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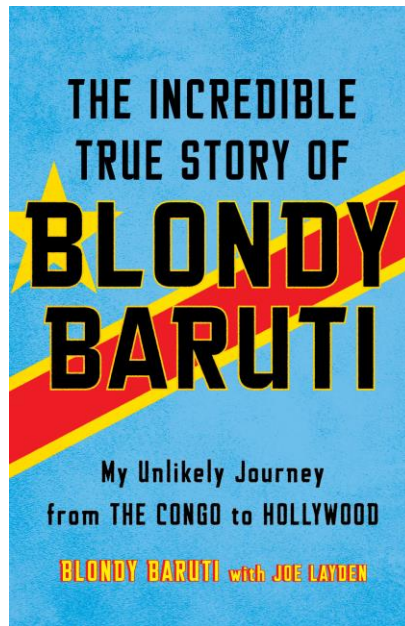
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THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF BLONDY BARUTI

Blondy Baruti

May 2018 | Manuscript Available



A movie set is the furthest place Blondy Baruti thought he would find himself—let alone the set of “Guardians of the Galaxy 2” in which Blondy has a featured role. By his own admission, Blondy should be a maggot-ridden corpse in the Congolese jungle. He, his mom, and his sister, trekked 500 miles over 16 months to flee the atrocities and violence of the southern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where he grew up. They outran desperate hunger, fever, dysentery, and machete-wielding soldiers to reach the relative safety of the north.

Blondy endured enough tragedy to haunt a lifetime during that harrowing and macabre stretch of his childhood. As a teenager, Blondy found himself homeless and anonymously roaming the streets of Jackson, Mississippi. Blondy’s amazing story involves both misfortune and evil—basketball dreams nurtured and squashed, a crooked cousin who breaks the inviolable bonds of family, an abusive coach—and the goodness of humanity—a couple in Arizona who becomes his “mom” and “dad”, a beneficent stranger in Jackson, and an actor and her billionaire husband. With echoes of *A Long Way Gone* and *The Blindside*, THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF BLONDY BARUTI will tell the inspiring story of how one kid encountered the good and evil in humanity and never gave up hope.

Rights sold: North American Rights and Audio Rights to Simon & Schuster, in a six figure deal

Kirkus

“Baruti’s optimism is so infectious and believable that readers can’t help but root for him...A moving, genuinely uplifting tale that highlights how resilient the human spirit can be.”

Booklist (Starred Review)

“What shines through here is Baruti’s good heart, persistence, and absolute unwillingness to give up on his dreams despite repeated setbacks. His remarkable journey and his courage are inspiring and aspirational.”

THE GOD ALGORITHM

William Ammerman

Proposal Available

Imagine an entity that knows more about you than you do. It can tell you who to vote for, what to watch, and what to buy. It can predict your lunch order before you even know you're hungry, and send medicine to your doorstep before you realize you're sick. It can tell you which products work best for your skin, what to feed your kids, and when to go to bed at night. This scenario might sound like science fiction, but marketing executive and data guru William Ammerman argues that it's not just possible, but inevitable, thanks to a revolutionary form of artificial intelligence; one that's rising, invisible, and steadily changing the way we live. In *THE GOT ALGORITHM*, Ammerman, whose position as head of advertising at Frankly, Inc. has given him an unparalleled window into the increasing use of data-driven AI algorithms to target consumers, will chronicle the exciting and frightening arc of this shift in every aspect of our lives, from relationships, to politics, to economics, to health-care. He'll also include practical information for marketers showing how they can capitalize on the emerging technological revolution.

Rights sold: World English Rights to McGraw-Hill, Audio Rights to Audible

THE VIEW FROM ABOVE

Sarah Parcak

Proposal Available

In *THE VIEW FROM ABOVE*, space archaeologist Sarah Parcak, National Geographic Fellow and winner of the 2016 TED Prize, will share how 15+ years of experience finding thousands of "new" ancient sites across the globe using satellite imagery (and following up those discoveries with excavation and survey) has shaped her unique birds-eye perspective. With her satellite research, she cannot see borders, skin color, or religion, but instead how we have survived and flourished in the most unlikely places against terrible odds. Her work has made her a fierce optimist about human beings and our potential. This book will show how archaeology comprises all of humankind's collective stories of resilience, adaptation, and creativity, and how those stories are mission critical for us to survive and thrive as a species. Her goal is to give everyone who reads this book a renewed sense of hope about everything that our species has achieved in the past with our ingenuity (which is, after all, our defining human characteristic), and a universal perspective for how rich our future can be.

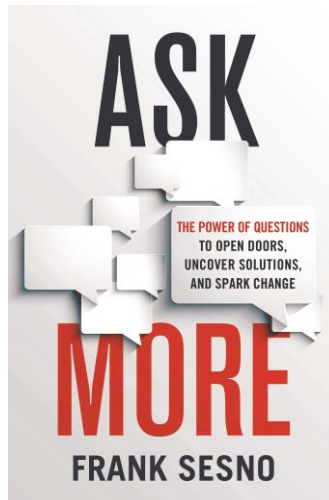
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ASK MORE: How the Power of Inquiry Can Make You Richer, Smarter, and Happier

Frank Sesno

Foreword by Wolf Blitzer

January 10, 2017 | Manuscript Available



With digital communications consuming every waking moment, why do millions of people around the world feel so disconnected? According to veteran interviewer Frank Sesno, it's because we're not asking enough questions — and enough *good* questions. In *ASK MORE*, Sesno, who has conducted thousands of interviews on CNN, NPR and elsewhere, and is now Director of The George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs, investigates how the art of inquiry can open our minds and dramatically improve our daily lives. Speaking with famously inquisitive people such as Colin Powell, Barbara Walters, Jon Stewart, Bob Schieffer, Ellen DeGeneres, Robin Young and Sandra Day O'Connor, Sesno reveals the little-known strategies and tactics behind masterful questioning. Riveting stories from an FBI anti-terrorist psychologist, a SWAT team hostage negotiator, an emergency room doctor, a Hollywood producer, and an end-of-life spiritual counsellor illustrate how well-placed questions often produce breakthrough results, getting us the answers we need, not those people think we want to hear. Readers learn to better tackle life's toughest issues, combat groupthink, confront a suspicious teenager, ask a partner about sex, become a better colleague or be a better citizen by becoming more thoughtful and deliberate in their inquiry. Meaningful connection may elude us in today's "always-on" global culture, but Sesno's message is at once hopeful and inspiring: We *can* become happier, healthier and more successful, if only we can learn to talk less — and ask more.

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Anderson Cooper, CNN Anchor

"*Ask More* is an essential guide to asking questions in a way that can better achieve your goals. Through engaging stories and remarkable people, this illuminating book will show you can use questions not only to learn, but to challenge, inspire, innovate and excel."

Jorge Ramos, television journalist and anchor, Univision

"Frank Sesno asks all the right questions and shows their power. The message: Don't avoid the question marks; just learn how to use them. I use questions as a weapon. But Frank is wiser; he uses questions to improve our lives."

WOMEN'S WORK

Chris Crisman

Proposal Available



Combining Chris Crisman's own unique narrative-driven portraiture with the straightforward narrative style of *Humans of New York*, *WOMEN'S WORK* will be a beautiful, inspiring compilation of portraits of women at work in typically male-dominated fields.

