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JUST SOLD – NON-FICTION

OCTOPUS X: The Untold Story by Kenna Hughes-Castleberry

Island Books (2026)

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Material available: proposal

A fascinating narrative about “citizen science” and the discovery of the mysterious creature that has been called “the Bigfoot of Octopuses” – perfect for readers of Sy Montgomery and Ed Yong

OCTOPUS X will be an exploration of passionate “citizen science” in the person of diver and artist Arcadio Rodaniche, who, along with his mentor and famed cephalopod behavioralist Martin Moynihan, found a mysterious colony of social octopuses off the coast of Panama. These octopuses were unlike any previously described, as they lived in mated pairs, constantly laid eggs, mated beak-to-beak, and exhibited unique hunting strategies, all of which went against the norm for octopus behavior.

Fascinated by these creatures, Rodaniche studied them at his Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) laboratory. He tried to present his findings at a Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) symposium but was laughed out of the event as few believed his claims about this bizarre octopus (it didn’t help that he didn’t have an academic background in cephalopod research but instead had an electrical engineering degree). Rejected, his paper and findings sat untouched for decades, with only his drawing of the animal accompanying them, adding to the allure of this creature.

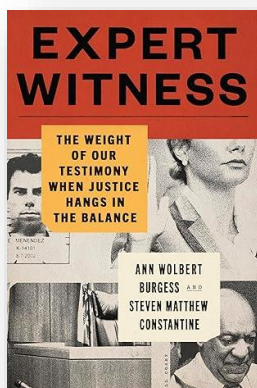
Then, some years later, a team of researchers at U.C. Berkeley obtained samples of Rodaniche’s mysterious octopus, and their observations validated everything Rodaniche found. They asked Rodaniche to co-author their paper, and in 2016, they released their findings to the world. Even with this validation, Rodaniche’s story has never been fully told. Unfortunately, Rodaniche died only five months after seeing his work validated.

Currently, this octopus (known commonly as the Larger Pacific Striped Octopus or LPSO) is being genetically analyzed by a separate team from U.C. Berkeley working to classify it as its own species scientifically. If this happens, the lead researcher, Dr. Gul Dolen, plans to name the animal *Octopus rodaniche*, giving a further victorious ending to Rodaniche’s story. Kenna also plans to highlight ongoing research to study the LPSO in its wild habitat, which has never been done before.

Kenna Hughes-Castleberry is the Science Communicator at JILA (a world-leading physics research institute established by CU Boulder and NIST) and a freelance science journalist. She focuses on animal intelligence, specifically in corvids and cephalopods. Her work has appeared in such publications as *National Geographic*, *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*, and *Discover Magazine*. She holds several degrees, including undergraduate degrees in English and Biology from Colorado State University and a Master’s degree in Science Communication from Imperial College London.

UPCOMING NON-FICTION

DR. ANN WOLBERT BURGESS



EXPERT WITNESS: The Weight of Our Testimony When Justice Hangs in the Balance

by Ann Wolbert Burgess and Steven Constantine

Grand Central Publishing (September 2025)

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Material available: final manuscript

- **International Sales**

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*Following on the heels of the critically-acclaimed true crime account, **A Killer By Design** (the inspiration behind Hulu's original docuseries, **Mastermind**), a groundbreaking look into the crucial role played by expert witnesses in the most high-profile criminal cases, from the Menendez brothers to Larry Nasser to Bill Cosby, based on Dr. Ann Burgess' personal experiences within the criminal justice system.*

For decades, when criminal cases of the most unprecedented nature went to trial, one woman took the stand to separate truth from fiction. **EXPERT WITNESS** is the extraordinary story of forensic and psychiatric pioneer Dr. Ann Burgess and how she revolutionized what it means to be an expert witness in the American court system.

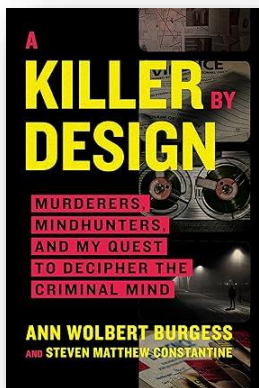
Written through Burgess' singular lens of compassion and lived experience, **EXPERT WITNESS** pulls back the curtain on some of the biggest cases in the last thirty years—from Bill Cosby to the Menendez brothers to Larry Nasser—to reveal the deeply human stories behind the trials that captivated a nation. The book explores the role of expert witnesses in high stakes court cases, offering first-hand accounts and never-before-seen interviews with attorneys, victims, and offenders. Unlike any book before it, **EXPERT WITNESS** places readers inside the mind of the nation's most prominent courtroom expert, following Burgess as she takes on one seismic case after the next and shows how powerful courtroom testimony can be.

Throughout the narrative, each case deepens the reader's understanding of the art and science of expert testimony. And while the cases on their own are fascinating, it's the never before told stories of the individuals at the heart of such groundbreaking cases that gives **EXPERT WITNESS** its powerful sense of urgency, relevance, and framework of understanding, taking readers from the women's movement of the 1970s to the #MeToo movement of today—one of

the largest social reckonings in recent history.

At its core, *EXPERT WITNESS* is a story of empowerment. It's a story of compassion and the ever-increasing need for individuals to stand up and speak truth to power or to popular opinion. And it's ultimately a story of how revolutionary one voice can be.

Also by the author:



A KILLER BY DESIGN: Murderers, Mindhunters, and My Quest to Decipher the Criminal Mind
by Ann Wolbert Burgess and Steven Constantine
Hachette Books (December 2021)
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***Now a top-rated Hulu Feature Documentary
MASTERMIND: TO THINK LIKE A KILLER
Executive produced by Dakota & Elle Fanning***

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UK - Welbeck
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The breathtakingly vivid behind-the-scenes memoir of the pioneering forensic nurse whose work transformed the evolution of criminal profiling, changing forever the way the FBI studies, profiles, and catches serial killers.

Lurking beneath the progressive activism and sex positivity in the 1970-80s, a dark undercurrent of violence rippled across the American landscape. With reported cases of sexual assault and homicide on the rise, the FBI created a specialized team—the “Mindhunters” better known as the Behavioral Science Unit—to track down the country's most dangerous criminals. And yet narrowing down a seemingly infinite list of potential suspects seemed daunting at best and impossible at worst—until Dr. Ann Wolbert Burgess stepped on the scene. In *A Killer by Design*, Burgess reveals how her pioneering research on sexual assault and trauma caught the attention of the FBI and steered her right into the middle of a chilling serial murder investigation in Nebraska. Over the course of the next two decades, she helped the budding unit identify, interview, and track down dozens of notoriously violent offenders, including Ed Kemper (“The Co-Ed Killer”), Dennis

Rader ("BTK"), Henry Wallace ("The Taco Bell Strangler"), Jon Barry Simonis ("The Ski-Mask Rapist"), and many others. As one of the first women trailblazers within the FBI's hallowed halls, Burgess knew many were expecting her to crack under pressure and recoil in horror—but she was determined to protect future victims at any cost.

This book pulls us directly into the investigations as she experienced them, interweaving never-before-seen interview transcripts and crime scene drawings alongside her own vivid recollections to provide unprecedented insight into the minds of deranged criminals and the victims they left behind. Along the way, Burgess also paints a revealing portrait of a formidable institution on the brink of a seismic scientific and cultural reckoning—and the men forced to reconsider everything they thought they knew about crime. Haunting, heartfelt, and deeply human, *A Killer by Design* forces us to confront the age-old question that has long plagued our criminal justice system: “What drives someone to kill, and how can we stop them?”

Ann Wolbert Burgess, D.N.Sc., APRN, FAAN, is a widely recognized pioneer in the treatment of victims of rape, trauma, and abuse. She has received numerous honors including The Living Legend Award from the American Academy of Nursing, the American Nurses' Association Hildegard Peplau Award, and the Sigma Theta Tau International Audrey Hepburn Award. She is the namesake of the Ann Burgess Forensic Nursing Award, presented annually by The International Association of Forensic Nurses. She regularly appears as an expert witness to offer courtroom testimony for high-profile cases involving violent serial offenders, child abuse, and sexual crime. Her courtroom testimony has been described as “groundbreaking.” Ann is a professor at Boston College Connell School of Nursing where she teaches graduate courses in forensic nursing.

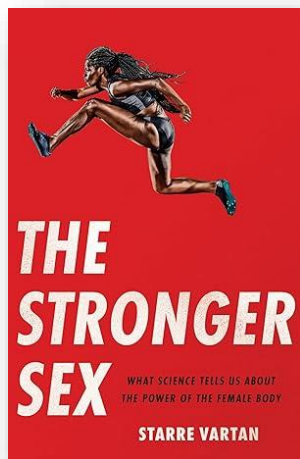
Steven Matthew Constantine (cowriter) is the assistant director of marketing and communications at the Boston College Connell School of Nursing. He holds an MFA from the Bennington Writing Seminars and lives in Boston, MA.

