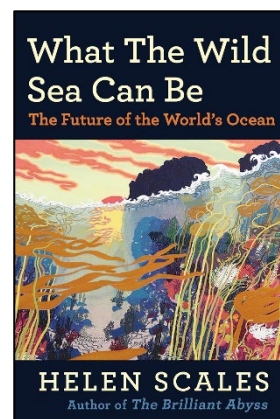
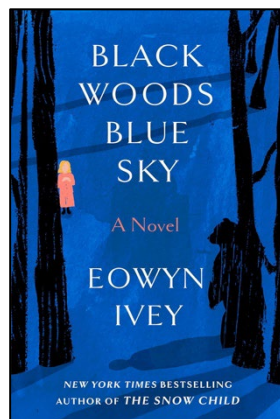
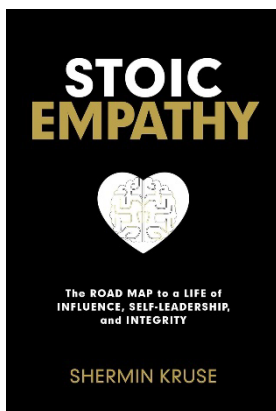
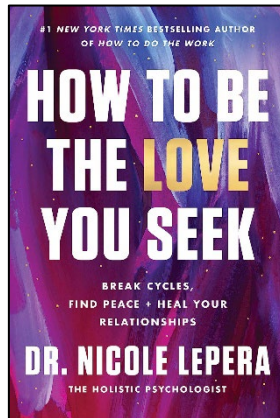
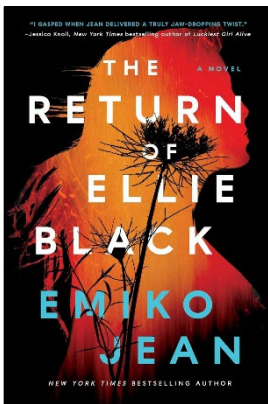




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# FICTION

Rowan Beard

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UPMARKET / LITERARY

## THE DIVORCEES

A novel set at a 1950s Reno “divorce ranch”, about the complex friendship between two women who dare to imagine a different future.

Lois Saunders thought that marrying the right man would finally cure her loneliness. But as picture-perfect as her husband is, she is suffocating in their loveless marriage. In 1951, though, unhappiness is hardly grounds for divorce—except in Reno, Nevada.

At the Golden Yarrow, the most respectable of Reno’s famous “divorce ranches,” Lois finds herself living with half a dozen other would-be divorcees, all in Reno for the six weeks’ residency that is the state’s only divorce requirement. They spend their days riding horses and their nights flirting with cowboys, and it’s as wild and fun as Lake Forest, Illinois, is prim and stifling. But it isn’t until Greer Lang arrives that Lois’s world truly cracks open. Gorgeous, beguiling, and completely indifferent to societal convention, Greer is unlike anyone Lois has ever met—and she sees something in Lois that no one else ever has. Under her influence, Lois begins to push against the limits that have always restrained her. But how much can she really trust her mysterious new friend? And how far will she go to forge her independence, on her own terms?

### PRAISE

“A delicious literary page-turner from a fierce new voice.”

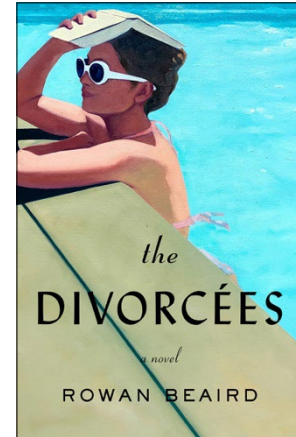
—Rebecca Makkai

“The sunshot pool at the Golden Yarrow, the searing desert heat, the dark glamour of the casinos will stay with me for a long time...An excellent, deeply compelling read.”

—Lauren Groff

### THE AUTHOR

Rowan Beard’s work has appeared or is forthcoming in *The Kenyon Review*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Common*, among others. She is the recipient of the Ploughshares Emerging Writer Award, and her work has been nominated for a Pushcart. She has received scholarships from the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference and StoryStudio, and she currently works at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



Flatiron Books

March 2024

World English

German: Hoffmann und Campe.

Christina Clancy

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UPMARKET

## THE SNOWBIRDS

**The story of a couple who flee winter in the Midwest for Palm Springs (California), where they find their relationship at a crossroads.**

Kim and Grant are at a turning point. A couple for thirty years, their “separate but together” partnership is running up against the realities of late middle age: Grant’s mother has died, the college where he taught philosophy was shuttered, and their twin girls are grown and gone. Escaping the bitter cold of a Midwestern winter for the hot desert sun of Palm Springs seems as good a solution as any to the more intractable problems they face.

When they arrive at Le Desert, a quirky condo community where everyone knows everyone’s business, Kim immediately embraces the opportunity to make new friends and explore a more adventurous side of her personality. Meanwhile, Grant struggles to find his footing in this unfamiliar landscape, leaving Kim to wonder if their relationship can survive the snowbird season. But when Grant goes missing on a hike in the Palm Springs mountains, Kim is forced to consider two terrifying outcomes: either Grant is truly lost, or this time he’s really left her.

Is it ever too late to become the person we wanted to be—and is there still time to change into someone better?

### PRAISE

“*The Snowbirds* is an insightful, propulsive exploration of modern marriage in middle age, equal parts sharp-eyed and heartwarming. Christina Clancy’s novel asks whether it’s ever too late to find your partner—and yourself.”

—**Chloe Benjamin**, *NYT* bestselling author of *The Immortalists*

“A moving portrait of a long-term relationship going through a midlife crisis. With humor, honesty, and keen insight, Clancy explores the struggles and joys of reexamining a 30-year relationship.”

—**Angie Kim**, *NYT* bestselling author of *Happiness Falls*

### THE AUTHOR

Christina Clancy is the author of *The Second Home* and *Shoulder Season*. Her work has also appeared in the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Sun* magazine, and in various literary journals, including *Glimmer Train*, *Pleiades*, and *Hobart*. She holds a Ph.D. in creative writing.



**St. Martin’s Press**  
**February 2025**  
**World English**  
**Manuscript available**

## UPMARKET

# WHO KNOWS YOU BY HEART

A sharp satire on the tech industry, inspired by the author's years as an executive at Audible. Software engineer Octavia has to make hard choices when the startup she works for faces a takeover by a Big Tech corporation.

Octavia Crenshaw is a thirty-year-old Black coder who is broke, burned out, and haunted by her mother's debts. She lands a job at Eustachian Inc., a digital audio entertainment company with a mysterious founder.

Octavia's coding skills earn her a spot on a so-called "Red Team," an elite unit that tries to steal data from inside the company so security flaws can be sealed against outsiders. But Octavia soon discovers that Eustachian is collecting personal data on its customers (and employees) that goes far beyond what she ever imagined.

She teams up with Walcott (colleague, full-time nerd and soon-to-be boyfriend) on a secret project. They'll develop a new AI-powered product that will change the company culture and make Eustachian the undisputed market leader.

But when a Big Tech company takes over Eustachian, Octavia is faced with a shocking truth, ultimately forced to choose between her career and everything she stands for.

### PRAISE

"*Who Knows You by Heart* is witty, incisive, funny and deeply prescient."  
—Imani Perry, National Book Award-winning author of *South to America*

### THE AUTHOR

C.J. Farley was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and raised in Brockport, New York. A graduate of Harvard University, Farley is a former music critic for *Time* magazine, and a former executive editor at Amazon Inc's Audible. Farley is the author of the young adult novel *Around Harvard Square* (Akashic Books), winner of the NAACP Image Award, and *Zero O'Clock* (Akashic Books). Farley is senior director of arts programming and development at PBS.



**William Morrow**  
**Fall 2025**  
**North American**  
**Manuscript available**

Eowyn Ivey

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LITERARY

# BLACK WOODS BLUE SKY

\*Author is a *New York Times* bestseller and Pulitzer Prize finalist

\*\*Her debut novel, *The Snow Child*, sold over a million copies in the US and was translated into thirty languages.

A mesmerizing novel with life-and-death stakes about the love between a mother and daughter, and about the lure of a wild life—about what we gain and what it might cost us.

Unhappy and drinking too much, Birdie balances her days between caring for her six-year-old daughter, Emaleen, and working as a bar waitress at a roadside lodge in Alaska.

Arthur Nielsen is a soft-spoken recluse who calls the mountains on the far side of the Wolverine River his home, and as Birdie begins to fall in love with him, she imagines a different life for herself and her daughter.

Eventually, Birdie and Emaleen pack their few belongings and follow Arthur to his remote cabin on the mountains. In the beginning, it is an idyllic life—the three of them catch salmon, pick berries and swim in sunlit waters. But soon Birdie realizes that she is not at all prepared for what lies ahead: Arthur harbors a dark secret and the Alaska wilderness is as mysterious and dangerous as it is beautiful.

## PRAISE

"A fable about what it is to love, a tale of longing, a call to renew our deepest bonds with the living world, *Bear Story* will draw you along like a fast-moving stream."