It's no secret we're witnessing a major cultural shift—Hillary Clinton's ignominious defeat sparked a tidal wave of women running for office; the Women's Marches in 2017 and 2018 were among the largest protests our country has seen; the #MeToo movement continues to topple pillars of the patriarchy. Much of this movement is driven by narratives dominated by the voices of women who already enjoy some celebrity. But how about the pig farmer, the lobster fisher, the butcher, the blacksmith, the film maker, and all the others who have faced obstacles on their way to realizing their dreams to pursue occupations that are not traditionally seen as "women's work"? These women who go quietly and passionately about their work are just as radical as the ones who constantly get headlines, but we'd never know about them—unless we looked.

Chris Crisman looks. He asks. He sees. He documents. He has a way of showing his audience how real people are real super heroes. He creates complex narratives via moving portraits that, taken as a group, represent a powerful testament to this shift in our culture that is deeper and wider than most people realize.

First released as a limited series in 2016, his inspiring "Women's Work" photographs feature women posing in their places of work, such as a lobster-fishing boat, a mine, a woodworking studio. Each subject is dressed in what she'd wear on a typical day, from helmets and other protective gear to overalls and t-shirts. The female figures are shown working with tools traditionally thought to be appropriate only for men. These implements include axes, shovels, mallets, and even heavy machinery. These portraits of strong females challenge the age-old notion of gender-based jobs.

THE FEET THAT DANCED ON THEIR OWN

Sara Manning Peskin, MD, MS

Proposal Available

In mid-1900's Papua New Guinea, women are laughing themselves to death. A century later, a graduate student watches *The Walking Dead* in the morning, and by afternoon, is shoving away doctors that appear to her as vicious zombies, while on the other side of the country, a grandfather gambles away his savings. What do they all have in common? Brain disorders—specifically, disorders caused by a single molecule. From loss of empathy to compulsive lying, Sara Manning Peskin, MD MS, tells the ultimate David and Goliath story, showcasing diseases where molecules that are millions of times smaller than the brain co-opt the human body's most intricate structure and change people's very identities. In *THE FEET THAT DANCED ON THEIR OWN*, Peskin, who has traveled around the world studying neurology, introduces readers to patients who have experienced these rare disorders up close, providing a crash course in the brain and neurological disorders in the process.

THE THING FINDERS OF BRONZEVILLE

Dawn Trice

Proposal Available

Before she was a murderer, Debra Trice was a friend. Before she was an alcoholic, Kim Turner was a sister. And before Dawn Turner was an award-winning journalist and novelist, she was just a girl, growing up in Chicago's South Side with the two great loves of her life. This is a story about choices—the ones we make and why; the ones that are available to us and the ones that get stripped away. From acclaimed author Dawn Turner comes *THE THING FINDERS OF BRONZEVILLE*, a story of how paths can be derailed, and the people we love can become lost to us.

Growing up, Dawn Turner was the quiet one, trailing in the shadows of her stubborn younger sister, Kim, and her beautiful, precocious best friend, Dawn. Over the course of a decade, she would lose the life she had with both of them—one to a life-altering crime, and one to the throes of an addiction which lay, tantalizing, just outside the gates of their historic Chicago neighborhood. In *THE THING FINDERS OF BRONZEVILLE*, Turner recalls her childhood with Debra and Kim, growing up on the South Side just a few decades after the dawn of the Civil Rights Movement. She grapples with issues of race, class, and gender as she retraces her life with a journalist's eye, yearning to uncover why Kim and Debra chose the paths they did, what went wrong, and what their stories reveal about the economic and political divides that continue to plague the nation. Ruminating on the burdens of black women in America today, Dawn Turner evokes the poignant observational skills and lyrical style of writers like J.D. Vance and Te-Nehisi Coates to craft a masterful meditation on systems of inequality and the victims they leave behind.

THE CODE OF THE RIGHTEOUS WARRIOR: 10 Laws of Moral Manhood for an Uncertain World

Pastor Allyn Waller and Hilary Beard

Proposal Available

THE CODE OF THE RIGHTEOUS WARRIOR is a guide to being a man of faith and integrity in these turbulent times. Millions of men are feeling displaced in their roles as the economy globalizes, technology disrupts careers and our culture attempts to eliminate the chauvinism at the roots of traditional male responsibility – and yet, Dr. Waller recognizes that we have failed to identify new space for men to occupy and prepare them for the ways they now need to behave in order to succeed. THE CODE OF THE RIGHTEOUS WARRIOR will teach Christian and other moral men the skills they need to navigate the complex challenges they face so they can thrive in seven essential areas: spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial and martial

Rights sold: North American Rights to Atria, in a substantial six-figure preempt.

WE THE SCIENTISTS: The Radical Experiment Transforming the Practice of Medicine

Amy Dockser Marcus

Proposal Available

For six years, Pulitzer Prize-winning Wall Street Journal reporter Amy Marcus attached herself to Chris and Hugh Hempel, who in a desperate attempt to save their 10-year old twin daughters from Niemann-Pick Type C disease, an extremely rare, fatal genetic condition, experimented with a drug long before its use was sanctioned. The Hempels collected the data that scientists eventually used to get FDA approval to launch a clinical trial. The resultant 10-part, 17,000-word story, “Trials”, ran in late 2013 and is the longest story the WSJ has ever published. Now, in a book that will be part James Gleick’s *Chaos*, part Anne Fadiman’s *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, Marcus will tell the story of the paradigm shift that is citizen science through the prism of the Hempels’ race to save their daughters’ lives.

Rights sold: North American Rights and Audio Rights to Riverhead, in a six-figure deal

THE VOW

Marsha M. Linehan, PhD

Proposal Available

Profiled in Time Magazine and the New York Times, Marsha Linehan is a preeminent psychologist and pioneer in her field: she created the first and only successful treatment for Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD). At age 68, though, she revealed that she had struggled with BPD all her life, including having been institutionalized at age 17 and deemed the most dangerous patient in her ward: Linehan cut herself and frequently launched herself head first off tables. Linehan’s memoir will trace the inspiring arc of her life from the perdition of having lived with undiagnosed BPD to her creation of a therapy that’s practiced by thousands of professionals around the world and that fulfills the vow she made at 17 that, if she ever recovered sufficiently to be released from the institution, she would dedicate her life to finding a treatment that provides relief from the pain she—and millions of others around the world—suffer.

Rights Sold: North American Rights and Audio Rights to Random House in a major preempt, Dutch to Kok

INFLUENCERS

Brittany Hennessy

July 2018 | *Manuscript Available*

 influencer

BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL BRAND
IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



The blueprint to manage and monetize
your influence as a content creator

BRITTANY HENNESSY

Every one of your favorite influencers started with zero followers and had to make a lot of mistakes to get where they are today—earning more money each year than their parents made in the last decade. But to become a top creator, you need to understand the strategies behind the Insta-ready lifestyle . . .

As nightlife blogger, then social media strategist, and now Senior Director of Influencer Strategy and Talent Partnerships at Hearst Magazines Digital Media, Brittany Hennessy has seen the role of influencers evolve and expand into something that few could have imagined when social media first emerged.

Whether you're just starting out or you're ready for bigger campaigns, Hennessy guides you through core influencer principles. From creating content worth double tapping and using hashtags to get discovered, to understanding FTC rules and delivering metrics, she'll show you how to elevate your profile, embrace your edge, and make money—all while doing what you love.

Rights sold: World English Rights to Kensington

MY FAMILY DIVIDED: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope

Diane Guerrero with Erica Moroz

Summer 2018 | Manuscript Available



Before landing a spot on the megahit Netflix show “Orange is the New Black,” before wow-ing audiences as Lina on “Jane the Virgin,” and before her incredible activism and work on immigration reform, Diane Guerrero was a young girl living in Boston. One day, while Guerrero was at school, her undocumented immigrant parents were taken from their home, detained, and deported. Guerrero's life, which had been full of the support of a loving family, was turned upside down.