Praise for A KILLER BY DESIGN

“Forensic and psychiatric nurse Burgess debuts with an affecting memoir about her crucial if largely unknown role in helping the FBI develop criminal profiling tools. Admirers of John Douglas’s *The Killer Across the Table: Unlocking the Secrets of Serial Killers and Predators with the FBI’s Original Mindhunter* will be riveted.”
 – **Publishers Weekly - starred review**

“Of all the colleagues I’ve worked with, Ann is one of the sharpest—and one of the toughest. Ann’s behind-the-scenes work had a profound impact on the FBI’s Behavioral Science Unit since she taught us how to harness the chaos of serial killers’ minds and helped us decipher the undecipherable. I’d recommend that everyone read *A Killer by Design*; not only is it a great page-turner, but it’s about time Ann’s story was heard.”
 —**JOHN E. DOUGLAS, former FBI criminal profiler and bestselling author of *Mindhunter***

STARRE VARTAN



THE STRONGER SEX: What Science Tells Us About the Power of the Female Body by

Starre Vartan (former title: *STRENGTH & POWER*)

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A myth-busting vindication of women's physical strengths

For decades, Starre Vartan—like most women—was told that having a woman's body meant being weaker than men. Like many women, she mostly believed it.

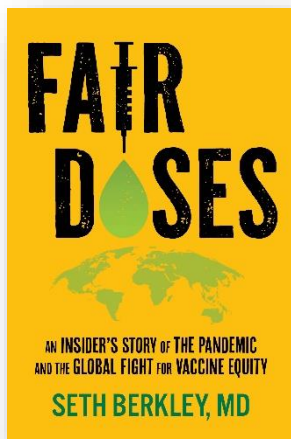
Not anymore.

Following a half decade of research into the newest science, Vartan shows that women's bodies are incredibly powerful, flexible, and resilient in ways men's bodies aren't. Tossing aside the narrow notion of a fully ripped man as the measure of strength, Vartan reveals the ways that women surpass men in endurance, flexibility, immunity, pain tolerance, and the ultimate test of any human body: longevity. Vartan—a deadeye shot since her grandmother showed her how to aim a .22—debunks myth after myth like so many tin cans at two hundred yards and reveals why, if anyone wins in a battle of the sexes, it's women.

In interviews with dozens of researchers from biology, anthropology, physiology, and sports science, plus in-depth conversations with runners, swimmers, wrestlers, woodchoppers, thru-hikers, firefighters, and more, *The Stronger Sex* squashes outdated ideas about women's bodies. It's a celebration of female strength that doesn't argue "down with men" but "up with us all."

Starre Vartan is a science writer who was raised in a family of creatives and medical professionals. She grew up in New York and now splits her time between the Pacific Northwest and Sydney, Australia. She contributes regularly to *Scientific American* and *National Geographic* and has written for CNN, the *Washington Post*, *Slate*, and *New York* magazine, among many others. Her investigative journalism for *NatGeo* in early 2022 on how the DNA technique used to catch the Golden State Killer is being used to track elephant ivory smugglers and convict wildlife criminals.

SETH BERKLEY, M.D.



FAIR DOSES: An Insider's Story of the Pandemic and the Global Fight for Vaccine Equity by Seth Berkley, M.D.

University of California Press (Fall 2025)

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Dr. Seth Berkley was one of the main organizers of COVAX (a multilateral global solution working with most governments, UN agencies and vaccine manufacturers) and a founder and CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (a public-private partnership so successful it provides more than 50% of the world's lowest income children with vaccines). **Dr. Berkley has a remarkable range of highly influential supporters who will**

help promote FAIR DOSES, including Bill Gates, Reed Hastings, Nick Kristoff, Chris Anderson, Bono, and Chelsea Clinton (and her parents).

In his COVAX role, he also interacted with major political leaders in Europe and Japan – including the following potential endorsers of the book internationally:

Germany

- Angela Merkel, Former Prime Minister (hosted our 2015 replenishment)
- Svenja Schulze, Minister of Development, hosted the COVAX investment case with Prime Minister Olaf Scholz in 2022.
- Hermann Grohe, Senior Parliamentarian, Former Minister of Health
- Professor Lars-Hendrik Roller, Former G-8, G-20 Sherpa for Germany Chancellery
- Axel Pries, President, the World Health Summit which awarded me the first lifetime achievement award in October 2023
- Ilona Kickbusch, WHS Summit Foundation

United Kingdom

- Tony Blair, Former Prime Minister, Director, Tony Blair Institute
- Gordon Brown, Former Prime Minister, Former Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund, Former CEO of Standard Charter Bank
- Jose Manuel Barroso, Goldman Sachs International, Former President of the EC, Former PM Portugal
- Lord Boateng, Member of the House of Lords, Former Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Zanny Minton Beddoes, Editor of the Economist
- Andrew Witty, CEO UnitedHealth, Former CEO GSK
- Caroline Atkinson, Former Director of Policy at Google, Deputy Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs to President Obama, Advisor to US Treasury Secretaries Rubin and Summers
- Geoffrey Carr: Science Editor, the Economist
- Andrew Jack: Global Education Editor, Former Pharmaceutical Correspondent, the Financial Times

Belgium

- Queen Mathilde of Belgium, has been a champion for vaccines and Covax
- Stella Kyriakides, EC Commissioner for Health
- Jutta Urpilainen, EC Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Policy
- Dr. Peter Piot, Former Dean, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Former Founding Director of UNAIDS, Former Director of the Antwerp School of Tropical Medicine

The Netherlands

- Jaap Goudsmit, Professor of Poverty related communicable diseases, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam
- Fransje van der Waals,
- Marijke Wijnroks, Chief of Staff, the Global Fund, Formerly Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- Jorris Jurriens, Head of Unit, Health Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

France

- Emmanuel Macron, President, vaccine and Covax champion
- Stephanie Seydoux, Global Health Ambassador
- Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, French Minister of State for Development and International Partnerships

Spain

- HRH the Infanta Cristina
- Pedro Alonso, Professor and Director, the Institute for Global Health at the University of Barcelona
- Jaume Giro, CEO La Caixa Banking Foundation

Italy

- Roberto Speranza, former Minister of Health
- Beatrice Lorenzin, former Minister of Health, and member of the Senate
- Rino Rappuoli CEO of the GSK institute

Norway:

- Jens Stoltenberg, Former Prime Minister (now DG of NATO)
- Erna Solberg, Former Prime Minister
- Dagfinn Høybråten, Former Minister of Health and Vice-Chair Norwegian Parliament who now runs Norwegian Church Aid, the largest Norwegian NGO

Sweden:

- Carl Bildt, Former Prime Minister
- Gunilla Carlsson, Former Minister of Development, Vice-Chair of Gavi
- Pierre Schori, Former Foreign Minister
- Anders Nordstrom, just retired as Global Health Ambassador
- Hans Wigzell, Former Rector of Karolinska Institute

Japan

- Keizo Takemi, Minister of Health of Japan
- Ambassador Takeshi Akahori, Director General Global issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Chairman, Health and Global Policy Institute

- Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Japanese Ambassador to the UN, former Minister of Health

In **FAIR DOSES**, Dr. Berkley will capture the major untold story of the Covid pandemic from an inside, personal perspective, the fascinating story of how -- against all odds -- a small group of people in record time organized 193 countries, built the world's largest portfolio of Covid vaccines, raised over \$12 billion dollars, and delivered 2 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines to the world's population. As a multilateral global solution, COVAX has demonstrated what works and can be delivered at incredible scale.

Dr. Berkley worked 24/7 from a small study in rural Switzerland: virtually selling to heads of state, raising billions of dollars, giving media interviews worldwide, while dealing with the good, the bad and the ugly among world leaders (including Boris Johnson, Trump and Macron), the pharmaceutical industry, and all the political challenges of vaccine nationalism, the demonization of scientists and public health, the steady increase in vaccine hesitancy, and the misinformation that threatened to engulf the effort. In a David vs Goliath leadership story, the COVAX team organized a global campaign, with the first vaccines in poor countries delivered 39 days after the first doses provided worldwide were delivered in the UK and ultimately, the effort ended up with 56% coverage in the 92 poorest countries (home to about 1/2 of the world's population) versus 65% globally.

FAIR DOSES reaches far beyond Covid, because for the next pandemic and the many more pandemics that inevitably will come after that, the global response needs to be much faster and more equitable. Through the story of COVAX, Dr. Berkley will show how the hard lessons learned during Covid can establish a new standard of preparedness and help the global health community take advantage of the available science and make a heightened response possible in the future.

Dr. Berkley's stunning contributions in this field and his international standing is evidenced by this small sampling of media coverage he has recently received:

- *Fortune* listed Dr Berkley as one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders.
- *Newsweek* magazine featured him on the cover.
- *TIME* magazine recognized him as one of "The TIME 100 – The World's Most Influential People".
- *WIRED* magazine named him among "The WIRED 25 – a salute to dreamers, inventors, mavericks, leaders."
- His three TED talks have been viewed by more than 2.5 million people.
- he's appeared regularly on NPR, BBC, Face the Nation, PBS Newshour, among other media venues
- he has over 260,000 followers on social media

A pioneer in global public health for more than 35 years, **Dr Seth Berkley**, an MD and infectious disease epidemiologist, has been a champion throughout his career of equitable access to vaccines, and a driving force to innovate and improve the way the world prevents and responds to infectious disease. since 2011, under Dr. Berkley's leadership, GAVI has raised 33.3 billion dollars for its

core programs and covid-19 vaccine procurement and delivery. in 2019 Gavi received the Lasker-Bloomberg Public Service Award for providing sustained access to childhood vaccines in the world's poorest countries, in 2020 the Princess of Asturias Award for International Cooperation and in 2022, the North-South Prize from the Council of Europe.

