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Several Words from the Publisher



“Our Earth is degenerate in these latter days; there are signs that the world is speedily coming to an end; bribery and corruption are common; children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book, and the end of the world is evidently approaching.”—Assyrian clay tablet, ca. 2800 BCE

AS WITH MOST JUICY QUOTES ON THE INTERNET, there is doubt as to the authenticity of the one above. But there’s little doubt as to the accuracy of its description of year 2026 CE—especially that bit about writing books. Although, of course, it should be updated to reflect the fact that, nowadays, not just every man but every woman, every nonbinary person, and quite a few children of all genders also want to write books.

If I were a curmudgeon, this would be my cue to decry the hordes of amateur wordsmiths filling my inbox, and the inboxes of every other publisher, with their poorly-crafted proposals and manuscripts. I would drag out one of the other quotes purpose-made for the occasion, like the one from Christopher Hitchens that says “Everybody does have a book in them, but in most cases that’s where it should stay.”

But I have a different take: If you have a book in you, let it out!

Of course, this advice comes with some caveats. As a publisher, I must acknowledge that not every book is “publishable,” meaning likely to attract a paying audience sufficient to cover costs and earn a profit.

It’s also true that not every story is best presented in book form. Just this week, I had tough conversations with two social activists in widely diverse fields, both of whom I greatly respect. In both cases, we jointly concluded that their new projects were not suitable subjects for books—in one case, because the science underlying the proposed technological solution to a global problem is not yet settled; in the other, because the issue is so specialized that only a few hundred people in the U.S. are likely to understand it, a number too small to support a book.

I hated having to say No to these two possible projects. In addition to being a publisher, I am a book person to my bones. But even I realize that books can't do everything.

And yet I don't mind living in a world where everyone wants to write a book. Samuel Johnson once said, "There are few ways in which a man can be more innocently employed than in getting money." Johnson was wrong about that. (He never met Elon Musk.) But he would have been right if he'd ended the sentence with the words "writing a book."

I'd argue that writing a book—even one that is unpublishable by business standards—is a thoroughly benign occupation, one that wastes no scarce resources and damages no one's happiness. The writing process challenges the intellect of the aspiring author, likely encourages them to read other people's books for inspiration and guidance (a healthy thing to do), and occupies hundreds of hours of peaceful mental activity, sometimes generating moments of satisfaction and delight: the sudden flash of inspiration, a deftly-turned sentence or two.

Even writing a memoir—an activity frequently mocked as vain and self-indulgent—is at worst harmless and often personally edifying. Practically every memoir writer I've known, published or not, has told me how much they learned from the writing process—especially about themselves.

So whenever someone remarks to me, "Oh, you're a publisher? I've had people tell me I ought to write a book," I always encourage them to give it a try. Will they turn out a future bestseller or even a publishable manuscript? Probably not; experience suggests that most people who toy with the notion of authorship never write a single page. But if they try and fail, they'll at least develop a deeper appreciation for the craft, discipline, and passion required to produce a great book.

We live in a world where everyone wants to write a book—and I, for one, find that a cheering thought.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Weber". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "K" and "W" being notably large and stylized.

Karl Weber, Publisher
karl@rivertownsbooks.com

About Rivertowns Books

RIVERTOWNS BOOKS IS AN INDEPENDENT PUBLISHER of serious nonfiction books, focusing particularly on business, politics, social issues, and selected books of poetry.

Rivertowns Books is a project of Karl Weber, one of today's most respected editors of serious works of nonfiction. The authors whose work Weber has helped to shape and successfully publish include President Jimmy Carter, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Governor of Michigan Jennifer Granholm, beloved actor Robert Vaughn, and business experts Adrian Slywotzky, Richard D'Aveni, and Jonathan Tisch.

Weber launched Rivertowns Books in 2018 as a vehicle for publishing interesting, valuable, and well-crafted books that might struggle to find a home in today's commercial publishing world. One of the new breed of hybrid publishers, the company uses print-on-demand technology to make books available through bookstores, online bookselling platforms, and direct from the author or publisher. It provides high-quality editorial, design, and packaging services at a reasonable cost to the author, then manages distribution, marketing, publicity, and order fulfillment in exchange for a portion of the revenues generated. Rivertowns Books is a member of the Independent Book Publishers Association, signifying its commitment to high standards of professionalism and ethics.