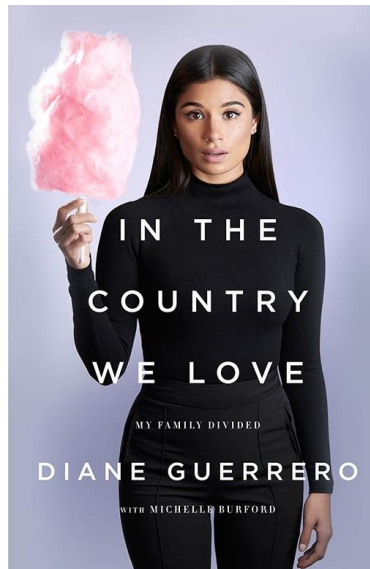
Reflective of the experiences of millions of undocumented immigrant families in the United States, Guerrero's story is at once heartbreaking and hopeful. In MY FAMILY DIVIDED, Guerrero builds on the success of IN THE COUNTRY WE LOVE, adapting her story of perseverance, love, and hope for young readers.

Rights sold: North American Rights to Holt

IN THE COUNTRY WE LOVE: My Family Divided

Diane Guerrero with Michelle Burford

May 2, 2016 | Manuscript Available



Actress Diane Guerrero's ("Orange is the New Black," "Jane the Virgin") parents fled poverty and personal tragedy in Colombia to create a better life here. They eked out a living dishwashing, housecleaning and babysitting. Over the course of 20 years they collected the accoutrements of a permanent life—they bought a house and had Diane—in the shadow of the possibility of being sent back to Colombia. Then one afternoon in May 2000, when Diane was 14, she came home to an empty house. Her parents had been detained by immigration authorities who had thought nothing of the 14-year old girl left to fend for herself. Although Diane has been able to forge a career that's representative of what's possible in America when one is given a chance, her life hasn't been the same: she sees her parents only once a year and in 2009 she became so despondent that her boyfriend had to stop her from jumping off a roof. Building upon the viral Op-Ed she wrote for the LA Times, which attracted the attention of major media and President Obama, who invited her to his live address on immigration, Diane will put a human face on an unfolding tragedy and a subject that gets to the heart of who we are as a country.

Rights sold: North American Rights to Henry Holt, in a significant six-figure deal, at auction, Audio Rights to Audible

Kirkus

"'Orange Is the New Black' actress Guerrero delivers an affecting tale of a childhood lived in the margins...lovingly detailed in colloquial and well-paced prose...The author's candor in chronicling the lowest moments of her life reads like an urgent confessional...The author's greatest strength lies in her ability to advocate for undocumented immigrants and others affected by immigration status: 'I've written the book that I wish I could have read when I was that girl.' A moving, humanizing portrait of the collateral damage caused by America's immigration policy."

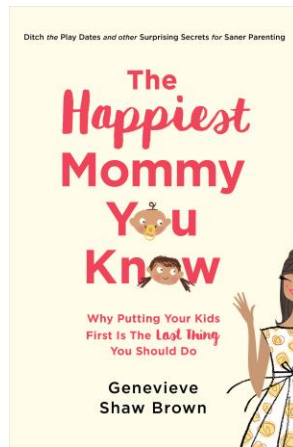
Publisher's Weekly

"Guerrero, 14 at the time, was left on her own with no government oversight whatsoever, a harrowing situation that she recounts with honesty, pathos, and bravery...Guerrero transforms a truly terrible situation into something meaningful, using her story and her role as an Ambassador for Citizenship and Naturalization by the White House to try to help other immigrant families left in this terrible position."

THE HAPPIEST MOMMY YOU KNOW: Why Putting Your Kids First Is The Last Thing You Should Do

Genevieve Shaw Brown

January 31, 2017 | Manuscript Available



ABC News reporter Genevieve Brown rose at 5AM every morning to prepare perfectly portioned meals of turkey meatballs filled with veggies, couscous, cauliflower mashed “potatoes,” and sliced fruit for her three year old daughter and 14 month old son. It struck her one day that she had never once considered eating the healthy food she made for her kids every day. In consultation with a nutritionist, Genny put herself on the “Baby Diet”: she ate the healthy food her kids ate—albeit in adult-sized portions—and learned from how her kids ate (regimented meals, minimal snacking). She felt better and lost those last five pounds. The “Baby Diet” experiment sparked a larger epiphany in Genny: she spared no sacrifice in ensuring her kids’ happiness, but she didn’t give her own well-being a second thought. What if, she thought, it doesn’t have to be that way? What if moms treated themselves as well as they treated their kids? Genny’s book is for moms and written from the perspective of a harried mom of two (one with special needs) who will chronicle her struggle to redress 10 common issues moms face (lack of sleep, lack of exercise, etc.). It’s a journey that has her arranging dates with friends—and serendipitously getting Botox on one of them—going to a chiropractor to check a knot in her back that she’s allowed to fester, and indulging her impulses, even the margarita-fueled ones, when she decides to run the NYC marathon. Genny consults experts and follows the advice doled out on parenting sites, but realizes that the secret to maternal happiness—along with more peace, less stress, and better health—boils down to one simple rule: do for yourself what you instinctively do for your children.

Rights sold: North American Rights and Audio Rights to Touchstone, in a six-figure deal, Chinese to Hainan

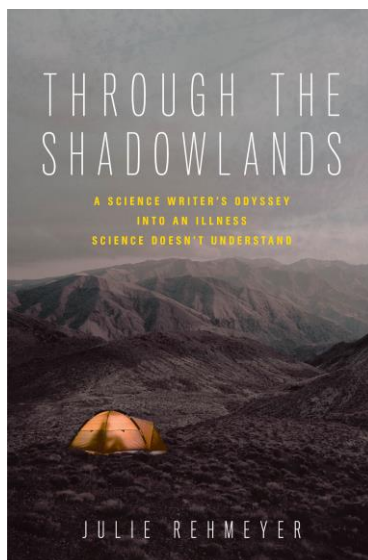
Booklist

“Award-winning journalist Brown goes beyond many of the recent humorous works by blogger moms...*The Happiest Mommy You Know* chronicles Brown’s journey from raising her kids perfectly while losing sight of self-care to intentionally treating herself as well as she treated her kids. By regaining diet, health, sleep, and time with friends, she helped herself, and with her book, she’ll help many other moms get back to being as healthy as they hope their children will be. In a saturated genre, *The Happiest Mommy* shines out and will be a hit.”

THROUGH THE SHADOWLANDS: A Science Writer's Odyssey into an Illness Science Doesn't Understand

Julie Rehmeyer

May 23, 2017 | Manuscript Available



Science journalist Julie Rehmeyer never thought that after a life of running marathons, conducting search-and-rescue missions in the wilderness, and even building a straw-bale house with her own hands, she would be crippled by Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, an illness that left her with a brain fog so bad that she could barely speak and an inexplicable paralysis that left her barely able to walk. When world-class immunologists across the country were unable to explain the sickness that plagued her for a decade, she took matters into her own hands. She had to be her own scientist—as well as her own subject and laboratory. She followed the evidence even when it seemed to contradict established science, even when it challenged who she thought she was, even when it blasted her life apart. She followed the clues not just to recovery, but to a future she never could have imagined. In a book that combines *Brain on Fire* with *My Stroke of Insight*, Julie chronicles her improbable road to recovery.