Dr. Berkely has held professorships at Brown, Columbia, NYU, and the University of Geneva and has been awarded honorary doctorates by Brown, Makerere and Nelson Mandela University. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. He currently is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Pandemic Center at Brown University. He resides in Switzerland.

DAVID GEORGE HASKELL

HOW FLOWERS MADE OUR WORLD: Revolutions of Cooperation, Beauty, and Illusion by David George Haskell

Viking (Spring 2026)

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Flowers are beautiful revolutionaries. When they evolved, they remade the natural world. Almost all of nature now depends on them. We live on a floral planet, yet flowers don't get the credit they deserve. We admire them for their beauty, not their world-changing power. In this revealing new book, internationally renowned nature writer David Haskell puts flowers back where they belong, at the center of the story about how our planet came to be and how it thrives today.

Flowers are innovators. They used beauty to transform former enemies into cooperative partners. They reinvented plant growth, sex, and motherhood. Through genetic nimbleness, they turned past environmental upheavals into opportunities for renewal. This inventiveness allowed them to build and sustain rain forests, savannahs, prairies, and even ocean shores.

Flowers create opportunities for others. Butterflies and bees would not exist without them. Modern birds diversified in lockstep with flowers. Flowers shaped our species' history, too. Grasses caused our ape ancestors to come down from the trees. Agriculture, with flowering plants at its heart, is the foundation of all modern civilizations.

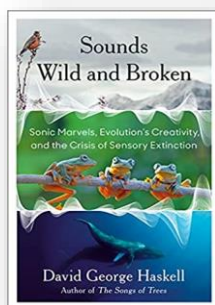
Although flowers lack nerves, they created a language of beauty to converse with animals. We draw this conversation into human social networks, using cut blooms, floral aromas, and flower symbolism to mediate our signals to one another. Illusion is beauty's companion. Flowers dupe many pollinators, and we use flowers to conceal, mask, or deflect. By breeding and growing flowers, we create both beauty and illusions: paradoxically, flowers produced by horticulture can be dangerous to pollinators.

The study of flowers revolutionized science and was a foundation of the horrors of colonialism. Today, we look to the resilience and genetic flexibility of flowering plants to help us face the crises of climate change and extinction. Flowers thrived in the face of past calamity and can do so again.

Flowers are the among most consequential creatures ever to have evolved, but no book to date centers and elevates this story, much of which has been discovered only in the last decade. Today, interest among the reading public in the wonders of plants is high, as is our need to learn from them. Now is a perfect time to celebrate the story of how flowers made our world.

David Haskell's work integrates scientific, literary, and contemplative studies of the natural world. He is a professor of biology and environmental studies at the University of the South and a Guggenheim Fellow. His 2017 book *The Songs of Trees* won the John Burroughs Medal for Outstanding Nature Writing. His 2012 book *The Forest Unseen* and 2022 book *Sounds Wild and Broken* were both finalists for the Pulitzer Prize and were shortlisted for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award.

Also by the author:



SOUNDS WILD AND BROKEN: Sonic Marvels, Evolution's Creativity, and the Crisis of Sensory Extinction by David George Haskell

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Japanese - Tsukiji Shokan

Pulitzer Prize Finalist 2023

Finalist for the 2023 Pen/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award

Pulitzer Finalist, winner of the prestigious John Burroughs Medal and one of the finest, most internationally honored, and acclaimed science/nature writers of his generation, David Haskell offers this lyrical exploration of the diverse sounds of our planet, the creative processes that produced these marvels, and the perils that sonic diversity now faces.

Rave Review in *The New York Times Book Review*

“[A] glorious guide to the miracle of life’s sound.

Haskell’s earlier books suggested the emergence of a great poet-scientist. “Sounds Wild and Broken” affirms Haskell as a laureate for the earth, his finely tuned scientific observations made more potent by his deep love for the wild he hopes to save.

More praise for SOUNDS WILD AND BROKEN

“Earth sings, rings, and warbles: a musical planet, maybe the only one in the universe. As David George Haskell tells it in his **captivating new book**, *Sounds Wild and Broken*, it is astonishing good fortune—and a fearsome responsibility—to be given this music and the ears to hear it with . . . *Sounds Wild and Broken* offer[s] **one delight after another.**”
—**Kathleen Dean Moore**, *Scientific American*

“**A joyous celebration of the music of life.** . . . Sparkling prose conveys an urgent message.”—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred)

“**[T]houghtful, insightful** . . . With persistent intelligence and understated wit, Haskell uncovers one subtle mystery after another, forming a gorgeous argument for protecting all we long to hear.”—*Booklist*

“*Sounds Wild and Broken* is a symphony, filled with the music of life. It is fascinating, heartbreaking, and beautifully written.”—*Elizabeth Kolbert*

“**This masterful book is a gift of deep aural understanding and a resplendent read.**”
—*Jennifer Ackerman*

“In luminous prose, David Haskell teaches us to hear the beauty and tragedy of the whole history of life on Earth. *Sounds Wild and Broken* **will change the way you listen to nature and to yourself and may this help us heal our planet before it’s too late.**” —*David Rothenberg*, author of *Nightingales in Berlin* and *Why Birds Sing*

“A stunning call to reinhabit our ancient communion with sound. **David George Haskell’s gorgeous prose and deep research meld wonder with intellect, inspiring reverence, delight, and a sense of urgency in protecting aural diversity.**” —*Lyanda Lynn Haupt*, author of *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit*, and *Mozart’s Starling*

“This is how scientific writing should be, and almost never is: **suffused with wonder and pathos, throbbing with the music of the wild. Haskell conducts a magnificent symphony here.** —*Charles Foster*, author of *Being a Beast* and *Being a Human*



THIRTEEN WAYS TO SMELL A TREE: Getting to Know Trees Through the Language of Scent
by David George Haskell

Octopus UK – Viking US (Fall 2021)

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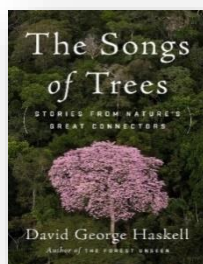
Chinese/complex – Business Weekly

Korean – Eido

Chinese/simplified – People's Literature Publishing

French - Flammarion

Thirteen Ways to Smell a Tree takes you on a journey to connect with trees through the sense most aligned to our emotions and memories, exploring the evocative scents of trees, from the smell of a book just printed as you first open its pages, to the calming scent of Linden blossom, to the ingredients of a particularly good gin & tonic and much more.



THE SONGS OF TREES: Stories from Nature's Great Connectors

by David George Haskell

Viking Penguin

Rights: Translation rights: The Martell Agency - UK rights: publisher

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German – Antje Kunstmann

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Chinese/complex – Business Weekly

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French – Flammarion

Italian – Einaudi

Turkish – Arti Dagitim

Polish – JK Publishing

Russian – AST

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Vietnamese - Phuong Nam Books



**Winner of the 2018 John Burroughs Medal
for Distinguished Natural History Writing in Book Form**

**One of the most important awards for nature writing given in the U.S.
(previous winners include John McPhee, Peter Matthiessen and Rachel Carson)**

★ 2017 Winner of the Openbook “The Best Book for Life Award”
One of the most prestigious awards given for books published in Chinese

★ Selected by *The Guardian* –
Fresh Voices – 50 Writers You Should Read Now

★ Selected by NPR’s Science Friday as
One of the Best Science Books of 2017

★ Selected by Brain Pickings as
One of the Best Science Books of 2017

★ Selected by *Forbes*
"The 10 Best Environment, Climate Science and Conservation Books of 2017"

Praise for THE SONGS OF TREES

“*The Songs of Trees* has the diverse busyness of a thriving woodland. It is hard to think of a recent scientifically-inflected book on nature that is as fluent, compelling, and intoxicatingly rich.” – (London) *Times Literary Supplement*

“...an engaging and eye-opening narrative...” –*Kirkus*

“Blending history and science with the grace of a poet, this is nature writing at its finest.” – *Booklist* (starred review)

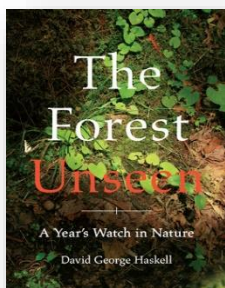
“...an exquisitely wrought ecological study...a ravishing journey into biotic community.” – *Nature*

“Here is a book to nourish the spirit. *The Songs of Trees* is a powerful argument against the ways in which humankind has severed the very biological networks that give us our place in the world. Listen as David Haskell takes his stethoscope to the heart of nature - and discover the poetry and music contained within.”

- *Peter Wohlleben*, author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*

“Both a love song to trees, an exploration of their biology, and a wonderfully philosophical analysis of their role they play in human history and in modern culture.” – *Science Friday*, “The Best Science Books of 2017”

“David George Haskell is a wonderful writer and an equally keen observer of the natural world. *The Song of Trees* is at once lyrical and informative, filled with beauty and also a sense of loss.” –*Elizabeth Kolbert*



**THE FOREST UNSEEN: A Year's Watch in Nature
by David George Haskell**

Viking Penguin

*Rights: Translation rights: by The Martell Agency - UK rights:
publisher*

Pulitzer Prize Finalist

• **International sales:**

French – Flammarion

German – Antje Kunstmann
(paperback: Goldmann)

Japanese – Tsukji Shokan

Korean – Eidos

Polish – JK Publishing

Italian – Einaudi

World Spanish – Turner Libros

Latvian – Jumava

Chinese/complex – Business Weekly

Chinese/simplified * – Commercial Press

***80,000 copies sold in PRC!**

Czech/Euromedia

Turkish/Alef Yayınevi

The Forest Unseen won the 2014 Best Book of the Year Award from
China Book Review Society

“Haskell leads the reader into a new genre of nature writing, located between science and poetry in which the invisible appears, the small grow large, and the immense complexity and beauty of life are more clearly revealed.”