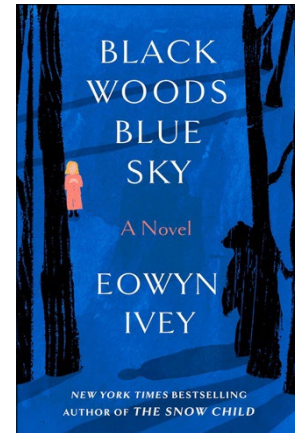
—**Louise Erdrich**, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *The Night Watchman*

"A stunning tale told by a master of her craft."

—**Jason Mott**, National Book Award winning author of *Hell of a Book*

## THE AUTHOR

Eowyn LeMay Ivey is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller and Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Snow Child* (Little Brown & Company, 2012), which sold over a million copies in the US and was translated into thirty languages. She was raised in Alaska and continues to live there with her husband and two daughters.



Random House / PRH  
February 2025  
North American

UK: Headline / Hachette.

French: Éditions Gallmeister. Italian: Einaudi (Mondadori Group).  
Romanian: Humanitas.



Emiko Jean

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**THRILLER**

# THE RETURN OF ELLIE BLACK

\*Sold at auction in a two-book deal  
\*Co-represented with Alloy Entertainment, LLC  
\**New York Times* bestselling author

Detective Chelsey Calhoun's life is turned upside down when she gets the call Ellie Black, a girl who disappeared years earlier, has resurfaced in the woods of Washington state—but Ellie's reappearance leaves Chelsey with more questions than answers.

It's been twenty years since Detective Chelsey Calhoun's sister vanished when they were teenagers, and ever since she's been searching: for signs, for closure, for other missing girls.

Then a glimmer: local teenager Ellie Black, who disappeared without a trace two years earlier, has been found alive.

But something is not right with Ellie. She won't say where she's been, or who she's protecting, and it's up to Chelsey to find the answers. She needs to get to the bottom of what happened to Ellie: for herself, and for the memory of her sister, but mostly for the next girl who could be taken—and who, unlike Ellie, might never return.

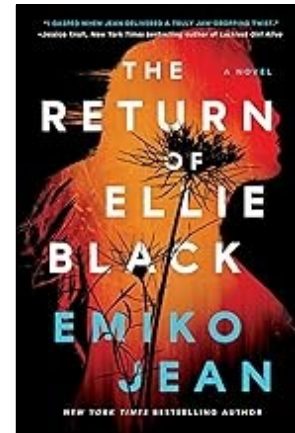
## PRAISE

"Jean has written an impressive crime novel here.... An unexpected ending and a cadre of heroic female characters make Jean a crime writer to watch."— *Kirkus reviews*

"A page-turning suspense novel, a shrewd character study, and a captivating mystery, all at the same time."— **Stephen King**

## THE AUTHOR

Emiko Jean is the author of *Tokyo Ever After*, *Empress of all Seasons*, *We'll Never be Apart* and *Mika in Real Life* (**Brazil:** Intrinseca. **Danish:** Cicero. **German:** dtv. **Greek:** Papadopoulos. **Italian:** Garzanti. **Hebrew:** Tchelet. **Korean:** BY4M Studio. **Portuguese:** Topseller. **Romanian:** Editura Litera. **Spanish:** Urano. **UK:** Penguin Michael Joseph). Before she became a writer, she was an entomologist (fancy name for bug catcher), a candle maker, a florist, and most recently a teacher.



**Simon & Schuster**  
**May 2024**  
**North American**

**UK:** Viking / PRH UK.

**Czech:** Zoner.  
**Dutch:** Cargo.  
**German:** Goldmann.  
**Hungarian:** Maxim.  
**Japanese:** Hayakawa.

Katherine Reay

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## HISTORICAL

# THE BERLIN LETTERS

## A COLD WAR NOVEL

An unforgettable tale of the Cold War and a CIA code breaker who risks everything to free her father from an East German prison.

From the time she was a young girl, **Luisa Voekler** has loved solving puzzles and cracking codes. Brilliant and logical, she's expected to quickly climb the career ladder at the CIA. But while her coworkers have moved on to thrilling Cold War assignments—especially in the exhilarating era of the late 1980s—Luisa's work remains stuck in the past decoding messages from World War II.

Journalist **Haris Voekler** grew up a proud East Berliner. But as his eyes open to the realities of postwar East Germany, he realizes that the Soviet promises of a better future are not coming to fruition. After the Berlin Wall goes up, Haris finds himself separated from his young daughter and all alone after his wife dies. There's only one way to reach his family—by sending coded letters to his father-in-law who lives on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

When Luisa Voekler discovers a secret cache of letters written by the father she has long presumed dead, she learns the truth about her grandfather's work, her father's identity, and why she has never progressed in her career. With little more than a rudimentary plan, she journeys to Berlin and risks everything to free her father, as events speed toward one of the twentieth century's most dramatic moments—the fall of the Berlin Wall.

### PRAISE

"Fans of codebreakers, spies, and Cold War dramas will be entrapped by Reay's tale of courage, love, and honor set against the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall."—*Booklist*, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Katherine Reay is the national bestselling and award-winning author of *Dear Mr. Knightley*, *Lizzy and Jane*, *The Printed Letter Bookshop*, and *The London House* among others. She publishes both fiction and nonfiction, holds a BA and MS from Northwestern University, and currently lives outside Chicago, Illinois.



Harper Muse / HC  
March 2024  
World English

Hebrew: Yedioth Books.  
Portuguese: Porto Editora.

Lai Sanders

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**LITERARY / SPECULATIVE**

## THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU

**A razor-sharp revenge story featuring two morally grey Asian American women who team up to run a brazen scam.**

When a conflict with a fellow passenger on the 6 Train (New York) spirals into a humiliating breakdown, Shelley Hu's life is over. The incident goes viral, costing Shelley her prestigious Manhattan law firm internship, her spot at Columbia Law, and her plan to build a better life for herself and her mother.

Months later, Shelley is back in Kissimmee, Florida, working the night shift at a kitschy motel near Disney World—the very same job she held in high school. Shelley's life is a black hole until, one night, the beautiful, enigmatic Sophia Moon checks in with her husband and young son. Shelley thinks nothing of her until Sophia appears in the motel lobby one night and confesses to Shelley that she's been looking for her.

It turns out that, once upon a time, Sophia suffered her own episode of public shaming. She tells Shelley how she picked up the pieces of her life, one by one, and built something new. Sophia vows to help Shelley enact revenge on the three people responsible for the worst day of her life, all Shelley needs to do is trust her.

After a name change, Shelley soon returns to NYC with a clever disguise and a precise set of plans. But when her targets suffer one odd calamity after another, Shelley begins to question the cost of their scheme.

Shelley is desperate to trust Sophia: she is her guardian angel, her confidante, her soulmate, and Shelley begins to imagine a life with Sophia on the other side of their plans. But after a target meets a brutal end, lies start to unravel, and Shelley is forced to reckon with Sophia's unspeakably dark side.

### THE AUTHOR

Lai Sanders is an American expat living in Switzerland and works in communications for a nonprofit. *The Plans I have For You* is her debut novel.



**Simon & Schuster  
Summer 2026  
World English  
Manuscript available**

Danie Shokoohi

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LITERARY / SPECULATIVE

## GLASS GIRLS

A dark and suspenseful debut novel about a family under a generational curse and the woman having to choose between her siblings and herself.

When thirty-four-year-old Alice Haserot learns she's pregnant, she isn't sure if she wants to keep the baby. Sixteen years after escaping from her own family, she's still haunted by memories of her own abusive mother. Not only that, but her lineage is burdened by a curse: all their daughters are born with 'a gift'. All their sons die before they turn nineteen.

Alice's gift—channeling spirits—has often felt like its own curse. Is she willing to risk passing on a similar fate to a daughter, or one even worse to a son? Amidst this internal reckoning Alice's sister Bronwyn tracks her down. One of Bronwyn's daughters is possessing the other and she delivers an ultimatum to Alice: come home to free them, or I'll tell our mother where you are, and I'll destroy the life you've built for yourself.

When Alice agrees, she finds herself once again caught up in the life she tried so hard to escape and forget. She must decide how far she will go to end the curse, and if she's willing to risk motherhood given all her family legacy entails.

### PRAISE

"Riveting and tender, this electrifying debut is a story about familial trauma, survivorship, and the things that haunt us. *Glass Girls* will leave readers delightfully shattered."

— **Kathryn Harlan**, author of *Fruiting Bodies*, finalist for the 2023 PEN/ Faulkner Award for Fiction

### THE AUTHOR

Danie Shokoohi is a non-binary Boston-based writer and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison MFA program. Her poetry and fiction have been published in *The American Journal of Poetry* among others.



**Zando**  
**June 2025**  
**North American**  
**Manuscript available**

## Sierra Simone

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### THE AUTHOR

Sierra Simone is a *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author. Her notable works include the *Priest* and *American Queen* series. Her books have been featured in *Marie Claire*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Buzzfeed*.