Rights sold: North American Rights to Rodale in a preempt, Audio Rights available

Joan Borysenko, New York Times bestselling author of *Minding the Body, Mending the Mind*

“Only a brilliant science writer could possibly traverse the mysterious landscape of America’s most misunderstood affliction with such grace. From the politics of scientific research to the far reaches of alternative medicine; from the nitty gritty of molecules to the depths of raw emotion — this is a riveting story that will change lives.”

Meghan O’Rourke, Author of *The Long Goodbye*

“Humorous, compassionate, and motivated throughout by curiosity, *Through the Shadowlands* will powerfully illuminate this murky realm for anyone wondering what it’s like to suffer and survive.”

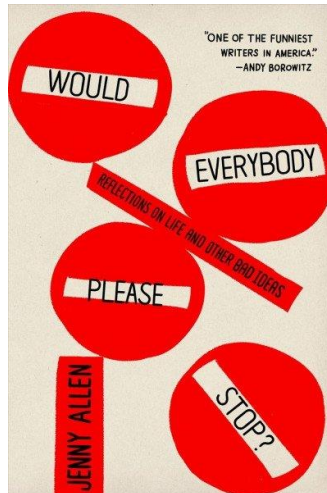
Publisher’s Weekly

“Rehmeyer’s frustrated but cautiously optimistic story will resonate with readers who value an intelligent, scientific approach to life but wonder what to do when there aren’t any good answers.”

WOULD EVERYBODY PLEASE STOP?

Jenny Allen

June 6, 2017 | Manuscript Available



A collection of humorous and satiric pieces that have appeared in the *New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *Vogue* and *Esquire*. Ms. Allen is the writer and performer of the critically-acclaimed show, “I Got Sick Then I Got Better,” a comic riff on her adventures after falling down the medical rabbit hole. With her eagle eye for the absurd and hilarious, Allen reports from the potholes midway through life’s journey. One moment she’s flirting shamelessly—and unsuccessfully—with a younger man at a wedding; the next she’s stumbling upon X-rated images on her daughter’s computer. She ponders the connection between her ex-husband’s questions about the location of their silverware, and the divorce that came a year later. While undergoing chemotherapy, she experiments with being a “wig person.” And she considers those perplexing questions that we never pause to ask: Why do people say “It is what it is”? What’s the point of fat-free half-and-half? And haven’t we heard enough about memes?

Rights sold: North American Rights and Audio Rights to Sarah Crichton at Farrar, Straus, and Giroux

NPR

“Most of the 35 very short essays in *Would Everybody Please Stop?* are either hilarious, heartfelt, or both...Wonderful...Allen can be playful, sarcastic, and astute...There's sharp wit and social commentary aplenty...As delightful as her humor is, her serious essays hit deeper...It's all good.”

Andy Borowitz

“One of the funniest writers in America.”

The New York Times

"A tartly funny and often piercingly emotional ramble through life at a certain age."

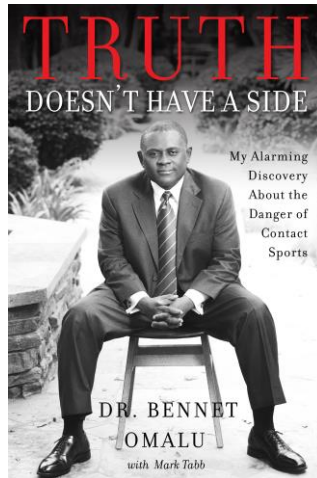
Bustle

"A laugh-out-loud funny debut . . . A comedic celebration of womanhood and growing up, these 35 short essays will have you second guessing why you ever avoided essays to begin with."

THE TRUTH DOESN'T HAVE A SIDE: My Alarming Discovery About the Danger of Contact Sports

Dr. Bennet Omalu and Mark Tabb

August 8, 2017 | Manuscript Available



Dr. Bennet Omalu, the inspiration for the film 'Concussion' and the doctor who discovered Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), was born in a war-torn village in Nigeria. Despite all his accomplishments and degrees, Dr. Omalu spent decades (and over \$100,000 in attorney fees) to try to gain the citizenship he so longed for while he was advancing our nation's understanding and breaking new ground in so many fields of medicine, citizenship he earned just under a year ago. The story of his discovery of—and unwavering fight to disseminate—the truth about the profoundly deleterious effects of head trauma have made him a widely lauded hero, a Nigerian-born David taking on a surprisingly powerful Goliath in the form of the NFL, “a corporation that owns a day of the week, one that used to be owned by the Church.” The determination, intelligence, and integrity evidenced in this fight to defend the truth is a reflection of the far broader narrative scope of his life story, but also a fitting microcosm of who he is. The Truth is not malleable, nor easily bought nor spun.

Rights sold: North American to Zondervan, in a substantial six-figure pre-empt, Audio Rights to Brilliance Publishing

David Morris, VP and Publisher of Zondervan

“There is more to his story than what viewers saw on movie screens...Dr. Bennett is a man of deep faith and conviction. He wants to share how his faith carried him from a young boy suffering from malnutrition in Nigeria to becoming a highly recognized doctor courageously fighting for victims of CTE. This is a story of overcoming around one of today's most fascinating topics.”

*“I am very aware of my mortality. Everything I do is in the considered context of me dying someday. So I step back and say, this thing I am doing now, is it worth it? I am going to die, so what benefit is this? If nothing else, I hope the reader comes away from my book asking himself the same question. **Ultimately, what matters is not the recognition we receive for the work we do but the impact our lives make upon the lives of others.**”*

Dr. Bennet Omalu

GIZELLE'S BUCKET LIST: My Life with a Very Big Dog

Lauren Watt

March 7, 2017 | Manuscript Available



After learning that her 160-pound English Mastiff, Gizelle, was dying from bone cancer, Lauren decided to take her beloved dog, who had been in Lauren's words, "some special combination of my daughter, sister, roommate, and best friend", on a bucket-list adventure. Lauren wrote about her journey for Yahoo and the piece went viral: it was picked up by BuzzFeed, where it's been viewed over 1.1 million times, and dozens of other outlets, both domestic and international. Lauren will recount her experience shepherding Gizelle through the last months of her life and how Gizelle shepherded Lauren through her own life: her turbulent early 20s, her Mom's addiction, a move to New York and a break-up. This is the story of how a dog taught a girl about life and death, and the boundless capacity of love.

Rights sold: North American Rights and Audio Rights to S&S, in a very high six-figure preempt, UK to Hodder in a six-figure preempt, German to Fischer Verlag in a six-figure preempt, French to Belfond in a preempt, Italian to Salani in a preempt, Brazil to Best Seller in a preempt, Netherlands to Meulenhoff Boekerij, Hungarian to Libri, Poland to Harlequin Polska, Korea to Tornado, Spain to Plaza & Janés, Complex Chinese to Sun Color, Simplified Chinese to Beijing Booky, Japan to Hayakawa, Portugal to Nascente, Vietnamese to Kim Dong Publishing; ***Feature Film rights optioned to OddLot Pictures with Lara Alameddine and Daniel Dubiecki (Juno, Up in the Air, Thank You For Smoking) attached to produce.**

Larry Levin, New York Times-bestselling author of *Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love*

"Gizelle's Bucket List explores the unique bond—a complete integration of spirits—that can occur between a human and a dog and make us better than who we were. Told with humor and compassion, this book will also move you to tears."