E. O. Wilson, Harvard University, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner

Praise for THE FOREST UNSEEN

“An extraordinary, intimate view of life... Exceptional observations of the biological world...” -*Kirkus* (★starred review)

“...a welcome entry in the world of nature writers. He thinks like a biologist, writes like a poet.” -*James Gorman, New York Times*

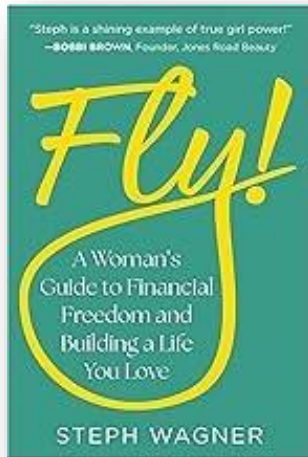
**“Haskell writes with a scientist’s meticulous attention to detail and a poet’s way with words. As he spins his tales of the tiny and the ordinary, we see the big picture issues, from evolution to climate change, unfold in the everyday world.”
- from the PEN/E.O. Wilson Judges’ Citation**

“Mr. Haskell is a sensitive writer, conjuring with careful precision the worlds he observes and delighting the reader with insightful turns of phrase.”-Hugh Raffles, Wall Street Journal

“Haskell contemplates the forest’s “life” with the trained eye of a biologist and the eloquence of a published poet.” -Financial Times

“*The Forest Unseen* is a masterpiece of contextualization...a gentle push away from over-academicized nature study.” -The Times (London) Literary Supplement

STEPH L. WAGNER



FLY! A Woman's Guide to Financial Freedom and Building a Life You Love

By Steph L. Wagner

Matt Holt Books/BenBella (November 2025)

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Material available: final manuscript due Spring 2025

FLY! by Steph L. Wagner, will offer a dynamic and accessible blueprint for women who, more often than not (even if successful professionals), have left the family financial responsibilities to their spouse and then suddenly find themselves alone and clueless.

With the average age of widowhood being 59 and life expectancy being 80, along with the growing trend of “gray divorce,” it's estimated that 8 out of 10 women will be financially “alone” way before they ever thought possible. Steph is a much-needed successor to reach that vast audience that Suze Orman championed, but her tone and approach are quite different. The key being that Steph has first-hand gone through suddenly being very single and helpless about her finances and her future and she knows well the challenge of getting the confidence and knowledge needed to reinvent your life.

Today, **Steph is the National Director of Women and Wealth at Northern Trust**, one of the largest and most respected financial institutions in the world. She is responsible for leading the firm's wealth advisory practice for women and oversees all creation of content, curriculum, and programming through its *Elevating Women* platform, which she founded. **She has been featured in the New York Times and Barron's and on Fox and MarketWatch among many other major media platforms.** But thirteen years ago, she was a stay-at-home mom with three young sons and a seemingly perfect life until her husband of nearly twenty years suddenly abandoned the family to run off with another woman. Left with no income, no job, and no prospects, she had to struggle to forge a path to security for herself and her children.

Given this, she brings to this project not only the authority of an expert, but the deep understanding of a woman who has faced personal challenges of her own and understands the emotional and practical barriers of re-inventing your life after hitting bottom – and she knows the strategies to needed to overcome these hurdles and flourish in what is a new world and new life.

Told through her own story of rebuilding after a devastating downturn, Steph will offer women practical advice for managing money (regardless of how little or much they have) on a day-to-day basis, developing knowledge about investing, planning and growing wealth and creative exercises to discover your “money” identity and understand how the undertow of the emotions connected to childhood experiences of family finances can swamp one's ability to make the right choices. And as your confidence grows in financial decision making, all of life's options and opportunities multiply and become genuine possibilities. Steph's voice is engaging and involved – she is truly an expert who actually creates a personal connection and high level of trust with the reader.

Prior to joining Northern Trust, Steph served as managing director and co-founder of Sendero Women & Wealth, a division of a registered investment advisory firm. Ahead of that, she built a national consulting practice as a divorce financial strategist and also founded Women Wealthy Wise, an education company that created content, curriculum, and inspiring programming for women about money, and partnered with wealth management firms nationwide to strengthen their women's initiatives. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, Steph worked in private equity as a Vice President at Gemini Investors, a Boston-based private investment firm focused on providing capital to established, smaller middle market businesses

MARGIE PATLAK

INSECT SAFARI: Exploring Everyday Exotic Bugs Hiding in Plain Sight by Margie Patlak

Workman/Hachette (2026)

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Material available: final manuscript due Spring 2025

INSECT SAFARI showcases the superpowers, alien anatomies, and striking untold behaviors – in short, the lifestyles - of the vast array of bugs making their home in our backyards, parks, and gardens, and even in the flowerpots that dot city courtyards and balconies. The book is especially timely with the mounting concern about declining insect populations coupled with the growing awareness of how bugs “are the little things that run the world,” as E. O. Wilson put it, because they play crucial roles in pollinating crops, removing waste, and nourishing birds and other animals.

Each chapter in INSECT SAFARI is a conversational essay about a specific insect uncovered on one of the author’s backyard expeditions, explaining in jargon-free language how the featured bug – ranging from unusual varieties of moths, beetles, bees, and ants to more exotic characters such as the cuckoo wasp and candy-striped leafhopper -- navigates daily life, finding food, mating, and providing for their clan.

In revealing the intricate workings of this astonishing miniature world that encompasses thousands of species, the author draws on recent scientific discoveries about insects that demonstrate that there is much more to the inner lives and behaviors of these creatures than we ever thought possible. Did you know that wasps use tools and recognize faces, bees play with balls and do math, that ants invented farming before we did, and even fruit flies deliberate their mating choices? These amazing findings reinforce the notion that we aren’t the only intelligent beings on Earth and tap into people’s contagious curiosity about the unseen life right here on our own planet.

INSECT SAFARI has the same wide audience appeal as such recent eye-opening best-sellers as *The Soul of An Octopus* by Sy Montgomery, *An Immense World* by Ed Yong, *The Genius of Birds* by Jennifer Ackerman, and the award-winning book *How Far the Light Reaches: A Life In Ten Sea Creatures* by Sabrina Imbler.

Margie Patlak is a science and nature writer/photographer, who has published over two hundred articles or essays about nature, biology, the environment, psychology, neuroscience, and technology for popular newspapers and magazines, including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Washington Post*, and *Discover*. Her memoir *More Than Meets the Eye: Exploring Nature and Loss on the Coast of Maine* (Rowman and Littlefield) was given the “Outstanding Book” award by the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA). She has also published a photobook *Wild and Wondrous: Nature’s Artistry on the Coast of Maine* (Rowman and Littlefield). Her curiosity about and passion for nature is bolstered by an B.S. in Botany and M.S. in Environmental Sciences

JENA PINCOTT

MORPHS: The Fabulous, Deeply Weird Science of the Teen Brain & Body by Jena Pincott

BenBella (2026)

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Material available: final manuscript due Spring 2025

MORPHS is all about the emerging hard science explanations behind the often bewildering, combative, concerning and sometimes strange behavior of teenagers.

Covering such universal teen phenomena as hoodie slouching, selective memory failure, frenemy-making, emerging eating disorders and much, much more, MORPHS will examine the many hidden forces – both biological and environmental – that are at play in this trickiest of life’s transitions. It’s an insightful and eye-opening look at teen reality that is profoundly helpful and enlightening.

Expertly drawing on information from a wide range of significant scientific research (much of it cutting edge) in areas ranging from evolutionary biology to anthropology to epigenetics to neuroscience to endocrinology, **MORPHS** maps the natural history of the complex ecosystem that makes teens tick, from the sudden flood of hormones to the slow myelination of brain matter, offering parents a new window to understanding their teen’s challenging body-and-mind metamorphosis from a child to an adult. And since knowledge brings tolerance and empathy, instead of often being frustrated and annoyed, parents will be able to have much more patience and a far more supportive relationship -- and peaceful co-existence -- with their teenagers.

