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Editorial Review

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Grade 5-8—When strangers attempt to kidnap 11-year-old Jimmy Coates from his home, he discovers in the midst of his escape that he can break wrists with a simple squeeze of his hand and crash through second-story windows, smacking the pavement below without so much as a scrape. He soon discovers that he is a 35 percent human/65 percent robot assassin created by NJ7, a CIA-like department of the British government. On this first mission, Jimmy teams up with his kooky best friend, his sister, and an ex-NJ7 agent to rescue his parents from the clutches of the agency. This first novel is all action and reads as a more lighthearted mystery for younger readers than Anthony Horowitz's "Alex Rider" books (Philomel). Although it lacks the calculated cruelty and technical ingenuity that make that series so electrifying, Jimmy's humorous mishaps and athletic thrills will leave middle-grade boys drooling for the next installment.—*Hillias J. Martin, New York Public Library*

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Gr. 4-7. The first clue that Jimmy Coates isn't an ordinary 11-year-old comes when mysterious officials arrive at his house and announce, "We've come for the boy." Jimmy outruns them, helped by instincts that seem more refined than typical fight-or-flight reflexes. Soon he discovers why. He is 38 percent human and 62 percent "Earth's finest technological hardware," a genetically altered assassin created by an increasingly dictatorial British state. Called into service before his programming has fully kicked in, Jimmy now faces devastating conflicts as autocrats command him to lay waste to their political opponents . . . or else. The story feels as engineered as its bionic hero, but Craig acquits himself admirably within the paint-by-numbers structure. Readers will cheer at Jimmy's refusal to meekly accept the "organic evil" inside him, and will flinch at the creepy subterfuge behind every aspect of his upbringing. Punches are thrown and received but no deaths occur, and Jimmy's convivial ensemble of helpful adults and peers leavens the propulsive suspense. Suggest this to readers not quite ready for the darker extremes of Anthony Horowitz's Alex Rider series. An unresolved ending augurs more to come. *Jennifer Mattson*
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