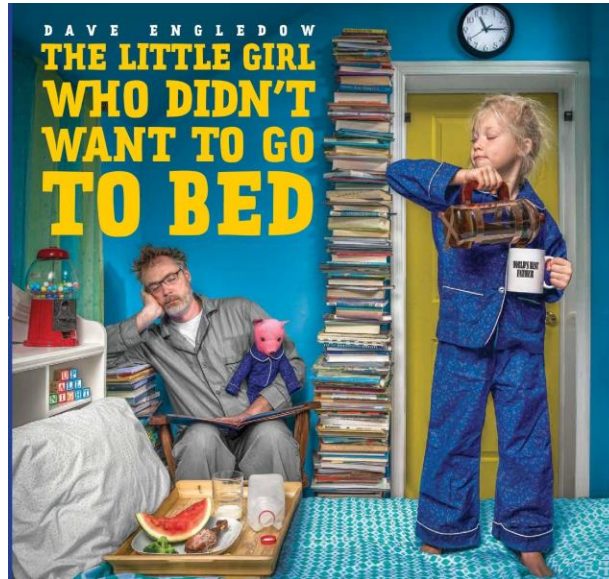
"It was then I realized that I was okay with letting Gizelle go. Just like I had faith that the trees would sprout lime green leaves again and kids with yellow buckets would splash in the water once more, I had faith I'd carry Gizelle with me...I knew she would live on through my experiences, and that I gave her the best life I could. And that to me was infinitely healing."

Lauren Watt

THE LITTLE GIRL WHO REFUSED TO GO TO BED

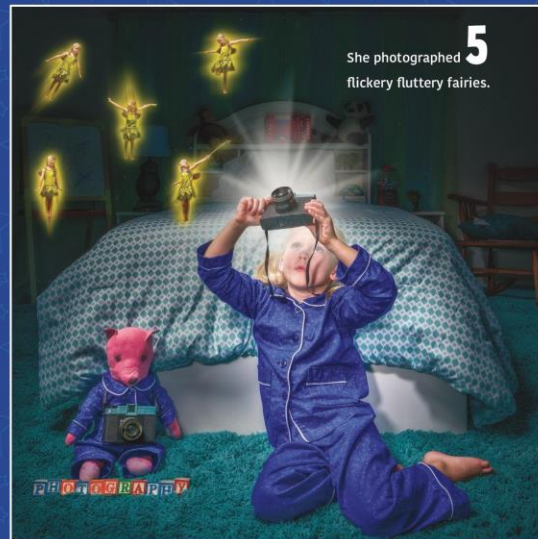
Dave Engledow

October 17, 2017 | Manuscript Available



In the course of showing CONFESSIONS OF THE WORLD'S BEST FATHER to children he knew and receiving numerous messages from parents whose kids had hijacked their copy of the book and couldn't stop giggling at Alice Bee's antics, Dave Engledow realized that kids are his natural audience. The animated responses inspired Dave's next idea: a children's book—the first in a three-book series—entitled, THE LITTLE GIRL WHO REFUSED TO GO TO BED, that will use text accompanied by new images of Alice Bee in the same fantastical style so beloved by kids to tell the story of the trouble a nameless girl gets into at night when she doesn't go to bed and what happens to her when she's tired and can't stay awake the next day.

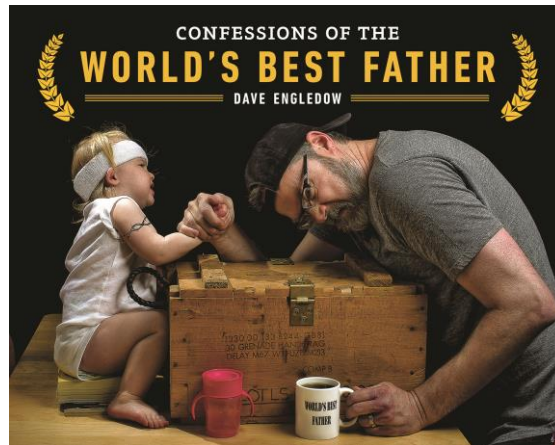
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CONFESSIONS OF THE WORLD'S BEST FATHER

Dave Engledow

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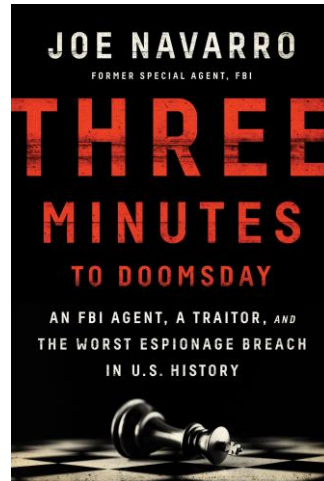
Dave Engledow was a first-time Dad and he channeled his apprehension into a humorous compilation of doctored photos with his daughter, Alice Bee, that represent a parody of the father he hopes he never becomes: one who, for example, lets his daughter slip unnoticed into a vat of cooking chili (see left). The result has been a global phenomenon: Dave appeared on the Today show twice and his images have been featured on websites and in publications in over 45 countries. The book is a collection of 75-100 images, with each image accompanied by a journal entry that will tell the story of a self-absorbed, clueless new father whose comfortable life has been totally upended by his daughter.

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THREE MINUTES TO DOOMSDAY: An FBI Agent, a Traitor, and the Worst Espionage Breach in U.S. History

Joe Navarro

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It's 1989. International tensions are high. The Soviet Union, cracking from internal fissures and threats from the West, is as paranoid as ever. Somewhere in a Tampa motel room, an FBI Agent and Field Director, who was a leading Profiler at the agency, is interviewing a Soviet spy and, through recognizing a specific tic in the spy's behavior and following his profiler's instincts and training, lays bare the first clue to what he eventually realizes is the biggest and most frightening espionage ring in US history. That FBI agent will tell this story for the first time in this real-life John le Carré thriller that spans ten years and dozens of countries.

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Robert Baer, former CIA operative and New York Times bestselling author of *See No Evil, Sleeping with the Devil* and *The Perfect Kill*

"Absolutely gripping. Real life espionage stories rarely feature characters that are so layered. This book is like its brilliant author, very knowing about what drives men – both good and bad – to excess. And as the revelations build to a crescendo we shake our heads at how thoroughly misinformed we are about our own security. If there's only one book you read about a mole hunt, read this one. Certainly, any new FBI or CIA recruit should be given a copy upon walking through the door."

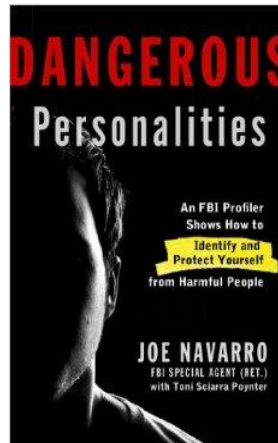
Robert K. Wittman, founder of the FBI Art Crime Team and New York Times bestselling author of *Priceless* and *The Devil's Diary*

"Both exhilarating and frightening, this is former FBI agent Joe Navarro's account of discovering and ferreting out one of the largest and most insidious espionage breaches in U.S. history. The trade craft on display will remind readers of a John Le Carré novel, but, shockingly, it's all true!"