# SALT KISS

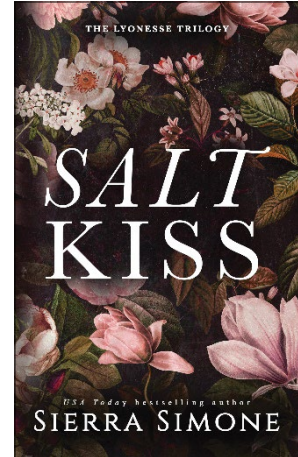
## LYONESSE TRILOGY #1

### EROTICA

Bloom Books/Sourcebooks/Sept. 2023/World English

### SYNOPSIS

A queer, kinky retelling of the Tristan and Isolde legend with age gaps, bodyguards, and antiheroes. Tristan is a young former soldier hired by Mark Trevena, the owner of Lyonesse—DC’s ultra-secret club—to be Mark’s new bodyguard. But protecting Mark isn’t Tristan’s only duty: soon, Mark asks him to guard Isolde, his soon-to-be bride as she travels home from Ireland on Mark’s yacht. From there, it’s a fast fall into the forbidden for all three of them.



# HONEY CUT

## LYONESSE TRILOGY #2

### EROTICA

Bloom Books/Sourcebooks/June 2024/World English

### SYNOPSIS

Isolde Laurence is an uncommon bride. She's in service to the Church, one of the elite spies who work for her uncle, a cardinal. Her latest assignment is to marry Mark Trevena. But what was supposed to be a simple lie has become far more complicated: Isolde has fallen for Mark's handsome and emotionally wounded bodyguard, Tristan. Even worse—she's falling for her future husband himself, a mistake she made once before and has bitterly regretted ever since. But Isolde's new husband has secrets of his own, and the reason he'll stop at nothing to possess Isolde and Tristan both might tear all three of them to pieces.



# NON-FICTION

Emily Ballesteros

SELF-HELP / CAREER

# THE CURE FOR BURNOUT

HOW TO BUILD BETTER HABITS, FIND BALANCE,  
AND RECLAIM YOUR LIFE

Is dread the first thing you feel when you wake up in the morning? Are you working in the evenings and on weekends to "catch up"? Have you already beat burnout once, only to find it creeping back? If you answered yes to any of these, you're in need of a cure for burnout.

Burnout management coach and TikTok influencer Emily Ballesteros combines scientific and cultural research, her expertise in organizational psychology, and the tried-and-true strategies she's successfully implemented with clients around the globe to demystify burnout for our post-pandemic world – and set you on a path toward a life of personal and professional balance. Ballesteros outlines five areas in which you can build healthy habits to combat burnout—mindset, personal care, time management, boundaries, and stress management.

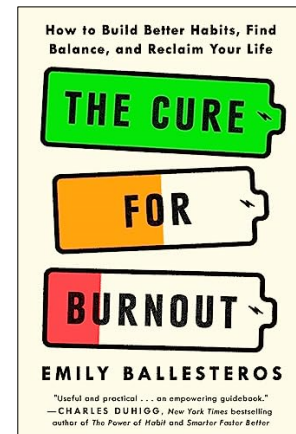
THE CURE FOR BURNOUT provides a holistic method for burnout management to address the epidemic of our always-on, chronically overextended culture, empowering us to reclaim control of our own lives once and for all.

## PRAISE

"An empowering guidebook to combatting burnout . . . Emily Ballesteros's advice is useful and practical, especially for young workers eager to reclaim their time and energy."—Charles Duhigg, *NYT* bestselling author of *The Power of Habit and Smarter Faster Better*

## THE AUTHOR

Emily Ballesteros holds a master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology and worked in corporate training and development before launching her burnout management coaching business. She's been featured in *WSJ* and on *CNBC*, and provides burnout trainings for PepsiCo, Salesforce, Thermo Fisher, etc.



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February 2024  
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272 pages

UK: Bonnier UK.

Brazil: Rocco. Complex  
Chinese: China Times.  
Portugal: Porto. Simplified  
Chinese: Grand China.  
Spanish: PRH Mexico.  
Russian: Alpina. Turkish:  
Eksik Parca.

Gabrielle Bernstein

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MOTIVATIONAL / ANXIETY DISORDERS

## SELF HELP

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

**#1 *New York Times* best-selling author Gabrielle Bernstein charts a path to healing that can literally change your life—a simple, powerful method informed by Internal Family Systems (IFS) Therapy.**

In this groundbreaking book, Gabby demystifies the power of Internal Family Systems (IFS) Therapy, taking its life-changing teachings out of the therapist's office and into your everyday life. You'll discover how extreme patterns like addiction, rage, pleasing, or constant self-judgment often develop as ways to suppress old feelings of inadequacy, shame, or fear. Once you bring these patterns into the light and care for them, healing happens swiftly.

True to her gift, Gabby has translated the principles of IFS into a relatable, step-by-step practice. Sharing her signature wisdom, her calm presence, and her own lived experience, she guides you through a simple 4-step process to help you compassionately care for yourself, resolve inner conflicts, and transform your self perception. As you learn to approach your own behaviors, thoughts, and beliefs with curiosity, love, and understanding, you'll start to see yourself through the lens of self-compassion, clearing space for miraculous shifts.

### THE AUTHOR

**Gabby Bernstein** is the #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of 10 books, including *The Universe Has Your Back*, *Super Attractor*, and *Happy Days*. *The New York Times* identified Gabby as "a role model for a new generation of spiritual seekers." She is a regular guest on *Good Morning America*, *Toda*, among other leading media outlets. In 2023 she launched the innovative gabby coaching app to democratize spiritual self-help and be your coach—anytime, anywhere. In her weekly podcast, *Dear Gabby*, she offers up real-time coaching, straight talk, and conversations about personal growth and spirituality.

**HAPPY DAYS (Hay House 2022):** Czech: Grada. Dutch: Bruna. French: Trédaniel. German: Europa Verlage. Hungarian: Edesviz Kiado. Italian: Il Punto d'Incontro. Polish: Kobiece. Romanian: Bookzone.

**SUPER ATTRACTOR (Hay House, 2019):** Arabic: Jarir Bookstore. Brazil: Alaúde. Complex Chinese: ACME. Croatian: Planetopija. French: Trédaniel. German: Goldmann. Hungarian: Edesviz Kiado. Italian: ROI Edizioni. Polish: Kobiece. Romanian: Trei. Russian: Eksmo. Serbian: Publik Praktikum. Slovene: Gnostica. Spanish (Spain): El Grano de Mostaza. Spanish (US and Latin America): Oceano Mexico. Swedish: Bra Forlag. Vietnamese: Tre.



**Hay House**  
**December 2024**  
**World English**  
**240 pages**

**Dutch:** Bruna. **Romanian:** Bookzone. **Swedish:** Bra Forlag.



Dr. Mariel Buqué

SELF-HELP / PSYCHOLOGY

# BREAK THE CYCLE

A GUIDE TO HEALING INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

*\*National Bestseller*

Columbia University-trained psychologist and professor Buqué delivers the definitive guide to healing intergenerational trauma – the hurt caused by an unhealed wound that injures an entire community, metastasizing across years and generations.

Weaving together scientific research with practical exercises and stories from the therapy room, Dr. Buqué teaches readers how they inherit intergenerational trauma, how they can disrupt the trauma, and how they can break the cycle through tangible therapeutic practices, passing down strength instead of pain to future generations.

This trauma is why some of us become estranged from our families, why some of us are people pleasers, why some of us find ourselves in co-dependent relationships. These wounds are complex, impacting our minds, bodies, and spirits. Healing requires a holistic approach that has so far been absent from the field of psychology. Until now.

## PRAISE

“With all the family trauma we carry, *Break the Cycle* carries healing for us. With all the pain around us and fully ingrained in us, Dr. Mariel Buqué brings holistic and multidimensional healing for every part of us. What a timely, indispensable, and restorative book.”

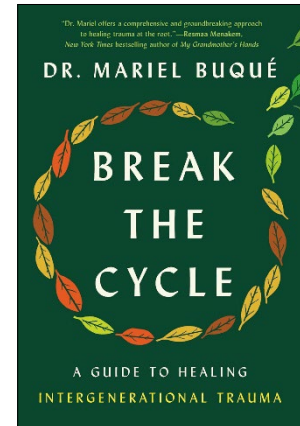
—Ibram X. Kendi, *NYT* bestselling author of *How to Be an Antiracist*

“This literary work has the capacity to shift the way we see the phenomenon of trauma and helps us to envision a world where emotional freedom from the grip of generational pain is indeed possible.”

—Layla Saad, *NYT* bestselling author of *Me and White Supremacy*

## THE AUTHOR

**Mariel Buqué** is a Columbia University-trained, trauma-informed psychologist, professor, and sound bath meditation healer. With a social media following of over 600,000, Buqué has appeared on GMA, ABC News, in *Vogue*, *Self*, *Glamour*, and *Well + Good*, and has collaborated with brands like Dove, Anthropologie, CVS, and Peloton. She is originally from the Dominican Republic and currently lives in New Jersey.



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**Portugal:** Porto.  
**Romanian:** Trei. **Serbian:** Areté. **Simplified Chinese:** CTPH. **Slovak:** Eastone.  
**Spanish:** Planeta Mexico.  
**Thai:** Arrow. **Turkish:** Olimpos.