Each chapter of MORPHS will contain a range of topics, loosely connected and interspersed with text boxes, covering:

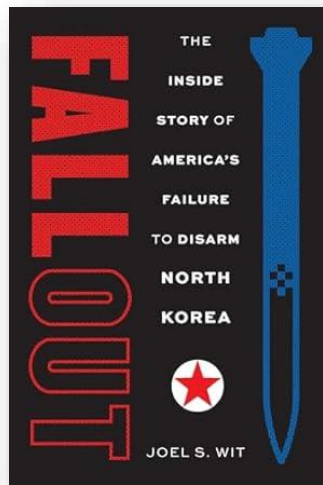
- BODY ODOR, BRACES & THE ANATOMY OF SLOUCH - Evolving Bodies, Evolutionary Origins
- SPONGY BRAKES, GENDERED BRAINS, AND THE WIRING OF CITY KIDS- The Curious Architecture of the Teen Brain
- GUT BUGS, SUNSHINE, AND THE EPIGENETICS OF GRANDMA’S DIET - Hidden Influencers (and Their Biological Origins)
- FRIES, CRISPS, CLIQUES & THE ORIGIN OF FRENEMIES - Under-the-Radar of Social Life
- GAYDAR, KISSING WITH TONGUE, and GENDER FLUIDITY – The Science of Attraction, Gender and Sexuality
- NIGHT OWLS, OVERTHINKERS, AND THE NATURAL ORIGINS OF ANOREXIA - Science Behind the Struggle

Jena Pincott is the perfect person to write MORPHS. She is a science writer and media commentator who specializes in under-the-radar research and contributes frequently to publications including *Scientific American*, *Nautilus*, *Psychology Today*, *Brain World*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *O: The Oprah Magazine*, and many others. She has also appeared on numerous

television and radio shows and podcasts, including CBS This Morning, Good Morning America, Fox5 New York, Science Fantastic with Michio Kaku (4.5 million followers), Big Think (6.2 million subscribers), WSJ Video (3.9 million), and YOU (the podcast of Michael Roizen, chief wellness officer at the Cleveland Clinic).

Jena has a background in biology and has been a senior editor of nonfiction books at Random House. She is the author of self-help and gift books, including *Success: Advice for Achieving Your Goals from Remarkably Accomplished People* (~100,000 copies sold) and *Mom Candy* (commissioned title), both published by Penguin Random House. Her previous popular science titles include *Do Gentlemen Really Prefer Blondes? - The Science of Love, Sex & Attraction* (Penguin Random House), which has been published in 18 languages and received a starred review from Publishers' Weekly and *Do Chocolate Lovers Have Sweeter Babies?: The Science of Pregnancy* (Simon & Schuster), which received starred reviews from *Kirkus* and *Library Journal*.

JOEL S. WIT



FALLOUT: The Inside Story of America's Failure to Disarm North Korea

by Joel S. Wit (former title: *FLASHPOINT*)

Yale University Press (November 2025)

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Material available: final manuscript due Spring 2025

A behind-the-scenes look into US efforts to contain North Korea's nuclear capabilities and why they have not worked.

For almost four decades, the United States and the Western world have tried to halt North Korea's march to build nuclear weapons and the missiles to deliver them. Joel S. Wit, a former State Department official, takes readers to the front lines of nuclear negotiations, to fierce policy debates and secret diplomatic gambits, recounting how perilously close the United States and North Korea have come, on various occasions, to nuclear confrontation. Based on more than three hundred interviews with officials in Washington, Beijing, and Seoul, as well as with the author's contacts in North Korea, this book chronicles how six American presidents have approached the problem of North Korea.

Wit points to Barack Obama and Donald Trump as the two presidents most responsible for the failure to halt the march to nuclear capability, since it was under their successive tenures that North Korea acquired the ability to threaten every city in North America. Wit also offers an unparalleled portrait of Kim Jong Un that refutes his caricature as impulsive and illogical. Like his father and his grandfather, Kim is a ruthless despot, but he is also a canny and informed negotiator determined to secure his dictatorship's future by exploring diplomacy or, failing that, by building a nuclear arsenal.

Joel S. Wit is one of the very few people who could write this book. He has spent three decades at the heart of the hidden effort to stop North Korea from building a nuclear arsenal. As a State Department official during the Clinton administration, he helped negotiate a landmark deal that required North Korea to give up its nuclear program and that temporarily averted a crisis that could have led to the second Korean War. Then, for eight years, he worked closely with North Korean diplomats, bureaucrats, and scientists to try to implement that accord. During that time, Wit visited North Korea 15 times, traveling throughout the country, including to some of its most secret nuclear installations. Wit has held positions in prestigious Washington think-tanks as well as academic institutions, including the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, the Henry L. Stimson Center and Columbia University

ROBERTA KWOK

MINUTIAE: The Tiny Details That Scientists Pursue to Illuminate Big Questions by Roberta Kwok

Sourcebooks (2025)

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Material available: final manuscript due Spring 2025

- **International sales:**
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MINUTIAE by award-winning narrative science writer Roberta Kwok will reveal the fascinating unseen labor behind scientific progress. Every day, we read the news of the latest discoveries. But how did they actually get there? What, exactly, do scientists across the globe do all day, often for year after year...?

- A geologist skis to the edge of a massive crevasse on Helheim Glacier, a stretch of Greenland named for the Norse underworld of the dead. She wants to understand the hidden world under the ice.

- In the stark Arizona desert, a Navajo chemist peers through binoculars at the glint of a distant windmill powering a pump. There, he may find clues to whether uranium mines, abandoned after the Cold War, are still poisoning indigenous communities.

- And at a California lab, an astronomer pores over signals from a planet near the constellation Lepus, the hare chased by Orion. After several failed attempts, he's desperate to find plumes of gas from lunar volcanoes—evidence of a moon outside our solar system.

MINUTIAE will focus not on the often-ground-breaking results of research but on the painstaking and messy process of obtaining them. Offering lively reporting on nine experiments from different fields, Kwok will show the drudgery, mistakes, often surprising approaches, and doubts that are the day-to-day reality behind the scenes. Readers will get glimpses of scientists manually counting hundreds of faint lines on a fossil, scouring Home Depot for random equipment parts, fretting over telescope's "garbage" data, and scrambling through a rainforest in search of elusive camouflaged frogs. And how, despite the weight and challenges of the day-to-day work, these individuals don't lose their focus and stay true to their passion is both engaging and inspiring. *MINUTIAE* opens up a whole unseen dimension of the world of scientific research and will appeal to readers of such best-selling authors as Mary Roach, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Jonathan Slaght, and David Haskell.

Roberta Kwok is a science journalist who has written for publications such as *New Yorker.com*, *NYTimes.com*, *Nature*, *New Scientist*, and *U.S. News & World Report*, winning awards from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Geophysical Union. From 2020-21, she was an MIT Knight Science Journalism fellow. She earned a BSc in biology from Stanford University and worked in genetics research labs before becoming a reporter.

BARRETT KLEIN, NIELS RATTENBORG & JOHN LESKU

SLEEP ACROSS THE ANIMAL KINGDOM by Barrett Klein, Ph.D., Niels Rattenborg, Ph.D. and John Lesku, Ph.D.

Harvard University Press (2025)

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Material available: proposal – final manuscript due Spring 2025

- **International sales:**

UK/BC - HarperCollins/Mudlark

SLEEP ACROSS THE ANIMAL KINGDOM by Barrett Klein, Niels Rattenborg, and John Lesku will be an incredibly exciting and totally enlightening book about the dazzling range of sleeping habits of animals – mammals, birds, fish and insects – and how this can inform us about the evolution and benefits of human sleep.

And of equal importance, the authors will also show how we connect on an often unexpectedly profound level with the fellow creatures slumbering all around us. Written with wit, clarity, total narrative accessibility, and a keen sense of scientific adventure by three experts in the field, this project represents the best of popular science writing that readers today crave, joining together two subjects that are endlessly fascinating and relevant: the mysteries of sleep and animal behaviors. It's perfect for readers of Ed Yong.

The book will cover such topics as

- What is sleep? (vs. hibernation, or other forms of immobility)
- The diversity of sleep (from birds and mammals to roundworms, jellyfish, and the possibility for sleep in plants or single-celled organisms)
- Sleeping in strange ways and places (the strange locations where animals sleep and the unusual postures they can adopt, including sleep in flight, or while vertically-suspended underwater)
- When sacrificing sleep is worth it (new recognition of the remarkable ability of some animals to sleep little, and yet side-step, or possibly endure, the negative consequences commonly observed in sleep-restricted humans)
- The comforts and dangers of sleeping with others (animals that sleep with other animals, such as parasites and social sleeping insects)
- Who else dreams?

- Sleeping in a disturbed world (both for screen-loving humans and urban wildlife living with light pollution).

There is nothing like this book on the market today offering provocative, big picture themes, as well as the virtually unknown stories of animal sleep, such as the parrot fish who create their own sleeping bags from mucus every night and the massive frigatebird, who can sleep while flying high above hurricane winds.

An amazing international team of researchers is behind this project. Here are brief details:

Barrett Anthony Klein is Professor, Biology Department, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, conducting research about sleep, learning, and communication, primarily with insects, and teaching courses in Animal Behavior, Entomology, Scientific Visualization, General Biology, and Organismal Biology. He is one of the featured scientists for a documentary about sleep (aired in Germany and on David Suzuki's *Nature of Things* in Canada, and soon to come to the USA), and served as consultant for COSMOS: Possible Worlds. He has appeared on Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television. Starting in 2023, he will lead a year-long series of online workshops through Johns Hopkins University, free and open to the public, on visualizing science and participate in a five-year effort, funded by the National Science Foundation, to help find solutions to the biodiversity crisis.

