (512) 767-6620; Morgan McMillian at Lake Travis Community Library at (512) 263-2885; or Spicewood Community Library at (830) 693-7892.