DANGEROUS PERSONALITIES: A Practical Guide to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Joe Navarro

October 7, 2014 | Manuscript Available



***NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *WHAT EVERY BODY IS SAYING*
RIGHTS SOLD IN 20 TERRITORIES**

Famed FBI profiler and author of *WHAT EVERY BODY IS SAYING*, which has been translated into 23 languages, Joe Navarro empowers us with the information we need to navigate a world in which nihilistic bankers, pedophilic priests and coaches have shattered our faith in the people and institutions we entrust with our physical, spiritual, financial and familial well-being. Based upon the FBI's own forensic profiling, this handbook presents the four personality types that pose the greatest risk to our safety. *DANGEROUS PERSONALITIES* will help us recognize and avoid borderline individuals who have the potential to inflict both wide-scale destruction and quiet suffering.

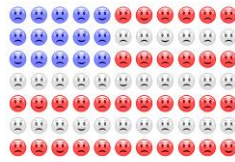
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THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: And Why It's Making Us Anxious

Ruth Whippman

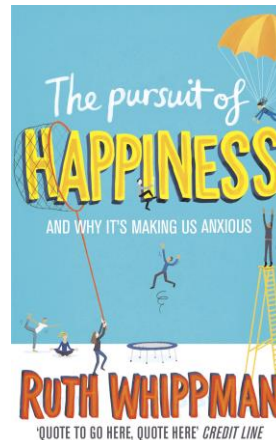
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How Our Pursuit of Happiness
is Creating a Nation of
Nervous Wrecks

RUTH WHIPPMAN



When Ruth Whippman, a prominent British journalist, moved to the United States, she noticed that the people she was meeting all seemed to share a common obsession. Happiness. From self-help books to mindfulness, positive psychology to Jesus, the entire nation seemed to be locked into a relentless hunt for joy. The problem was, the search didn't seem to be making anyone all that happy. People were so focused on hunting down bliss they were becoming stressed and miserable in the process. As she dug deeper, she found that paradoxically, studies show that the United States is one of the least happy, and most anxious countries in the developed world. To find out why, Ruth puts herself through the paces of her own happiness pursuit, with some surprising results. Is America looking for contentment in all the wrong places? Expanding upon a widely-discussed essay published in the New York Times, *THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS* gives readers a de Tocqueville for the 21st Century: hilarious, acerbic, and rich with observations that cut to the heart of contemporary American culture.

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The Sunday Times

"Like Bill Bryson, Whippman has a willingness to play up cultural differences to comic effect...She also has Bryson's sharp ear for language and its potential for absurdity."

The Times

"She writes with a light touch....Her conclusions are amusing and offer a useful commentary on this age of materialism and gloating."

Kirkus

"A hilarious narrative full of barbed observations, personal anecdotes, and comical stories. After putting the book down, readers may well agree with the author that if we want to be happy, what we really need to do is stop chasing after happiness and focus on living fuller lives. A delightfully witty, enjoyable read."

Tara Conklin, New York Times bestselling author of *The House Girl*

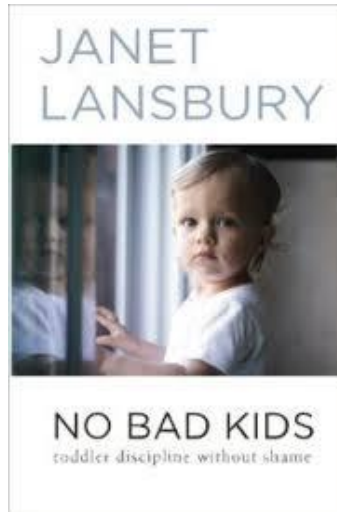
"Ruth Whippman has written a laugh-out-loud examination of how, exactly, the American pursuit of happiness has led us so far astray...America the Anxious is a vibrant, hilarious, necessary book."

**FROM NATIONALLY RENOWNED CHILDCARE EXPERT, 2 SELF PUBLISHED
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NO BAD KIDS: Toddler Discipline without Shame

Janet Lansbury

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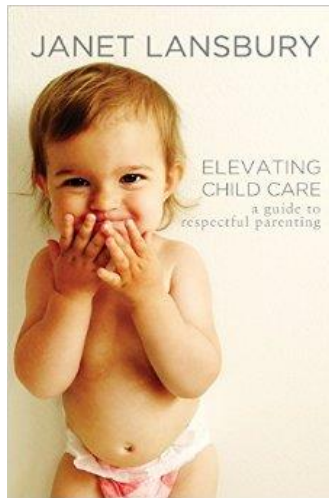
Janet Lansbury is unique among parenting experts. As a RIE teacher and student of pioneering child specialist Magda Gerber, her advice is not based solely on formal studies and the research of others, but also on her twenty years of hands-on experience guiding hundreds of parents and their toddlers. “No Bad Kids” is a collection of Janet's most popular and widely read articles pertaining to common toddler behaviors and how respectful parenting practices can be applied to benefit both parents and children. It covers such common topics as punishment, cooperation, boundaries, testing, tantrums, hitting, and more. “No Bad Kids” provides a practical, indispensable tool for parents who are anticipating or experiencing those critical years when toddlers are developmentally obliged to test the limits of our patience and love. Armed with knowledge and a clearer sense of the world through our children’s eyes, this period of uncertainty can afford a myriad of opportunities to forge unbreakable bonds of trust and respect.

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ELEVATING CHILD CARE: A Guide to Respectful Parenting

Janet Lansbury

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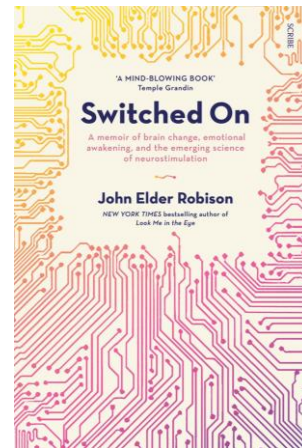
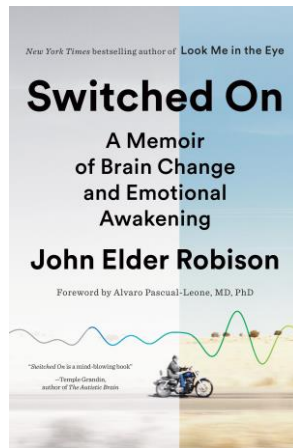
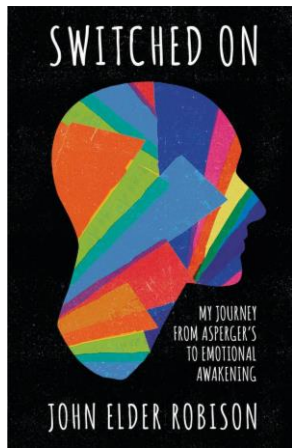
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Janet Lansbury's advice on respectful parenting is quoted and shared by millions of readers worldwide. Inspired by the pioneering parenting philosophy of her friend and mentor, Magda Gerber, Janet's influential voice encourages parents and child care professionals to perceive babies as unique, capable human beings with natural abilities to learn without being taught; to develop motor and cognitive skills; communicate; face age appropriate struggles; initiate and direct independent play for extended periods; and much more. Once we are able to view our children in this light, even the most common daily parenting experiences become stimulating opportunities to learn, discover, and to connect with our child. "Elevating Child Care" is a collection of 30 popular and widely read articles from Janet's website that focus on some of the most common infant/toddler issues: eating, sleeping, diaper changes, communication, separation, focus and attention span, creativity, boundaries, and more. Eschewing the quick-fix 'tips and tricks' of popular parenting culture, Janet's insightful philosophy lays the foundation for a closer, more fulfilling parent/child relationship, and children who grow up to be authentic, confident, successful adults.