Dr. Niels Rattenborg, the leading world expert on sleep in birds, heads the Avian Sleep research group at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Germany. Rattenborg mission is to gain insight into the evolution and functions of sleep through studying birds. He is particularly interested in understanding how birds reconcile the inherent need for sleep with ecological demands for wakefulness, such as avoiding predation, competing for mates, and flying non-stop for weeks at a time. Rattenborg's research has been published in top scientific journals, including *Nature* and *Science*, and is regularly featured in the international press (interviews for web, print, radio, and TV), spanning 25 languages (see detailed lists below). This includes, *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Scientific American*, *Discover Magazine*, *Popular Science*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Times (London)*, *The Guardian*, *Audubon*, *Greenpeace Magazine*, *Huffington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *Time Magazine*, and *Business Week*.

John Andrew Lesku is Associate Professor and Lab Head, Sleep Ecophysiology Group School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. His work has been featured in *Science* and *Current Biology* and BBC News, *Discover Magazine*, *LiveScience*, *NBC News*, *New Scientist*, *Science and CBC Radio* (interview on As It Happens)

KELLY JAAKKOLA

PLAYING PUZZLES WITH DOLPHINS by Kelly Jaakkola, Ph.D.

Anchor/Doubleday (2025)

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***Playing Puzzles with Dolphins* promises to be a wonderfully informative and entertaining book on how dolphins think, revealing the vast cognitive ability of so many of our animal companions. A book for all readers interested in the latest research on animal intelligence.**

Perhaps more than any other wild creature, we have long been dazzled by dolphin intelligence and their affecting level of interaction with humans. But what is the nature and dimension of dolphin intelligence? Do they count? Do they have language or anything like it? Can they imitate behavior (even if blindfolded)? How do they coordinate their communication and cooperation?

Writing with insight and wit, Jaakkola will reveal the crucial role of puzzles and games for both researching and challenging dolphins' minds and take readers behind the scenes of her own research on dolphin cognition to show the logic of how we know what we know, as well as the complexity, humor, and pure thrill that comes from running creative experiments with animals who don't know your intended script and very clearly have minds of their own. The new information presented enhances our understanding of the inner life of these special creatures, as they actually exist and can thrive in nature, not just in the popular imagination.

Kelly Jaakkola is a cognitive psychologist, marine mammal scientist, and Director of Research for DRC. She earned her Master's degree in Psychology from Emory University, where she began her career studying cognition in chimpanzees and human children and received her Ph.D. in Cognitive Science from MIT. Her past research includes studies on number concepts, object permanence, imitation, and communication in dolphins, chimpanzees, and human children. Her current work focuses on dolphin cognition, communication, and welfare.

Dr. Jaakkola's research has been published in numerous international scientific journals and book chapters, and her work on dolphin cognition has received worldwide coverage in newspapers, magazine articles, books, and television. She has taught courses on human and animal cognition at several colleges and chairs the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums.

ANN HAGEDORN

FEARLESS: The Hidden Story of The Women Who Powered America's Anti-Slavery Movement

by Ann Hagedorn

Simon & Schuster (2025)

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From the author of Edgar Award finalist *Sleeper Agent* comes FEARLESS: The Hidden Story of The Women Who Powered America's Anti-Slavery Movement recounts the heretofore unchronicled lives of seven activist women - Black and white, urban and rural, rich and poor and middle class -- who formed the backbone of the Abolitionist movement in the decades leading up to the Civil War, networking and organizing across the country, forming anti-slavery societies, newspapers, conventions and lecture circuits, raising funds that were critical to the cause and daring to stand up for their beliefs amidst widespread condemnation.

In the vein of *Hidden Figures*, FEARLESS is fascinating and moving look at a "hidden history" of women at the forefront of a movement of great and lasting impact.

Ann Hagedorn, an award-winning author and journalist, has been a staff writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and has written for other publications including *The Washington Post*. She has taught writing at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. She is the author of *Sleeper Agent* (2022); *The Invisible Soldiers* (Simon & Schuster); *Savage Peace: Hope and Fear in America, 1919* (Simon & Schuster); *Beyond the River: A True Story of the Underground Railroad* (Simon & Schuster); *Ransom: The Untold Story of Global Kidnapping* (Holt) and *Wild Ride: The Rise and Fall of Calumet Farm, Inc. America's Premier Racing Dynasty* (Holt).

Praise for SLEEPER AGENT

"A historical page-turner of the highest order." -- Ronald Radosh — *The Wall Street Journal*

"Compelling... Hagedorn's well-researched account employs a host of primary and secondary sources to convincingly connect the dots between Koval, the Soviet spy network, and the creation of the atomic bomb."— *Booklist*

"An eye-opening account of perhaps the Soviet Union's most successful sleeper agent." — *Kirkus Reviews*

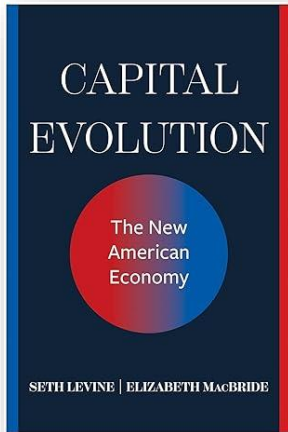
"SLEEPER AGENT is doggedly researched... enlivened by its brisk pace and lucid scientific details, this is a rewarding introduction to a noteworthy episode in the history of Soviet espionage." *Publishers Weekly*

"A taut narrative... a great read." — *Cincinnati Business Courier*

"Ann Hagedorn has gifted us with a **dazzling, gripping**, most timely reflection of the Cold War era — and the ongoing legacy of hateful anti-Semitism driving the quest for sanctuary, education, and peace. **This captivating, profoundly researched book** is required reading for everyone concerned about history and the future." -- **Blanche Wiesen Cook**, author of *Eleanor Roosevelt* (Vols. 1-3), and *The Declassified Eisenhower*

"Ann Hagedorn is one of those rare writers I trust to keep me reading in these times when the competition for our attention can be overwhelming. **But with the fascinating *Sleeper Agent*, Ms. Hagedorn has once again captivated me with the focus and depth of her superlative investigative talents**, in this instance unraveling the secrets of what J. Edgar Hoover called 'the crime of the [20th] century'—Soviet atomic espionage in wartime America." -- **Bob Shacochis**, National Book award recipient, author of *The Woman Who Lost Her Soul*

SETH LEVINE & ELIZABETH MACBRIDE



CAPITAL EVOLUTION (*former title: A NEW CAPITALISM*)

By Seth Levine & Elizabeth MacBride

Matt Holt Books/BenBella (Fall 2025)

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Material available: final manuscript available

- **International Sales:**
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An in-depth look at the shifts redefining the business landscape, revealing how and why today's trends could usher in a new Golden Age of Capitalism that fosters shared prosperity and sustainable growth—if we are wise enough to seize this opportunity to evolve.

America's economic infrastructure is in the midst of a profound transformation. After decades of prioritizing shareholder value above all else, companies are now embracing a broader set of values—reshaping not only business strategies but also capitalism itself. Capitalism has always been a dynamic system, and we find ourselves today at yet another critical turning point in its evolution.

CAPITAL EVOLUTION is a compelling look at how companies are adapting to address modern challenges, from climate change to the erosion of the middle class. Drawing on interviews from dozens of CEOs, academics, and thought leaders, venture capitalist and author Seth Levine and journalist Elizabeth MacBride shepherd readers through the complex history of global capitalism and outline the key changes facing leaders in a transformed system, including:

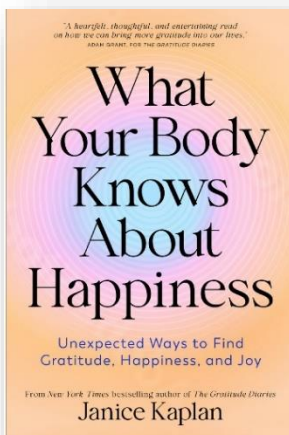
- An emerging business imperative: Why companies are now prioritizing long-term impact over short-term profits
- Shifting goals: How to navigate new expectations and pressure from both the political left and the political right around the role of businesses in society
- Growing political divides: How businesses are balancing stakeholder demands with rising political tension, all while staying true to their core values

Capitalism is no stranger to criticism, but today's companies are redefining what it means to be successful, increasingly taking responsibility for their impact on society and acknowledging the needs of employees, communities, and the environment alike. CAPITAL EVOLUTION is a call for all of us to recognize that a sustainable, thriving economy truly benefits everyone—and a preview of what that new future might look like in the years to come.

A long-time venture capitalist, **Seth Levine** works with venture funds and companies around the globe. His day job is as a partner at Foundry, a Boulder, CO based venture capital firm he cofounded in 2006 which has nearly \$4 billion in assets under management. Easily distracted and a passionate advocate for entrepreneurship, Seth also spends time as an advisor to venture funds and companies around the world. He cofounded Pledge 1%, a global network of companies who have pledged equity, time, and product back to their local communities. He is the board chair of EforAll Colorado which partners with the local community to foster small business and has previously served on the boards of the Unreasonable Institute and StartupColorado. Seth is a Trustee of Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, where he helped found their entrepreneurship program as well as a popular student hackathon (the “Macathon”). He also works with a number of funds and companies - especially in the Middle East and Africa - to help promote entrepreneurship and economic development. A passionate cyclist, above-average skier, and general fan of all things outdoors, Seth and his wife live in Colorado with their three children. He is the coauthor of *The New Builders*.

Elizabeth MacBride is a journalist, author, and expert in finance, investing and technology. She is an advocate for a fair, accessible financial system and policies that support women's economic power. She has written or edited for Quartz, Forbes Magazine, Atlantic, Stanford GSB, CNBC, BBC, Newsweek, and many others, and is the co-author of two previous books: *The Little Book of Robo Investing*, the latest in the acclaimed Wiley series and *The New Builders*.