Susan Constantine

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SELF-HELP / SOCIOLOGY / PSYCHOLOGY / TRUE CRIME

# HOW TO SPOT A LIAR IN 7 SECONDS OR LESS

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PREDATORS, CON ARTISTS, CRIMINALS, AND EVERYDAY DECEIVERS

Internationally-recognized deception expert Susan Constantine shares her proprietary method for recognizing deceit—one that she’s taught to thousands of lawyers, judges, and investigators throughout her career. As a trial consultant to some of the most high-profile court cases—including Casey Anthony, Michael Jackson, Jeffrey Epstein, and Elizabeth Holmes—Susan is an expert in “deception detection.”

With a mixture of true-crime storytelling and practical takeaways, HOW TO SPOT A LIAR is incredibly engaging and entertaining while also giving the reader practical tools to use in their day-to-day lives.

Whether we’ve dealt with a backstabbing colleague, fallen prey to a scam artist peddling a pyramid scheme, or endured the deeper wounds of discovering an unfaithful spouse—we’ve all experienced deception in our lives. But we often dismiss the red flags and fail to notice the obvious (and not-so-obvious) signs of duplicity. With more than 20 years of experience as a high-profile trial consultant and go-to media expert, Susan Constantine is here to change that.

For readers of Chris Voss’ *Never Split the Difference* and Joe Navarro’s *The Dictionary of Body Language*.

## THE AUTHOR

Susan Constantine is a leading authority on body language, having appeared on more than 1,500 TV programs and publications, as well as radio and podcast programs such as CNN, Dateline, Inside Edition, The Today Show, Good Morning America, World Japan News, The History Channel, and CrimeCon. She runs the Human Behavior Academy, which offers courses in over 30 states for continuing legal education. Over the last 15 years, she has trained the Department of Defense offices, State Attorney’s offices, judicial associations, mediation and arbitration associations, international law enforcement, intelligence agencies, law schools, universities, and State Bar Associations across the United States. Susan has an incredible platform of her own with an engaged **email list of 350K fans**, a robust speaking schedule, and a television series in the works.



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**BIOGRAPHY / MILITARY**

## THE UNIT

MY LIFE FIGHTING TERRORISTS AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST SECRET MILITARY OPERATIVES

Inside the U.S. military is a team of operators whose work is so secretive that the name of the unit itself is classified. Highly-trained in warfare, self-defense, infiltration, and deep surveillance, "the Unit," as the Department of Defense has asked us to refer to it, has been responsible for preventing dozens of terrorist attacks in the Western world.

From Adam Gamal, one of the only Muslim Arab Americans to serve inside "the Unit," comes an incisive firsthand account of our nation's most secretive military group. When Adam arrived in the United States at the age of twenty, he spoke no English, and at 5'1" and 112 pounds, he was far from what you might expect of a soldier. But compelled into service by a debt he felt he owed to his new country, he rose through the ranks of the military to become one of its most elite and skilled operators.

Enthralling and eye-opening, *The Unit* is at once a gripping account of the fight against terror, an urgent examination of the need for diversity, and an inside look at how America fights its battles abroad in the modern age of terrorism.

### PRAISE

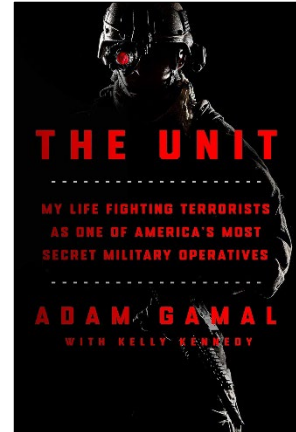
"Most of the book recounts missions in the Middle East and Africa, and the text, some of it redacted, features plenty of fireworks, including an encounter when Gamal was shot and almost died.... The compelling story of an unlikely hero in the war on terror."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A gripping tale of bravery, sacrifice, and unwavering determination and patriotism written with vivid detail and relentless suspense."  
—Kevin Maurer, #1 *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *No Easy Day*

### THE AUTHORS

**Adam Gamal** is a pseudonym created to keep the author and his family safe from harm. Gamal served in the most elite units in the US Army, deployed more than a dozen times, and finally retired in 2016. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Legion of Merit.

**Kelly Kennedy** served as a soldier in Desert Storm and Mogadishu, Somalia. She is the author of *They Fought for Each Other: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Hardest Hit Unit in Iraq* and the coauthor, with Kate Germano, of *Fight Like a Girl: The Truth Behind How Female Marines are Trained*.



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## Sarah Gerard

### TRUE CRIME

# CARRIE CAROLYN COCO

## MY FRIEND, HER MURDER, AND AN OBSESSION WITH THE UNTHINKABLE

Acclaimed author Sarah Gerard turns her keen observational eye and penetrating prose to the 2016 murder of her friend Carolyn Bush, examining the multi-faceted reasons for her death—personal and societal, avoidable and inevitable—as “nuanced and subtly intimate” (NPR) as her lauded essay collection, *Sunshine State*.

On the night of September 28, 2016, twenty-five-year-old Carolyn Bush was brutally stabbed to death in her New York City apartment by her roommate Render Stetson-Shanahan, leaving friends and family of both reeling. In life, Carolyn was a gregarious, smart-mouthed aspiring poet, who had seemingly gotten along well with Render, a reserved art handler. Where had it gone so terribly wrong?

This is the question that has plagued acclaimed author Sarah Gerard and driven her obsessive pursuit to understand this horrific tragedy. In Sarah’s exploration of Carolyn’s life and death, she spent thousands of hours interviewing Carolyn’s and Render’s friends and family, poring over court documents and news media, reading obscure writings and internet posts, and attending Carolyn’s memorials and Render’s trial.

What emerged from Sarah’s relentless instinct to follow a story and its characters to their darkest ends is a book that is at once a striking homage to Carolyn’s life, a chilling excavation of a brutal crime, and a captivating whydunit with a shocking conclusion.

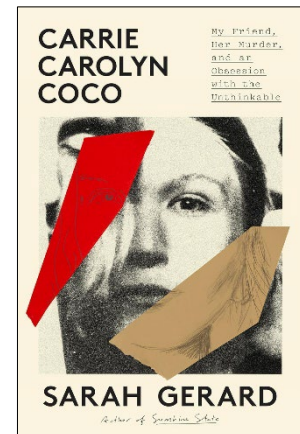
#### PRAISE

“Written in Gerard’s trademark detached style, this true crime memoir chronicles the brutal stabbing murder of the author’s friend. Gerard explores the murder from numerous angles, including interviews with the victim’s family and those who knew the perpetrator.”

—Leland Cheuk, *Boston Globe*

#### THE AUTHOR

**Sarah Gerard** is the author of the essay collection *Sunshine State*, a New York Times critics’ choice; the novella *Binary Star*, a finalist for the Los Angeles Times first fiction prize; two chapbooks; and the novel *True Love*. Her short stories, essays, interviews, and criticism have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Granta*, *The Baffler*, *Vice*, *BOMB Magazine*, and other journals, as well as anthologies. She’s been supported by fellowships and residencies from Yaddo, Tin House, PlatteForum, Ucross, and the Whiting Foundation.



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362 pages

- A *Boston Globe* Book We’re Most Excited About This Summer
- An Oprah Daily Best Book of the Summer
- A Chicago Review of Books Must-Read Book of the Month
- A LitHub Most Anticipated Book of the Year
- A Crime Reads Year of Literary True Crime Pick
- A Book Culture Most Anticipated Book of the Month

# Admiral Bob Harward

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## LEADERSHIP / SELF-HELP / MOTIVATIONAL

# THE GOUGE!

HOW TO BE SMARTER THAN THE SITUATION YOU ARE IN

**You are measured by what you do for others, not by what you have accomplished for yourself.**

The Gouge, in military parlance, is what you really need to know in order to be smarter than the situation you are in. As a US Navy SEAL, who became a Vice Admiral, Bob Harward lived by the Gouge and used it as a guiding principle for leadership and day-to-day life. More specifically, his success in his military and corporate careers was predicated on the people who worked with him, and for him. Their ability to meet their personal and professional objectives, ensured his success. The Gouge was a persistent and proactive focus on their success, to ensure they, and he, could succeed in all of their endeavors. In this book, he uses life stories to illustrate how anyone can use the Gouge, not only for their own well-being but also for any organization or community. At its foundation, it is your personal contract with people and humanity.

Harward boils all of this down into the Gouge philosophy and its key ingredients: on how to move yourself and the people around you forward, using the best information and experienced based knowledge, so that you too can live by the Gouge.

### PRAISE

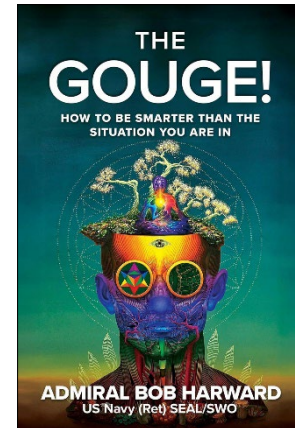
“The Gouge! is a book written with no guard rails other than common sense and a spirit of adventure. It’s a book for the ages, for young officers, and anyone who wants to live a strong life without the timidity that stalks a lot of folks these days.”—Secretary Jim Mattis

“Brilliant, moving, and supremely practical, The Gouge! is packed with the tools to succeed in life wherever you land, from a seedy bar to a dangerous battlefield to a multinational board room.”