SWITCHED ON: A Memoir of Brain Change and Emotional Awakening

John Elder Robison

March 22, 2016 | Manuscript Available



For the past five years John Elder Robison, internationally acclaimed author of the best-selling memoir LOOK ME IN THE EYE: My Life with Asperger's, has offered himself up as a guinea pig to some of the world's top brain researchers in an effort to understand and ultimately fix the deficits of emotional intelligence that lie at the heart of autism. He worked with scientists at Sapienza University of Rome to explore the subtle relationship between emotions and the face. Researchers at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University used state of the art brain imaging systems to "see" how thoughts take shape in his mind, and investigated his innermost brain processes. In the most transformative study, Harvard scientists focused powerful magnetic fields into the space behind his right eye that bestowed upon him the gift of emotional intelligence that he lacked his entire life. The non-fiction version of *Flowers for Algernon*, Robison goes on the trail of the revolutionary science that has changed his life and that has the potential to transform millions of emotionally circumscribed lives.

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New York Times

"Most profoundly, he discovers that neurotypical humans are not, as a rule, happy. 'I had created a fantasy that seeing into people would be sweetness and love,' he writes. 'Now I knew the truth: most of the emotions floating around in space are not positive. When you look into a crowd with real emotional insight you'll see lust, greed, rage, anxiety, and what for a lack of a better word I call 'tension' — with only the occasional flash of love or happiness.' Arthur Schopenhauer couldn't have said it much better himself. SWITCHED ON is subversive in more ways than one."

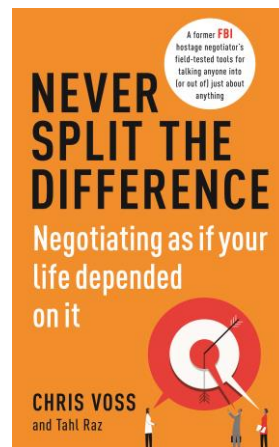
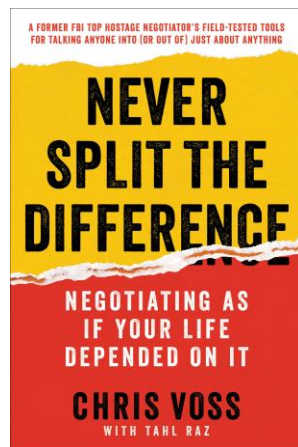
Washington Post, Best Memoirs of 2016

"His astonishing, brave new book...*Switched On* reads like a medical thriller and keeps you wondering what will happen next...He is deft at explaining difficult concepts and doesn't shy from asking hard questions. This is a truly unusual memoir—both poignant and scientifically important."

NEVER SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE: Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It

Chris Voss with Tahl Raz

May 17, 2016 | Manuscript Available



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In his 24 years with the FBI, many as the agency's lead international hostage negotiator, Chris Voss worked approximately 150 kidnappings worldwide, including the Gonsalves-Howes-Stansell kidnapping in Colombia which culminated in the July 2008 rescue by Colombian forces. He founded the Black Swan Group, a negotiating consulting firm, and teaches a class at Georgetown that arms his students with the knowledge to negotiate real-life situations. Now, in NEVER SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE, Voss, with the help of collaborator Tahl Raz, who co-wrote the national bestseller *Never Eat Alone*, channels his incomparable experience to help readers navigate their way through thorny dilemmas in their careers, relationships, businesses, and any aspect of their lives that might require negotiating skills.

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Publisher's Weekly

"Along with telling stories of his time in the FBI, he guides readers through key lessons, such as how to 'confront without confrontation,' understand an opponent's emotions, become good at saying no, manipulate your opponent's reality, and develop the calm but authoritative vocal style he calls 'the late-night FM DJ voice.' Chatty and friendly and packed with helpful resources, this is an intriguing approach to business and personal negotiations."

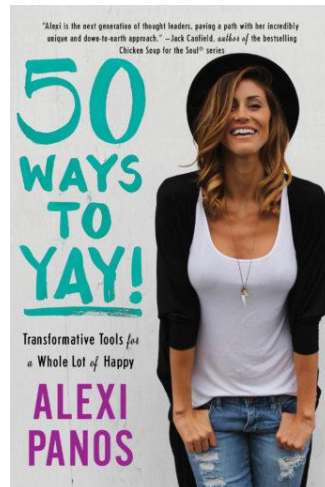
Adam Grant, Wharton professor and New York Times bestselling author of *Originals* and *Give and Take*

"This book blew my mind. It's a riveting read, full of instantly actionable advice—not just for high-stakes negotiations, but also for handling everyday conflicts at work and at home."

50 WAYS TO YAY: Transformative Tools for a Whole Lot of Happy

Alexi Panos

June 6, 2016 | Manuscript Available



Thought leader and inspirational vlogger Alexi Panos has helped hundreds of thousands with their own search for personal happiness and to create an epic life. In 50 WAYS TO YAY, Alexi helps you do the same with fifty motivating, empowering, and thought-provoking lessons and exercises to help you break out of the ordinary and jump into the extraordinary. With her guidance, you can experience a domino effect of inner peace, inspiration, and a whole lot of happy.

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Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith, author of *Life Visioning* and *Spiritual Liberation*

“Apply Alexi Panos’s *50 Ways to Yay!* and you will light a luminous spark of joy in your life that will cause your heart to sing and your soul to soar.”

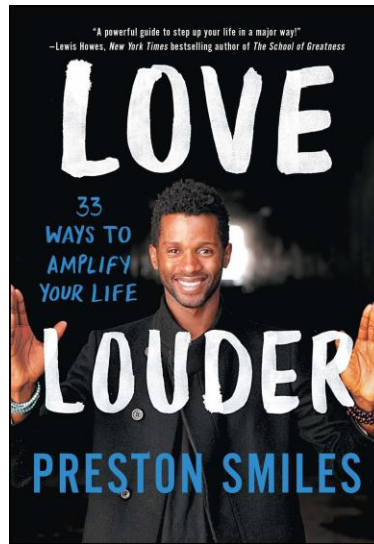
Christine Hassler, author of *Expectation Hangover*

“If you want to go from ‘blah’ to ‘YAY!’ this book is your guide. An uplifting read with stories to inspire confidence and action steps to actually change. Alexi is the perfect mix of the encouraging best friend you can’t live without and the cool teacher you always wanted.”

LOVE LOUDER: 33 Ways to Amplify Your Life

Preston Smiles

June 7, 2016 | Manuscript Available



Former bad boy-turned-inspirational messenger Preston Smiles shakes things up in the world of personal development, sharing a uniquely modern, love-based approach on how to live with more excitement, clarity, and confidence.

Preston Smiles, born in Compton and raised in Los Angeles, is no stranger to a life of adventure. As a teen he joined a local gang that was first involved in petty theft but later escalated into more dangerous crimes. One night when Preston was fifteen, he was faced with a decision to take a routine ride of mischief with the friends or stay home. Intuition told him not to go. Within an hour, everyone in that car was shot. This tragic event shook him to his core and catapulted him to finding higher purpose for himself.

LOVE LOUDER presents a positive approach for getting more love and meaning out of life. With the lessons he's learned through the years, he distills ancient wisdom and new thought teachings into thirty-three timeless tools to living your best. LOVE LOUDER can help you tackle everyday challenges and teach you how to live with more excitement, productivity, clarity, and confidence. Full of insights and powerful anecdotes, Preston's motivational story is a heartwarming read for anyone seeking guidance on overall happiness and fulfillment in life.