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**WHAT YOUR BODY KNOWS ABOUT
HAPPINESS: Unexpected Ways to Find Gratitude,
Happiness and Joy by Janice Kaplan**

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*In this new book, the author of the New York Times best-seller *The Gratitude Diaries* explores a new science-based mega-theme: the ineluctably profound mind-body connection, how the body, more often than not, provides our brain with key information, not the reverse and when the mind and body work as a seamless team, we feel a true sense of wellness and flow. It's the perfect companion book to *The Gratitude Diaries*, which has become a contemporary classic in self-improvement, continuing to sell and find new audiences.*

Happiness isn't just a state of mind. It's also a state of body.

Standing straight can give you a shot of confidence and forcing a smile might improve your mood. But do you know why? We generally believe that the brain is the big computer telling our bodies how to respond, but new research shows that the system often works in reverse. Your body reacts first, and your brain then interprets the physical signals. As you walk by a dark alley, your heart starts pounding and only then does your brain get the message I'm scared! The body can also send messages about positive emotions, allowing you to experience more happiness, love, and joy.

In **WHAT YOUR BODY KNOWS ABOUT HAPPINESS**, Janice Kaplan, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Gratitude Diaries*, explores the startling new evidence showing that our feeling bodies are often smarter than our thinking minds. Talking to experts in a wide range of fields, she brings her distinctive brand of conversation, humor, and storytelling to scientific research, drawing unexpected links that reveal the power of body-mind connections. Learn how to use your body to be more creative and how changing your environment can improve your mood. Discover how your brain resolves bodily pain, why blue and green are the happiest colors, and even why wine tastes better when you're drinking it in Paris. You'll also get tips and strategies for knowing your body in a whole new way—leading to greater happiness and pleasure every day.

Janice Kaplan has written more than a dozen popular books including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Gratitude Diaries*. She was editor-in-chief of Parade when it was the biggest magazine in America with 32 million copies circulating each week and began her career as a writer and producer at Good Morning America and went on to be the executive producer of more than 30 network television specials. She has appeared regularly on national TV shows including GMA, Today, and CBS This Morning and continues to be a frequent guest on podcasts and radio shows. Janice hosted the podcast “The Gratitude Diaries” for iHeartMedia, attracting a large audience for the 120 episodes. Since the publication of *The Gratitude Diaries* and her most recent book *The Genius of Women*, she gives dozens of talks each year and has become a popular keynote speaker at corporate and non-profit events.

Praise for WHAT YOUR BODY KNOWS ABOUT HAPPINESS

“Kaplan shows readers how to better read physical signals, find healthy ways to address them, and implement body-centered practices... This is a worthy addition to the recent wave of books on the mind-body connection.” – Publishers Weekly

"A fresh and engaging perspective on happiness from the inside out. Reading this book will make you happier and living out its principles will help you thrive!"
— Aditi Nerurkar, MD, author of *The 5 Resets*

"A must-read for anyone looking for practical ways to enhance their daily joy."
— Mike Rucker, Ph.D., Author of *The Fun Habit*

“Janice Kaplan’s terrific book...uses science, personal stories, and humor to show how we can live happier, more fulfilling lives by paying attention not only to our brains, but also everything below our necks. Everybody (and every mind) can benefit from reading it. ” – AJ Jacobs, New York Times bestselling author of *The Year of Living Biblically* and *It’s All Relative*

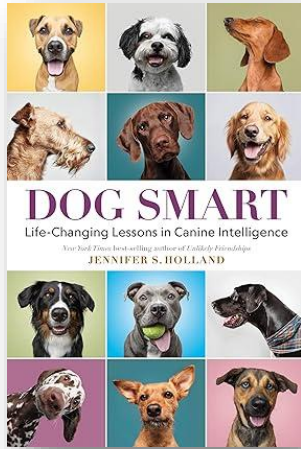
“Through engaging storytelling and scientific research, Janice Kaplan uncovers the wisdom encoded within our physical selves, and offers practical strategies to harness this knowledge for a happier, more fulfilling life.” – Ellen Langer, Professor of Psychology, Harvard University, and author of *The Mindful Body*

"Grab this book, find a comfortable chair, and settle in for a delightful master class in what makes us happy." – Robert J. Waldinger, MD, New York Times bestselling co-author of *The Good Life* and Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

“Janice Kaplan's delightful book brings to life all the wonderful, and often surprising, evidence of this close bond between two lifelong friends." – John Bargh, author of *Before You Know It* and Professor of Psychology, Yale University

“Delightful and well researched, *What Your Body Knows About Happiness* will help you find more ways to explore happiness in everyday life." – Shawn Achor, New York Times bestselling author of *Big Potential* and *The Happiness Advantage*

JENNIFER S. HOLLAND



DOG SMART: Life Changing Lessons in Canine Intelligence

by Jennifer S. Holland

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Praise for DOG SMART

"Dog Smart is a must read for all dog lovers. Jennifer Holland explains the latest cutting-edge research on dog intelligence in **enjoyable, easy-to-understand prose.**" - **Temple Grandin**, author of *Animals Make Us Human* and *Visual Thinking*

"Dog Smart shows that even people can be smart—if we pay attention to our dogs. It also shows what **a wonderful and graceful writer Jennifer Holland is.**"—**Carl Safina**, author of *Alfie and Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe*

"Dogs have been bred to bond with us and be helpful and protective. But, as with most animals, we underestimate their intelligence. We stand corrected by Jennifer Holland, whose **journey to dig up signs of canine cognition will delight every dog lover.**"—**Frans de Waal**, author of *Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?*

"Jennifer Holland has scoured the globe, seeking out experts in all facets of canine intelligence. In *Dog Smart*, **Holland synthesizes this wealth of cutting-edge research and makes clear to all dog lovers how to nurture their own canine Einsteins.**"—**Gregory Berns**, New York Times bestselling author of *How Dogs Love U*

"Dog Smart is an important book. Filled with solid science, expert interviews, and personal stories, Jennifer Holland critically covers the landscape of dog intelligence for academics and lay readers alike. **This delightful book can help us give our dogs the best lives possible.**"—**Marc Bekoff**, author of *Canine Confidential* and *Dogs Demystified: An A-to-Z Guide to All Things Canine*

"If you love dogs, accessible science, and great writing, this is the book for you. It offers a truly fresh perspective on our canine friends. I loved this **engaging and illuminating book.**"—**Patricia McConnell**, animal behaviorist and best-selling author of *The Other End of the Leash* and *For the Love of a Do*

"Yes, your dog is smart—maybe in more ways than you imagine. In this **delightfully**

entertaining book, Jennifer Holland takes readers on a happy romp through the world of canine intelligence, the researchers and handlers who know it best, and the doggos who can track down orca whales, sniff out stage 1 lung cancer, or just wag their tails meaningfully (if we're smart enough to catch the meaning)."—*Richard Conniff*

This cutting-edge science narrative, chock-full of heartwarming case studies, is one woman's quest to learn the true meaning of dog intelligence.

This delightful narrative takes readers on a powerful search to unlock the secrets of dog cognition, based on evidence from trainers, owners, behaviorists, and the animals themselves. With in-depth reporting and more than a few personal adventures, bestselling author Jennifer S. Holland digs into what intelligence really means.

Readers will meet a pack of genius dogs, each of whom embodies a particular kind of smarts. Holland spends time with Cat Warren, who trains cadaver dogs, to learn about "nose intelligence." To unpack emotional intelligence, she examines an unlikely dog friendship; to unpack task learning ability, she seeks out an agility trainer. She interviews police-dog trainers (volunteering to be attacked by one in the name of science), service-dog trainers, and trainers who rehabilitates "bad" dogs. And she gets to know breeds that are considered especially intelligent—border collies, cattle dogs, and German shepherds—to discover whether they are truly "smarter," or just more in tune with humans.

In between field experiences, Holland spends time with dogs in a variety of settings—a rescue center, a dog park, a boarding facility— while pondering the lessons they teach us about ourselves. And she'll pose entrancing philosophical questions: How do we define intelligence in another being? Where do "instinct" and "intelligence" meet and diverge?

Both surprising and heartwarming, this book is one woman's quest to understand the world's smartest dogs—and how they got that way.

Jennifer S. Holland is the author of *Unlikely Friendships*, which spent more than 46 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list. Holland's insatiable curiosity has taken her all over the world: flying in zero gravity over the Gulf of Mexico, scuba diving with tiger sharks in the Bahamas, climbing the tallest tree in Costa Rica, and camping out with bushmen in Papua New Guinea. A contributor to the *New York Times*, *the Washington Post*, and *NPR*, she lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and three beloved dogs.

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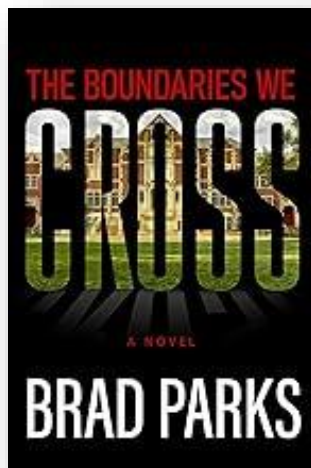
by Brad Parks

Oceanview Press (November 2025)

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Material available: final manuscript

International best-seller Brad Parks's latest thriller, **THE FLACK**, follows a newspaper reporter fleeing the wreckage of the traditional media industry by taking a cushy job with a hot Bay Area logistics startup as Director of Corporate Communications at the behest of his old college roommate and now CFO of the firm -- who promptly turns up dead under strange circumstances, leaving the ex-reporter to "follow the money" wherever it leads to find his friend's killer.