—Admiral James Stavridis, 16th Supreme Allied Commander at NATO and author of *The Restless Wave*

### THE AUTHOR

**Bob Harward** spent 40 years of highly decorated service in the military, followed by another decade as a top executive in the global defense industry. After leading invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, he served on the National Security Council under President George W. Bush and then as Deputy Commander of US Central Command under General James Mattis. Now based in Abu Dhabi, Harward serves as Executive Vice President for International Business and Strategy at Shield AI, which is forging the future of aerospace and defense technology with artificial intelligence. While growing up in Iran in the 1970s, he learned Farsi and hitchhiked throughout Asia and the Middle East; his grueling workout is performed on at least five continents; and his latest adventure involved setting a world record for parachuting onto Mount Everest.



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Markham Heid

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**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY / TIME MANAGEMENT**

## THE HABIT TRAP

HOW A BREAK FROM ROUTINES CAN REBALANCE YOUR LIFE

**Habits, it's often claimed, are the key to unlocking your best self. Improve your routines – making each day a little better, even 1% better, than the last – and you will gradually optimize your life.**

In *THE HABIT TRAP*, award-winning journalist Markham Heid reveals the drawbacks and limitations of this popular approach to self-improvement.

While habits can help us, they also constrain us. The more of them we have, the more our lives become static and inflexible. The longer we maintain them, the harder it becomes to change – even when change is necessary.

We've all heard what habits offer us. This is a book about what they take from us in return and how we can rebalance our lives so that our routines support us rather than hold us back.



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### THE AUTHOR

**Markham Heid** is an award-winning health and science journalist. He's a regular contributor at *Time* magazine and *The New York Times*, and he's followed by more than 360k readers on Medium. A former staff writer for *Men's Health* magazine, Heid later spent four years writing a weekly health column for *Time*. His work has appeared in *Vice*, the *Financial Times*, NBC News, Fox News, *The New York Times*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Men's Journal*, *Playboy*, *Sports Illustrated*, and many other national outlets. A native of Michigan, Heid currently lives in southwest Germany with his wife and kids.

Kristen Holmes

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HEALTH / WELLNESS / SCIENCE / PERFORMANCE / LONGEVITY

# FLOURISH

THE SCIENCE OF RECOVERY,  
PERFORMANCE, AND HUMAN POTENTIAL

Holmes, Principal Scientist at WHOOP, reminds us, “your downtime is your competitive advantage.” FLOURISH is a scientific answer to the most enduring question of the human species: How can I live a better life? This book is the toolkit to unlocking the full spectrum of your human potential; let it guide you to a life without limits.

Performance describes a human’s capacity to show up as their best selves, every day. Many of the behaviors that detract from performance are choices you make in your downtime. Great performance doesn’t happen from spending a few hours at the gym every day. Consistent levels of recovery and performance almost entirely have to do with the other 21 hours – the time you spend prioritizing sleep, eating nourishing foods, taking a walk instead of scrolling on your phone, connecting with a friend, and getting outside in natural light.

As a professional athlete, collegiate coach, and WHOOP’s Global Head of Human Performance, Kristen Holmes has had an extremely unique vantage from which to glean insights and data from hundreds of thousands of individuals – from amateur and professional athletes to shift workers to Fortune 500 CEOs – with the goal of demystifying and unlocking human performance.

These data have revealed physiological patterns imperceptible by smaller-scale studies, as well as the practical behaviors that manipulate them. Low-barrier-to-entry habits like waking up and going to bed at the same time each day can literally add decades to your life, and yes, cold showers really do improve neurotransmitter expression, energy and mood. **The sheer amount of data she can access to support her research is unprecedented, and will unveil cutting-edge and practical strategies for expanding our capacity as human beings.**

## THE AUTHOR

**Kristen Holmes** is a psychophysiologicalist and the Global Head of Human Performance at WHOOP, where she drives thought leadership by engaging with industry-leading researchers and partners to better understand individual and team biometric and performance data across high stakes verticals. Kristen was a 3x All American and 2x Big 10 Athlete of the year at the University of Iowa. She was a 7-year member of the U.S. National Field Hockey Team and is one of the most successful coaches in Ivy League history, having won 12 league titles and a National Championship at Princeton University. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Psychology at the University of Queensland and holds a B.A. in Political Science from the U. of Iowa.



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Rowan Jacobsen

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**FOOD & TRAVEL NARRATIVE**

# WILD CHOCOLATE

## ACROSS THE AMERICAS IN SEARCH OF CACAO'S SOUL

The thrilling story of the farmers, activists, and chocolate makers fighting all odds to revive ancient cacao and produce the world's finest bar.

When Rowan Jacobsen first heard of a chocolate bar made entirely from wild Bolivian cacao, he was skeptical. The waxy mass-market chocolate of his childhood had left him indifferent to it, and most experts believed wild cacao had disappeared from the rainforest centuries ago. But one dazzling bite of Cru Sauvage was all it took. Chasing chocolate down the supply chain and back through history, Jacobsen travels the rainforests of the Amazon and Central America to find the chocolate makers, activists, and indigenous leaders who are bucking the system that long ago abandoned wild and heirloom cacao in favor of high-yield, low-flavor varieties preferred by Big Chocolate.

As his guides pulled the last vestiges of ancient cacao back from the edge of extinction, they'd forged an alternative system in the process—one that is bringing prosperity back to local economies, returning fertility to the land, and protecting it from the rampages of cattle farming. Full of vivid characters, vibrant landscapes, and surprising history, WILD CHOCOLATE is as rich, complex, and addictive as good chocolate itself.

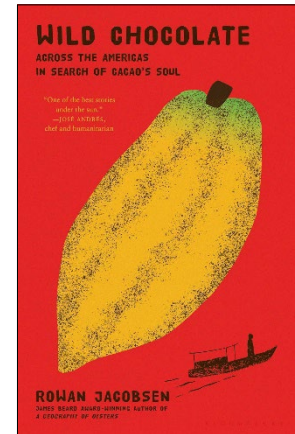
### PRAISE

"Thrilling . . . Jacobsen draws out the complex global connections—and, often, corporate harms—underpinning the chocolate industry without losing sight of its pleasures . . . Readers will be eager to sink their teeth into this."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Rowan Jacobsen is a master storyteller, and Wild Chocolate tells one of the best stories under the sun."—José Andres, chef and humanitarian

### THE AUTHOR

**Rowan Jacobsen** is the author of 8 books, including the James Beard Award-winning *A Geography of Oysters* and *Truffle Hound*. He has written for the *NYT*, *Harper's*, *Outside*, *Food & Wine*, *Forbes*, *Mother Jones*, *Scientific American*, and others. He appears regularly in *Best American Science & Nature Writing* and *Best Food Writing*. He has been an Alicia Patterson Foundation fellow, a McGraw Center fellow, and a Knight Science Journalism Fellow at MIT. He is creator/host of the 2022 podcast series "Wild Chocolate."



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Shermin Kruse

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ADVICE / SELF-HELP

## STOIC EMPATHY

THE ROAD MAP TO A LIFE OF INFLUENCE, SELF-LEADERSHIP, AND INTEGRITY

From TEDx talk producer, Northwestern law professor, and storyteller Shermin Kruse: Correct the power imbalances in your work and life with a science-backed practice that combines the rigor of Stoic philosophy with the relational impact of empathy.

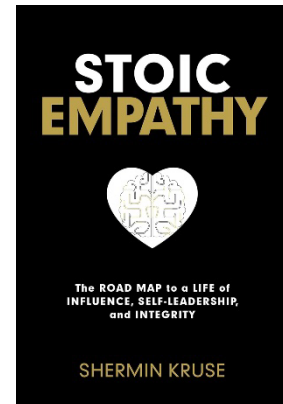
Stoicism combined with empathy may sound like a contradiction in terms. But when these seemingly opposing forces are harnessed together, they have the power to change your life. In this eye-opening book, Kruse offers you this radical perspective shift—anchored in her compelling personal story and supported by up-to-the-minute research—to help you navigate life's challenges with power and principles.

Kruse outlines a form of empathy that's based in cognition, not emotion—a way for us to understand what the other person is thinking and feeling while keeping a distance from their feeling state—and shows us how we can strategically maneuver our level of engagement in different circumstances. She utilizes Stoic philosophy and modern science to outline the how of emotional regulation and control.

Whether you're a leader striving to succeed in your role with integrity, a parent nurturing resilience in your children, or simply facing a personal or professional crossroads, STOIC EMPATHY is an essential toolkit for negotiating success in every area of your life.

### THE AUTHOR

**Shermin Kruse** is a negotiation consultant specializing in weaponizing empathy and stoicism, a law professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law teaching complex negotiation, global transactions, and leadership. She is the founder of several NGOs and non-profit entities and was a partner at the law firm of Barack Ferrazzano, representing international companies for 17 years.



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# Devon Kuntzman

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## PARENTING

### TRANSFORMING TODDLERHOOD

PROVEN, PRACTICAL, AND DEVELOPMENTALLY  
APPROPRIATE PARENTING SOLUTIONS FOR KIDS AGES 1-5

**The original IG toddler parenting coach (@transformingtoddlerhood – 858K followers)**, Devon has spent her career empowering toddler parents to overcome the challenges of parenting toddlers through positive, respectful, and developmentally appropriate parenting tools. With a BA in psychology, years of experience as a high-profile nanny, and as a mother herself, Devon has built a community of parents and caregivers from across the world who are committed to transforming their parenting, their toddler’s behavior, and their overall experience of toddlerhood.