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Jack Canfield, author of the #1 New York Times bestselling *Chicken Soup for the Soul*® series and *The Success Principles*™

"Preston Smiles is unstoppable! His passion and unique way of making the complicated simple makes Love Louder a gift for any reader who wants practical tools for taking on life's daily challenges"

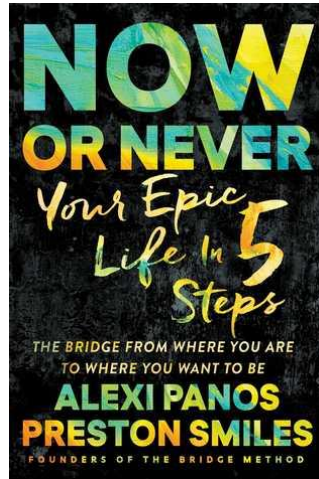
Lewis Howes, New York Times bestselling author of *The School of Greatness*

"A powerful guide to step up your life in a major way!"

NOW OR NEVER: Your Epic Life in 5 Steps

Alexi Panos, Preston Smiles

December 27, 2016 | Manuscript Available



Alexi Panos and Preston Smiles, the internationally recognized next generation thought leaders, redefine what's possible in relationships, career, and life.

Alexi and Preston went through periods in each of their lives where they felt like they were doing all the right things, but never got the desired results. They read all the best books in self-empowerment and positive thinking, took classes, and sought advice, but there was always something missing. After all of their soul-searching and personal development, they realized that they were missing a connection between mind, body, and soul.

Based on their 12-week successful online program The Bridge Method, NOW OR NEVER combines the couple's years of training into five principles that can help you navigate the real world, learn how to overcome your inner obstacles, and become your best self. Filled with narratives and stories from the duo's own lives as well as from those they have helped along the way, NOW OR NEVER shares exercises, insights, and challenges to help you attain the personal freedom you have always been seeking.

If you want to lead an ideal life, you must become the best version of yourself. Alexi and Preston can be your guides. Choose your life. It's now or never.

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Lewis Howes, New York Times bestselling author, *The School of Greatness*

"Alexi and Preston are this generation's power couple! They set the example of how to create the life you were born to live while spreading joy, love, and childlike adventure to the world. Simply being around them inspires me to live bigger; immerse yourself in this book as it will guide you to create meaningful impact along your heroic journey."

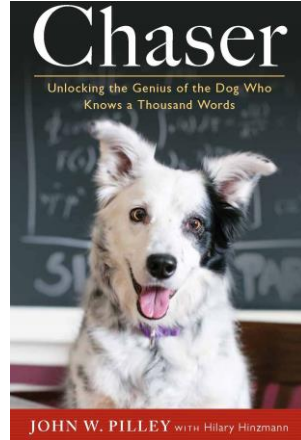
Christine Hassler, bestselling author of *Expectation Hangover, Master Coach and Speaker*

"If you are ready to step into your FULL potential now and finally let go of what is holding you back, then you have a Divine appointment with this book. Preston and Alexi are your loving, compassionate and wise guides that remind you of the Truth of who you are and offer tangible ways to get out of your own way. This book will shake you up in the best possible way and unlock the possibility that is your birthright."

CHASER: Unlocking the Genius of the Dog Who Knows a Thousand Words

Dr. John Pilley with Hilary Hinzmann

October 29, 2013 | Manuscript Available



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Over a six-year period, John Pilley taught his border collie, Chaser, over a thousand words, a prolific vocabulary which Chaser famously displayed on the Today Show and NOVA. In a book that will combine the erudition of the best-selling *Inside A Dog* with the heartwarming relationship component of *Marley & Me*, Pilley will not only reveal how Chaser helped him reconnect with his own bliss but also how, in his 80's, he and Chaser embarked on a journey that is still reaching new heights both in terms of the science of animal learning and their relationship.

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Kirkus

"A delightful memoir that offers a challenge to behavioral psychologists and inspiration for pet lovers."

Booklist

"This marvelous blend of good science and heartwarming dog story will inspire all of us to reexamine our canine friends."

Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson, author of *When Elephants Weep* and *Dogs Never Lie About Love*

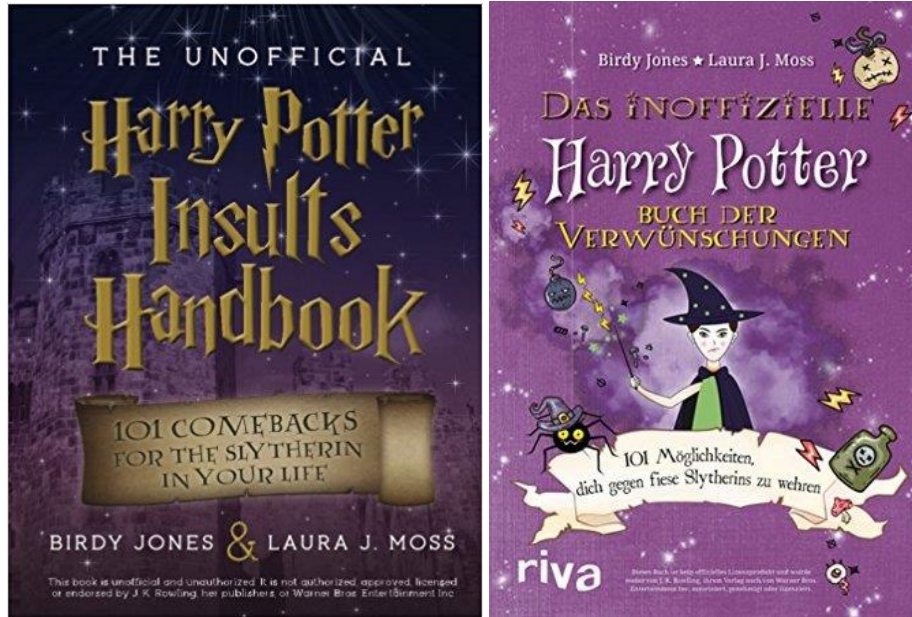
"This is an extraordinary book, full of warmth and wisdom that has the potential to forever change the way we look at dogs... Dr. John Pilley's work with Chaser is not only a loving affirmation for readers who already know how much they adore and trust the ability of dogs, but is also a game-changer for skeptical scientists, who must find themselves, after reading this remarkable book, inching closer to recognizing the full humanity of dogs."

Temple Grandin, author of *Animals in Translation* and *Animals Make Us Human*

"After you read Chaser, you will realize that you may have underestimated the intelligence of your dog. Marvelous insights into a dog's mind."

THE UNOFFICIAL HARRY POTTER INSULTS HANDBOOK: 101 Comebacks for the Slytherin in Your Life

Birdy Jones and Laura J. Moss
November 16, 2012 | Manuscript Available



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Got a belligerent bully on your back? Next time your paths cross, say "Every time I see a Dementor, I'm forced to relive our every encounter." Has that frenemy reared her ugly head? Tell her she's the fourth Unforgiveable Curse. Is a know-it-all giving you trouble? Arm yourself with "I can tell you didn't get an O.W.L. in Transfiguration. Otherwise you would've done something about your face." Whether you're an N.E.W.T.-level wizard or a wide-eyed witch still awaiting your Hogwarts acceptance letter, you've probably encountered a merciless Malfoy or despicable Dursley who makes your magical blood boil. If you've ever stood speechless as someone called you a talentless squib, a worthless git or a filthy mudblood, this is the book for you! NOTE: This is a picture book intended for any Harry Potter fan but geared toward younger audiences. (This book is NOT a Harry Potter Cookbook companion piece, nor is it affiliated in any way with any other Harry Potter book).

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