THE BOUNDARIES WE CROSS

by Brad Parks

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THE BOUNDARIES WE CROSS is a twist-filled did-he-or-didn't-he thriller about a teacher accused of having a sexual relationship with a student, a young woman who then disappears under suspicious circumstances.

Charles Bliss, raised by a single mother in a hardscrabble Maine fishing town, is a highly respected and much appreciated English teacher at Carrington Academy, an elite Connecticut prep school, from which he graduated some years ago as a scholarship student.

Recently, Charles's highly touted debut novel debut unexpectedly bombed, so he is grateful for his job at Carrington, while working feverishly on a new manuscript by night to capture the literary glory that was almost his.

Among his children-of-the-extremely-rich students is Hayley Goodloe, heiress to a massive fortune, who clearly is developing a crush on him. Happily married Charles is careful to maintain proper boundaries with Hayley, leaving no room for suspicion. So he is shocked to his core when the principal confronts him with an accusation of an affair with Hayley and demands his resignation. And when Hayley soon turns up missing, Charles's world is turned upside down, with the police and DA targeting him as the likely kidnapper. Who can he trust? His loyal wife Emily, his best friend Leo, his new fast-talking criminal defense attorney Jerry and the reliability of his

own memory are all in the mix as Charles desperately tries to prove his innocence amidst damaging evidence that somehow keeps piling up against him.

Filled with memorable characters, this is a wonderfully clever, involving thriller that expertly deploys the Hitchcockian pivot of the “innocent man” in fresh, surprising ways.

International bestselling author **Brad Parks** is the only writer to have won the Shamus, Nero, and Lefty Awards, three of American crime fiction’s most prestigious prizes. His novels, including *Unthinkable*, *Interference*, *Say Nothing*, *Closer Than You Know*, and *The Last Act* have been published in fifteen languages and have won critical acclaim across the globe, including stars from every major prepublication review outlet.

Praise for THE BOUNDARIES WE CROSS

"Parks excels at shaping his characters’ voices, with chapters alternating between a desperate Charles and increasingly anxious excerpts from Hayley’s journal. **Crackling dialogue, vigorous pacing, and a surprisingly fresh angle on well-trod subject matter bolster things further. Readers won’t be able to put this down.**" —*Publishers Weekly* STARRED REVIEW,

“[The Boundaries We Cross is] a **full-throttle page-turner**. Starts at a sprint and doesn’t let up until the shocking conclusion.” —**Riley Sager**, NYT best-selling author of *Middle of the Night*

Brad Parks International Publishers:

UK - Faber & Faber

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Russian – StoryTell

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Danish – Jentas

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Spanish - Penguin Random House/Suma

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Chinese/simplified – China Pioneer

Portuguese (Portugal only) - Penguin Random House/Unipessoal

Polish - Czarna Owca

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PRAISE FOR BRAD PARKS

- **UNTHINKABLE**

“ [you] will be rewarded with turns of fate and twists of plot more shocking than even the book’s clairvoyant DeGange may have foreseen.” - **Wall Street Journal**

“...inventive, well written, fast-paced, and filled with twists.” – **Associated Press**

“A textbook one-sitting read whose fiendishly inventive details only intensify its remorseless momentum.” —**Kirkus Reviews** (starred review)

“Parks makes suspension of disbelief to his premise accessible via solid prose and characterizations. Readers who enjoy jaw-dropping but credible plot twists will be enthralled.” —**Publishers Weekly**

“This fast-paced novel has twists and turns that’ll keep readers guessing.”
—**Library Journal**

“*Unthinkable* is a fast, furious, fun and deliciously twisty tale told with the deft and accomplished hand of a veteran storyteller. Nate and Jenny are truly a duo to root for, and there’s a substantive issue at the core of the story about which we should all be better informed. Parks has belted another one out of the park with a focused swing of the bat.” – **David Baldacci**

- **INTERFERENCE**

“Readers will fully engage with the well-drawn characters as Parks convincingly reveals the science that buttresses the suspenseful plot. **Michael Crichton fans won’t want to miss this one.**” —**Publishers Weekly** (starred review)

“A twisty tale...Parks’ suspenseful novel will beguile, entrance, and fool the sharpest readers.” —**Kirkus Reviews**

“To be pleurably bamboozled, try this nifty scientific thriller...” —**The Washington Post**

“Parks, better known for character-driven mysteries, ventures into **Michael Crichton and Blake Crouch territory with a procedural thriller with an SF edge and a ton of heart that leads to an explosive (and emotional) finale.**” —**Library Journal**

“A smart, innovative thriller that evokes the best of Michael Crichton and Blake Crouch. Parks proposes the seemingly improbable, makes it plausible, then weaves in twists and turns, taking the reader on a mind-bending ride.” —**Robert Dugoni**, *New*

York Times, *Wall Street Journal*, and Amazon bestselling author of the Tracy Crosswhite series

- **THE LAST ACT**

“The Last Act, may be Parks’ best yet... a roller-coaster plot that serves up endless surprises. Whatever you think is coming next probably isn’t.”—The Washington Post

“A devilishly good story with more twists and turns and enough edge-of-your-seat suspense to fill two books.” —CrimeReads

“A Brad Parks novel offers two pleasures. One is watching a stunning talent at work. The other—operating almost apart from the first—is getting wrapped in the coils of a fiendishly clever thriller.”—Booklist

“This novel packs on the suspenseful surprises and plot reversals that made Parks a mainstay on the best-seller lists.” – Library Journal (starred ★ review)

“Fans of Parks' well-oiled thrillers be too busy licking their chops anticipating the twists that are bound to come. The setup is so patient and the logistics so matter-of-fact that even the savviest readers will be caught in the story's expertly laid traps before they know what's happening.” – Kirkus

**“A superb, highly original thriller with a terrific premise. I loved it.”
—Peter James, #1 international bestselling author**

“A perfect piece of entertainment.” —Steve Berry, New York Times bestselling author

- **CLOSER THAN YOU KNOW**

“Parks has produced a gripping story, masterfully drawn.”—Oprah.com

“Another winning tale of domestic suspense from the Shamus- and Nero Award-winning author Parks, who knows how to get readers to empathize emotionally with his characters while amping up the tension and suspense from the first page.”—Library Journal - ★ starred review ★

“Parks (Say Nothing, 2017, etc.) dishes out another irresistible descent into hell for a heroine in a harrowing plight – Kirkus ★ starred review ★

“A diverting, exciting read, with an ending you won’t see coming.”—Booklist

“Closer Than You Know grabs you by the gut in Chapter One and keeps upping the tension through every shocking plot twist. Don’t expect to come up for air until the final, satisfying pages.”—Alafair Burke, bestselling author of *The Wife*

- **SAY NOTHING**

“Fans of Harlan Coben and Lisa Gardner will love this thriller. Don’t stay silent, tell everyone.” -Library Journal – ★ starred review

“Parks dispenses plot twists with a poisoned eyedropper... **The nerve-shredding never lets up for a minute as Parks picks you up by the scruff of the neck, shakes you vigorously, and repeats over and over again till a climax so harrowing that you'll be shaking with gratitude that it's finally over.**” -Kirkus – ★ starred review

“Shamus Award–winner Parks’ **excellent domestic thriller** credibly portrays a family under severe stress... [readers will] **find themselves on pins and needles awaiting the reveals.**” -Publishers Weekly – ★ starred review

“Parks’ **legal thriller gets off to a roaring start**, plunking us immediately in the middle of things...we’re here for the action, too, and Parks comes through.”
-Booklist

“...a tale that grips the reader from the get-go and doesn’t let up until the final twist in a story that’s filled with surprises...Parks deftly ties up the loose ends and provides the reader with a satisfying conclusion.” -Associated Press

“**Terrific book. Truly terrific.** Tension throughout and tears at the end. What could be better than that?” – Sue Grafton

“**Outstanding**—starts with a bang and gets tenser and tenser ... *Say Nothing* shows Parks is a quality writer at the top of his form.” – Lee Child

"*Say Nothing* moves Brad Parks onto the top shelf of thriller writers. **He grabs readers' hearts in the first chapter and doesn't let go until the last line.**" - Joseph Finder

“**A pedal-to-the floor thriller!** *Say Nothing* grabs you from the first few paragraphs and never lets go. Writing in sharp, no-nonsense prose, Parks perfectly nails the dynamics of a family under the gun and has conjured a plot (did I mention high-speed?) that leaps straight from today’s headlines. **This novel’s a winner!**” – Jeffery Deaver

“*Say Nothing* is **tremendously satisfying**, packed with engaging characters and surprising plot twists and a furious build of tension until its gut-wrenching pay-off.”–
Chris Pavone

"**A twisting, suspenseful ride** that adds a new and original twist to the legal thriller: a judge, cornered. If you haven't discovered Brad Parks yet, *Say Nothing* is your chance. **Smart, propulsive storytelling.**" - William Landay