Divided into 65 short, digestible chapters (because Devon knows that toddler parents are desperate for a book they can dip in and out of), *Transforming Toddlerhood* outlines modern solutions to age-old parenting dilemmas, including getting your toddler to brush their teeth, introducing a new baby to your toddler, streamlining bedtime, and much more. Blending both personal and client stories with practical and applicable advice, the result is a book designed to help parents confidently and joyfully parent without fear and frustration.

#### THE AUTHOR

**Devon Kuntzman** holds a B.A. in psychology with a focus in child development. She has built a community of nearly 1 million parents and caregivers from across the world who are committed to transforming their parenting, their toddler’s behavior, and their overall experience of toddlerhood. Her community includes 858K Instagram followers; 41k Facebook followers; 85k email list; over 10,000 Transforming Toddlerhood course and workshop attendees; and over 100,000 annual Transforming Toddlerhood Conference attendees. She is also a Certified Gentle Sleep Coach and a graduate of the Wonder Weeks Academy Infant Mental Health and Development Program. Having lived on three continents, Devon has tirelessly supported parents and children as a coach, former high-profile nanny, and director of an orphanage in Rwanda.



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Nicole LePera

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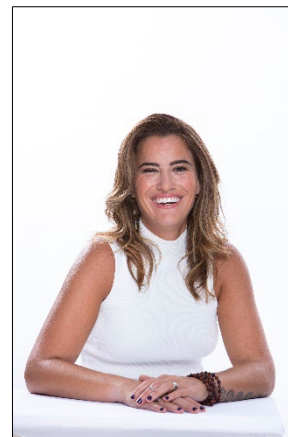
## SELF-HELP / PSYCHOLOGY

# REARENTING THE INNER CHILD

## THE NEW SCIENCE OF OUR OLDEST WOUNDS, AND HOW TO HEAL THEM

From *The Holistic Psychologist* (8.5M IG followers) and author of the #1 NYT bestseller *How to Do the Work* (over 1 million copies sold).

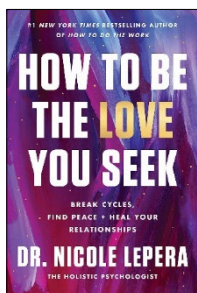
*Reparenting the Inner Child* is a deep dive into how we became who we've become, giving us the holistic tools needed to integrate our inner child and become our authentic Self. LePera will offer her original "Individual Developmental Model," explaining the spheres of development from the perspective of how the self is shaped. She developed this model because existing models of child development lack a neuroscientific basis and try to over-simplify development to progressive stages. With a single focus that allows her to go deeper than any of her previous books, she will guide the reader back into their own childhood, examining when and how their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs went unmet, and what kind of wounds they were left with. She will help readers explore the effects of a range of stressors on our bodies and minds, and how these wounds manifest in a self that has been conditioned to survive them. And when these readers follow her program, they will heal these wounds.



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### HOW TO BE THE LOVE YOU SEEK

Harper Wave, 2023

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### THE AUTHOR

**Dr. Nicole LePera** was trained in clinical psychology at Cornell University and The New School for Social Research. She is the creator of the #SelfHealers movement, an international community of people joining together to take healing into their own hands. @the.holistic.psychologist has 8.5 million followers.

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**BIOGRAPHY**

# WINSTON & THE WINDSORS

History of the British monarch in the 20th century cannot be understood without reference to Churchill, and Churchill's life and legacy cannot be appreciated without accounting for his relationship with the Windsors. Yet, never before has a biography explored the intimate relationship between the two.

In *WINSTON & THE WINDSORS*, bestselling biographer Andrew Morton presents a meticulously researched joint biography of Winston Churchill and the House of Windsor.

Winston Churchill was convinced that he was a man of destiny from an early age. Today, it seems his premonition was correct as few figures in British history have been so deeply and consequently involved with the British family as Churchill. While many people in positions of power have advised kings and queens during their reign, Churchill is unique in his role: helping to shape not only a reign, but an entire royal dynasty.

At times, Churchill was the royal family's trusted confidante. At others, he was their leading antagonist. From the Churchill family's complex relationship with the crown; to Winston's initially grudging but ultimately fruitful partnership with George VI; to his enduring fondness for Queen Elizabeth II, this biography sheds new light on the ways the crown not only shaped Winston Churchill's career – but the ways in which Churchill shepherded the monarchy into the modern era.

## THE AUTHOR

**Andrew Morton** is one of the world's best-known biographers and a leading authority on modern celebrity. His groundbreaking 1992 biography revealed the secret world of Princess Diana, prompting Tina Brown to declare in *The Diana Chronicles*, "The journalist Morton most reminds me of is Bob Woodward." *Diana: Her True Story* became a #1 New York Times bestseller, as did *Monica's Story*, Morton's portrait of the young woman behind the blue dress in the Clinton White House.

The winner of numerous awards, including Author of the Year by the British Book Awards and Scoop of the Year by the London Press Club, he lives in London and has traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada, and Europe in his research for this biography.



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HarperCollins**  
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**UK: Michael O'Mara Books.**

# Mother Teresa

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## CHRISTIAN PRAYER BOOK

# SPREAD LOVE

## WORDS OF COMPASSION, PEACE, AND JOY

Mother Teresa's heartfelt wisdom--collected here into an inspirational 365-day devotional--offers you comfort, peace, and love amid the noise, busyness, and confusion around you.

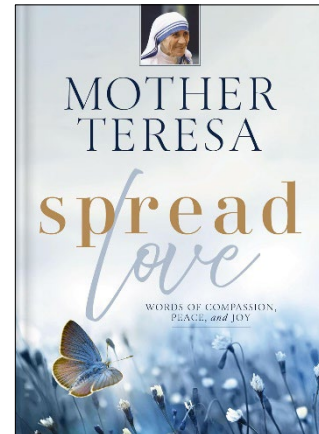
365 daily inspirational readings  
short and powerful meditations  
simple everyday prayers

With so much happening in the world, are you looking for goodness and guidance? This year-long devotional contains a collection of encouraging quotes, stories, prayers, and teachings from the beloved Mother Teresa. Her daily guidance continues to reach the needs and circumstances of those who are thirsty for inspiration and spiritual nourishment in entries that are easy to understand and absorb.

Let Mother Teresa's words of wisdom help you live a fuller and happier life, closer to the Lord and able to serve your community more effectively. Each of the 365 entries offers you the opportunity to begin any time of the year and find nourishment for a whole year.

### THE AUTHOR

Born in Skopje in 1910, **MOTHER TERESA** joined the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin in 1928 and was sent to India, where she began her novitiate. She taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta from 1931 to 1948, until leaving the Loreto order to begin the Missionaries of Charity. Through her sisters, brothers, and priests, her service of the poorest of the poor spread all around the world. She won many awards, including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. After her death in 1997, the process for her sainthood was quickly begun and she was beatified in 2003.



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**224 pages**

John Philip Newell

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THEOLOGY / SELF-HELP

## THE GREAT SEARCH

TURNING TO EARTH & SOUL IN THE QUEST FOR  
HEALING & HOME

In the great tradition of authors who leave church but remain spiritual—such as Barbara Brown Taylor, Rob Bell—the author of *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* forges a new path toward a true spiritual home, embracing a deep connection to the natural world.

The story of Adam and Eve’s fall from innocence in the Garden of Eden is a mythical account of humanity’s broken relationship with the divine, with Earth, and with themselves.

In contrast, Celtic wisdom is built on a strong bond with Earth. In the prophetic figures that Newell draws from, the Garden of Eden represents the inner garden of our souls and the outer garden of Earth, which are seen as essentially one. To live in relation to what is deepest in us is to live in relation to the ground from which we and all things have come. Where are we today, in relation to our true selves and the sacredness of Earth? And how are we to find our way home again?

This life-affirming, nourishing book contemplates these questions at a moment of great spiritual awakening, an era characterized by religious exile on a vast scale.

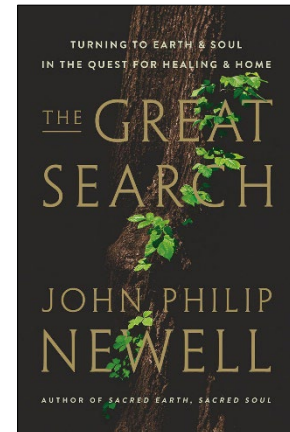
### PRAISE

“If I could introduce you to ten amazing people whose influence could transform your life by energizing your spiritual quest, they would be the nine visionaries featured in *The Great Search*... plus a tenth, John Philip Newell himself. What a treasure this book is. Enthusiastically recommended!”— **Brian D. McLaren**, author of *Life After Doom*

“A moving and powerful volume. We need new technologies, yes, but we also need new visions, of a new/old way of relating to the Creation around us, and this book points us in wise directions!”— **Bill McKibben**, author of *The End of Nature*

### THE AUTHOR

**John Philip Newell** is an internationally acclaimed spiritual teacher, speaker, and author of many books, including *A New Ancient Harmony* and *The Rebirthing of God*. The former Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he is the founder of Earth & Soul (A Celtic Initiative of Study, Spiritual Practice, and Compassionate Action) and teaches regularly in the United States and Canada as well as leading international pilgrimage weeks on Iona.



