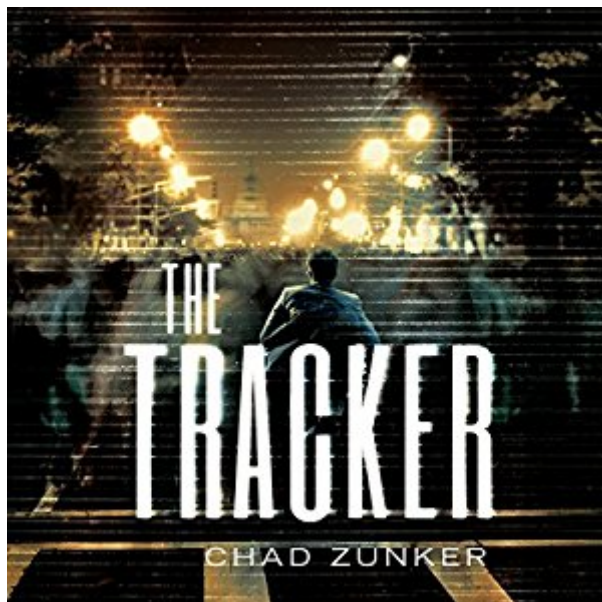


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# The Tracker: Sam Callahan, Book 1



## Synopsis

Trust no one. Sam Callahan learned this lesson from a childhood spent in abusive foster care, on the streets, and locked in juvie. With the past behind him and his future staked on law school, he is moonlighting as a political tracker, paid to hide in crowds and shadow candidates, recording their missteps for use by their opponents. One night, after an anonymous text tip, Sam witnesses a congressional candidate and a mysterious blonde in a motel indiscretion that ends in murder, recording it all on his phone. Now Sam is a target. Set up to take the fall and pursued by both assassins and the FBI, he is forced to go on the run. Using the street skills forged during his troubled youth - as well as his heightened mental abilities - Sam goes underground until he can uncover who is behind the conspiracy and how far up it goes. A taut thriller with an unforgettable young hero, *The Tracker* is a heart-stopping debut from an exciting new voice. Revised edition: This edition of *The Tracker* includes editorial revisions.

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## Customer Reviews

First let me say that I am not a friend or relative of the author. As a matter of fact, this is the first (but certainly NOT the last) book that I have read by this author. I don't even remember the last time I felt like giving a story 5 stars...but it was easy to give it to this one, as I haven't enjoyed a book so much in a long, long time. And the author entertained without lurid sex scenes, horror-story type violence, or an excessive barrage of profanity. Quite refreshing, really! The story was told in first person, and it switched back and forth between the past (numerous places in the main character's past) and the present. So often a story that switches back and forth can be a difficult read. It can

come off as quite choppy...getting the reader involved in the plot, only to leave them hanging as the old chapter ends and the new one begins in a different time period. But I thought the author did an excellent job of having the present place in the story lead in to the one he wanted to tell from the past. It wasn't a "choppy" read at all. The way that he blended the past and the present actually added to the character development, rather than making it impossible to ever get an emotional investment going. This story had relationship, intrigue, excitement, character development...all rolled up into one great package. If the author keeps this up, he's going right up there with some of my other favorite authors: Lee Childs, Harlan Coben, David Baldacci...

Chad Zunker has a creative mind and weaves a story that grabbed me from the beginning and took me on a fast paced ride w plenty of twists. Some leaps of faith were required to believe some of the things Sam Callahan goes thru but still worth the read and looking forward to more. An interesting look at Washington politics and the dark side of military and security contractors.

The Tracker really held my interest but also exposed the issues we face with the foster system in the U.S. I really liked the character development for Sam and felt deeply for him and his upbringing. Good read and look forward to the next book.

The premise alone is worthy of a 'sit back and think about it' moment. If you are looking for a good guy, not necessarily a do gooder, Sam's your man. This book is for those of us in badly need of a believable human with the contacts needed (and explained) to overcome the bad people using any means to have their way. He has heart, guts, and smart friends. I look forward to his next adventure.  
Lil Tiger

This is a great story line. It is fast paced with lots of twists and turns. Could be true especially with this last election cycle. Even today as reporters ask the same questions endlessly.

Loved the layout and the switching back and forth with back story and plot. I'm not a snowflake but one of the best features of the story for me is the lack of coarse language. It's refreshing to be enthralled with simple, plain words without the "enhancements" that have all but made polite conversation a thing of the past. Only niggle is that w/only one exception only one "news" vendor was ever cited.

5 stars for a surprising great read. Picked this book at random to fill time. Glad I did as it was fast moving and I wanted to keep getting to next chapter. This book would turn into a great movie. Flashbacks were well handled not being overdone.

A very interesting story about a little known job; namely a political tracker. Sam Callahan is a very sympathetic character with a long personal back story who stumbles onto a murder, a conspiracy, and political intrigue. I thoroughly enjoyed the characters and the plot. There are some unforeseen twists and the action is plentiful.

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