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Benjamin Perks

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# TRAUMA PROOF

## HEALING, ATTACHMENT, AND THE SCIENCE OF PREVENTION

An expert's inspiring, deeply personal account of how childhood trauma can be overcome.

In recent years the word 'trauma' has become ubiquitous. Yet it remains widely misunderstood. In *Trauma Proof* international expert Benjamin Perks redefines how we see childhood trauma, and outlines a new path towards healing and prevention.

For 25 years, Perks has worked for the UN and UNICEF on eradicating global barriers to child wellbeing, including poverty, hunger, disease, the mobilization of child soldiers and population displacement. It is no surprise that it drives addiction or poor mental health. But how does it explain a heightened risk for heart disease or diabetes? Why does it so comprehensively correlate with poor life outcomes? And how can we not only heal from, but prevent, the types of experiences that negatively impact on child development?

In *Trauma Proof*, Perks explains the science behind these findings, and argues that making simple changes can break damaging inter-generational cycles. Ultimately, he shows how building secure attachments and improving the quality of your relationships can radically transform your life, at any age.

### Praise

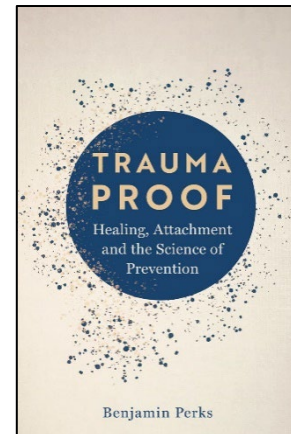
"A defining work on childhood adversity and essential reading for anyone committed to forging a better future for the world's children"

—**Adam Benforado**, author of *A Minor Revolution*

"A book of profound importance - one that will serve as a beacon of hope and guidance for decades to come. This unflinching, edifying, must-read book is a testament to the human capacity for healing and transformation"—**Lisa Damour**, author of *Untangled*

### THE AUTHOR

**Ben Perks** works for the UN in New York, campaigning on human rights and child development. He is a leading global advocate on issues related to child poverty, education, mental health, early childhood development, and prevention of abuse and neglect. Ben is Senior Fellow at the Jubilee Centre at the University of Birmingham in the UK, which researches education policy on character, social and emotional development of children and is an Associate Faculty Member at Oxford University Department of Social Policy and Innovation. He has given a TedX talk on Adverse Childhood Experiences.



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## BUSINESS

# MAN-MADE

Harvard design faculty and former Nike and Reebok creative executive Karen Korellis Reuther's exploration of gender bias in product design and the built environment.

Women are too often left no choice than to use products that were designed by men, for men, just scaled down and colored pink. In the best case it can be insulting, in the worst case it can be deadly.

Women are 73% more likely to be injured in a car crash than men.

In the military, women suffer pelvic fractures at a much higher rate than their male counterparts.

In the exam room, the incidence of cervical cancer is on the rise from diminished adherence to routine screenings.

These outcomes are a result of using products where the female population is an afterthought, if any thought at all. Automobile crash test dummies are designed based on male anatomy. Unless it's being sexualized, the female body is often invisible. Not accommodating it in the design of products and the built environment has led to a world that is less hospitable and more dangerous for women. A world designed by men, for men, isn't just a matter of style, or an issue of preference for women—it's a matter of survival for half of humanity.

MAN-MADE aims to solve this problem, going beyond patriarchal lament. Drawing on research-backed insights, market analyses, and expertise from leading designers, executives, and economists, readers will begin to see the built world from a new perspective and be encouraged to make it more equitable for all.

### THE AUTHOR

**Karen Korellis Reuther** has been a designer by training and practice for over forty years, and currently a Design Critic in Architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, where she teaches in the Masters of Design Engineering program. Prior to her academic career, Karen was a creative, product and brand strategy executive in the sports footwear and apparel industry, including as Vice President of Creative Direction and Innovation at Reebok and Global Creative Director at NIKE, where she solidified NIKE at the top of its industry over twelve years. She has worked as a creative director and brand strategy consultant in the fields of design, innovation and technology and spent many years in the design of consumer products and electronics in both the US and Germany.



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Helen Scales

SCIENCE / BIOLOGY / CLIMATE CHANGE

# WHAT THE WILD SEA CAN BE

THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD'S OCEAN

The acclaimed marine biologist and author of *The Brilliant Abyss* examines the existential threats the world's ocean will face in the coming decades and offers cautious optimism for much of the abundant life within in

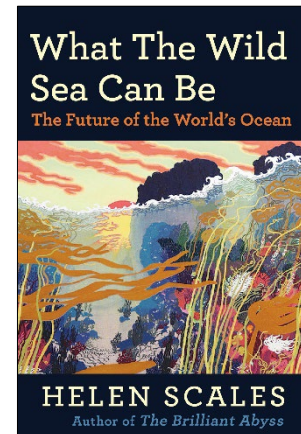
Offering innovative ideas for protecting coastlines and cleaning the toxic seas, Scales insists we need more ethical and sustainable fisheries and must prevent the other existential threat of deep-sea mining, which could significantly alter life on earth. Inspiring us all to maintain a sense of awe and wonder at the majesty beneath the waves, she urges us to fight for the better future that still exists for the Anthropocene ocean.

"In her latest, the author turns her attention to the many problems facing the planet's oceans, from warming water temperatures to resource exploitation to pollution . . . The author's writing is lucid and compelling, featuring a nice mix of personal experience and convincing scientific data."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"[Scales is] clear-eyed about the threats facing the ocean and remarkably forthright about the sacrifices required to protect it . . . This will galvanize readers."—*Publishers Weekly*

## THE AUTHOR

**Helen Scales** is a British marine biologist, BBC broadcaster, and author of *The Brilliant Abyss* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2021). **Japanese:** Tsukiji Shojan. **Korean:** Sigongso. **Polish:** Copernicus Center Press. **Russian:** Eksmo. **UK:** Bloomsbury UK.), *Eye of the Shoal* (Bloomsbury Sigma, 2018). **Dutch:** Nijgh & Ditmar. **German:** Folio Verlag. **Japanese:** Tsukiji Shokan. **Polish:** Uniwersytet Jaiellonski. **Russian:** Alpina. **Simplified Chinese:** Thinkingdom), *11 Explorations into Life on Earth* (**Complex Chinese:** Hans Media. **Simplified Chinese:** Booky), and *Spirals in Time* (**Italian:** Beit Casa. **Japanese:** Tsukiji Shokan). She teaches marine biology and science writing at Cambridge University and is regularly on programs like Inside Science, Shared Planet, Outlook, and Weekend.



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Catherine Shanahan

HEALTH / DIET / MEDICINE / SCIENCE

# DARK CALORIES

HOW VEGETABLE OILS DESTROY OUR HEALTH  
AND HOW WE CAN GET IT BACK

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Deep Nutrition* explains how a group of eight little-known oils cause the cellular damage that underlies virtually all chronic disease, exposes the corruption that deceives doctors and consumers into eating them, and gives us a clear roadmap to recovery and rejuvenation.

*Did you know that eating a large serving of french fries—cooked in vegetable oil—delivers the toxicity of smoking 24 cigarettes?*

Consumers were enticed into buying these oils based on their cholesterol-lowering property, but this idea was pushed on us without solid evidence to support it. Shanahan reveals the financial entanglements between industry and underhanded academics who created and sustain our 1950s-era, arbitrary dietary rules. As a solution, she proposes a clear, no-nonsense plan that aligns with our genetic needs and nature's laws.

## PRAISE

"...this work stands as a beacon for those seeking to navigate the misinformation surrounding diet and nutrition, offering a clear path towards wellness and disease prevention."

—David Perlmutter, MD, #1 NYT bestselling author of *Grain Brain*

"Nobody else is focusing on the fact that 30 percent of our calories are now coming from oils that didn't exist before the industrial era."

—Mark Sisson, NYT bestselling author of *The Keto Reset Diet*

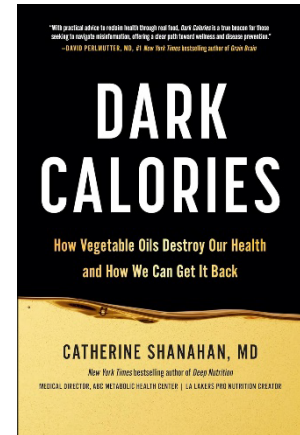
"In plain language, Dr. Cate spells out the science that documents the dangers of seed oils, and her sensible advice guides the reader through all the misinformation and conflicting dogmas about how to eat."

—Andrew Weil, MD, #1 NYT bestselling author of *Spontaneous Healing*, *Healthy Aging*, and more

## THE AUTHOR

Catherine Shanahan, M.D. is a board-certified physician and the author of DEEP NUTRITION (9th printing with over 300,000 copies sold). Foreign sales: **German:** MVG. **Polish:** Galaktyka. **Russian:** Eksmo.

**Simplified Chinese:** Citic. **Spanish:** Obelisco. **Vietnamese:** I Love Cookbook. She is also the author of FATBURN FIX and FOOD RULES. She has degrees from Cornell University and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She served as the director of the LA Lakers PRO Nutrition program for six years and now operates Healthy Choice Corporate Wellness and Metabolic Health from her office in Florida.



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David Sussillo

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SCIENCE / MEMOIR / NEUROSCIENCE

## THE EDGE OF CHAOS

David Sussillo is “science famous”, lecturing at Stanford and having been a scientist for the **Google Brain group** and **Meta Reality Labs**. But before he earned degrees at Carnegie Mellon and Columbia, David grew up in group homes, the son of parents who struggled with addiction and mental illness, who was neglected and abused. But he is also the result of interactions between billions of cells, where each cell is basically its own little brain of incredible complexity, and even the molecules that make the DNA cells, are networks of incredible complexity.

In **THE EDGE OF CHAOS**, David tells his story, and looks at trauma, resilience, and recovery from the vantage point of an AI researcher, someone who brings the lens of computational neuropsychology, chaos theory, and complex systems thinking to the question of **why some kids make it, and others don't**. In the end there is so much we don't know and can't know about the possible outcomes of someone's life; statistics, probability, and causal links fall short in the face of the complexity of the human brain. David shows how this is not unsatisfying, but rather worthy of our awe, and deserving of our hope of all that might be possible.

For readers of *The Other Wes Moore*, *Educated*, and *The Best Minds* – stories that track disparate lives and try to make sense of where they diverged. *The Edge of Chaos* is also a meditation on science, its limitations, and its possibilities.

### THE AUTHOR

**David Sussillo** spent nine years in group homes for children in New Mexico. After graduating high school, he received an undergraduate degree from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Ph.D. from Columbia University in Computational Neuroscience. Now David is an adjunct professor at Stanford University and has been a scientist at the Google Brain group (recently featured in the book *Genius Makers*) and Meta Reality Labs. In his professional pursuits, David researches brain-machine interfaces to develop the next generation of computers. David was the recipient of a Fulbright research grant and is an internationally recognized neuroscientist with over 40 publications. He works to understand the ghost in the machine - how cells in our brain collectively give rise to the computations that determine behavior.



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POPULAR HISTORY

# COUNTDOWN 1960

THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES STORY OF THE 312 DAYS THAT CHANGED AMERICA'S POLITICS FOREVER

A riveting new work and fresh take on the lead-up to the presidential election of 1960, drawing timely parallels to the choice Americans face in 2024

It's January 2, 1960: the day that John F. Kennedy declared his candidacy. From the challenge of primary battles in a nation that had never elected a Catholic president, to the intense machinations of the national conventions—where JFK chose Lyndon Johnson as his running mate over the impassioned objections of his brother Bobby—this is a nonfiction political thriller filled with intrigue, cinematic action, and fresh reporting. Readers may be familiar with the story, but few will know the behind-the-scenes details, told here with gripping effect.

Featuring some of history's most remarkable characters, page-turning action, and vivid details, COUNTDOWN 1960 follows a group of extraordinary politicians, civil rights leaders, Hollywood stars, labor bosses, and mobsters during a pivotal year in American history. The election of 1960 ushered in the modern era of presidential politics, with televised debates, private planes, and slick advertising. Americans were glued to their televisions long after dawn to see who won.

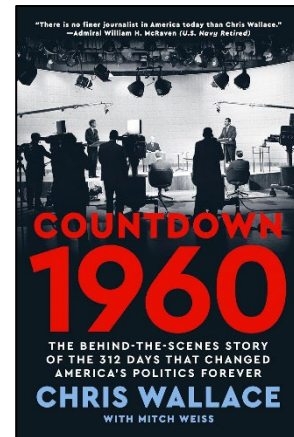
The election of 1960 holds stunning parallels to our current political climate. There were claims of voter fraud and a stolen election. There was also a presidential candidate faced with the decision of whether to contest the result or honor the peaceful transfer of power.

PRAISE

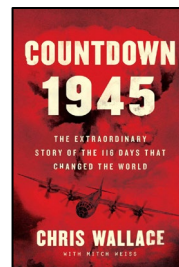
"Chris Wallace unwraps the secrets of the larger-than-life personalities of 1960. With stunning revelations of private and behind-the-scenes alliances, strategies, and romances, we are treated to the histories of an inflection year in American politics in a compelling, page-turning narrative." —**Senator Mitt Romney**

THE AUTHOR

**Chris Wallace** is anchor of CNN's *The Chris Wallace Show* and host of *Who's Talking to Chris Wallace?* on Max. Prior to CNN, Wallace was the anchor of *Fox News Sunday* for 18 years, where he covered every major political event. Throughout his five decades in broadcasting, he has interviewed numerous U.S. and world leaders, including seven American presidents, and won every major broadcast news award for his reporting, including three Emmy Awards, the duPont–Columbia Silver Baton, and the Peabody Award.



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Joan C. Williams

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HISTORY / POLITICS

## OUTCLASSED

HOW THE LEFT LOST THE WORKING CLASS AND  
HOW TO WIN THEM BACK

An eye-opening, urgent call to mend the broken relationship between college and non-college grads of all races that is driving politics to the far right.

The far right manipulates class anger to undercut progressive goals and liberals often inadvertently play into their hands. Williams explains how to reverse that process by bridging the “diploma divide”, while maintaining core progressive values. She offers college-educated Americans insights into how their values reflect their lives and their lives reflect their privilege. With illuminating stories—from the Portuguese admiral who led that country’s COVID response to the lawyer who led the ACLU’s gay marriage response (and more)—Williams demonstrates how working-class values reflect working-class lives. Then she explains how the far right connects culturally with the working-class, deftly manipulating racism and masculine anxieties to deflect attention from the ways far-right policies produce the economic conditions disadvantaging the working-class. Whether you are a concerned citizen, a politician or social justice warrior, OUTCLASSED offers concrete guidance on how liberals can forge a multi-racial cross-class coalition capable of delivering on progressive goals.

### PRAISE

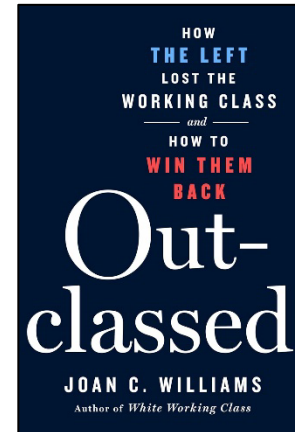
“This book will be a service not only for that elite group, but for anyone who finds it hard to understand what on earth is happening in American politics.”—Jonathan Haidt, *NYT* bestseller *The Anxious Generation*

“[Williams] gives a voice to those who get up every day and do their best.”—Mark Cuban

“If you despair of serious conversation across the political divide, or have never tried it, this is just the book for you.”—Arlie Russell Hochschild, *Stolen Pride: Loss, Shame and the Rise of the Right*

### THE AUTHOR

Joan Williams’ work on race, class, and gender spans 11 books and 116 academic articles in law, sociology, psychology, medical and management journals. Williams is Distinguished Professor of Law and Hastings Foundation Chair (emerita) at University of California College of the Law San Francisco, and holds degrees from Yale, Harvard and MIT. Her previous books have been published by Harvard Business Review and leading university presses.



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Hiroko Yoda

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**NARRATIVE / SPIRITUALITY**

## EIGHT MILLION WAYS TO HAPPINESS

Certified Shinto cultural historian and *New Yorker* contributor Hiroko Yoda's journey through Japan's uniquely flexible approach to spirituality and nature, offering a blend of memoir, cultural history, and guidance for anyone struggling with disconnection in the modern world, pitched for readers of *Wintering* and *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

In what was meant to be the prime of her life, Hiroko Yoda faced a string of devastating losses—her mother, a childhood friend, and her beloved family dog. After months of seclusion, she began to take sullen strolls through Tokyo's parks. One day, a chance meeting with a raven opened her eyes to the kami, the nature spirits that represent the essence of Japanese faith. The encounter launched her on a quest to connect with her nation's uniquely intertwined blend of spiritual traditions, and in particular Shinto—the indigenous belief system that quietly nourishes so much of what makes Japan Japan, from cleanliness to characters to craftsmanship.

Japan's spiritual lifestyle, which makes room for both tradition and modernity, for the faith-based and the rational, is more than just a quirk of culture. It's a guide for anyone struggling with a profound sense of disconnection in the modern world. Building one's own "spiritual toolbox," as the peace and conflict studies pioneer Johan Galtung has called this approach, can help re-center us, help buffer us against fate.

### PRAISE

"A timely and moving pilgrimage through Japan's ancient spiritual traditions. As she navigates the terrain of her own grief in the wake of her mother's death, Hiroko Yoda shows us how we might ease our own suffering and reawaken a profound appreciation of the beauty of the world."—**Ruth Ozeki**, Zen Buddhist Priest, Booker Prize Finalist and author of *The Book of Form and Emptiness* and *My Year of Meats*

### THE AUTHOR

**Hiroko Yoda** is a Shinto cultural historian, photographer, writer and localizer. She has written for The New Yorker online and Vice, and her insight has been featured on 99% Invisible, The Futures Archive, and PBS. She is the author of several illustrated titles about Japanese folklore. She lives in Tokyo.



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