Rivertowns Books is based in Irvington, New York, one of the beautiful and historic villages on the eastern bank of the Hudson River. Named after Washington Irving (1783-1859), author of the short stories "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and one of the first American writers to achieve worldwide fame, Irvington is a particularly appropriate home for a small publisher that uses the newest technologies to bring exceptional books to market.

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HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT?

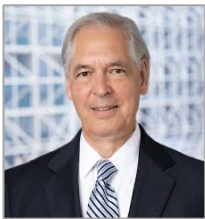
Thinking, Deciding, and Persuading

CLIFF STROMBERG

Issues of morality and values are among the most important questions we face—and the answers we give are central to our identity. They can also determine whether relationships flourish or fracture, whether teams cohere or collapse, and whether communities thrive or perish. But moral- and value-laden questions often confound us, causing needless confusion, acrimony, and division.

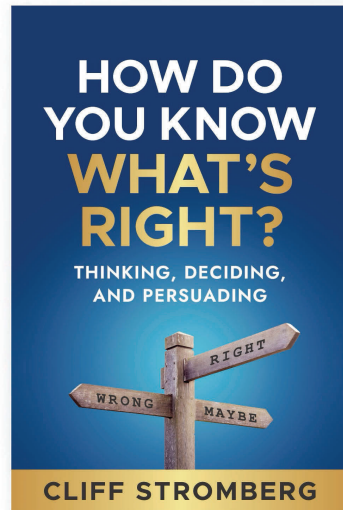
In *How Do You Know What's Right?*, Cliff Stromberg offers thoughtful, practical advice about how to think about and discuss moral issues with those who matter in your life. This book doesn't offer simple, cookbook rules for being moral. Instead, it provides powerful tools for exploring, thinking, problem-solving, and persuading.

Whether you confront moral and value issues in your work, family, friendships, or as an engaged citizen, *How Do You Know What's Right?* will help you think more clearly about such challenges. It can help lead to thoughtful dialogue rather than acrimony, and increase your chances of finding common ground with others.



Cliff Stromberg is a partner in one of the world's largest law firms, and advises many of the nation's leading universities, health care systems and other health organizations on tough issues

of law, policy and public duty. He served as Deputy Executive Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and was chair of the American Bar Association's Civil Rights and Social Justice Section. He lives in the Washington, D.C. area.



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Philosophy • 6 x 9 • 390 pages

World rights

“Sharpening your tools for thinking and arguing about values and morals can help you a lot in life. Shouting matches charging people with having ‘bad values’ or ‘lacking morals’ rarely yield good results. Instead, knowing how to engage around values and morals in a skillful way can help one save a marriage, avoid losing a friend, reach wiser decisions at work, and be a better citizen in our democracy.”—*From the Introduction*

DRIVEN TO BUILD, GUIDED BY VALUES

*Leading for Success in the
Nonprofit and For-Profit Worlds*

PETER FINN

Driven to Build, Guided by Values tells the parallel stories of two unique organizations, operating in very different spheres yet shaped by the same core beliefs, both launched by the iconoclastic leader Peter Finn. One is the Catskill Mountain Foundation, which uses arts programs to spark economic and social revitalization in upstate New York.

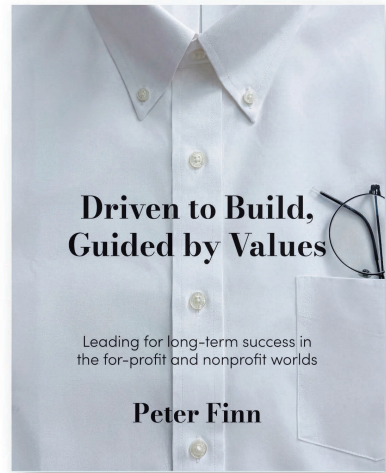
The other is FINN Partners, a public relations agency built on values from “Work hard and play nice” to “Make a difference in the world.” Today, having won a host of industry awards and honors, FINN Partners has grown to embrace 35 offices with 1,300 employees around the world.

Leaders in every field will discover valuable lessons about how to build organizations for lasting success in the dramatic, colorful stories that fill the pages of *Driven to Build*.



Peter Finn is co-founder of the Catskill Mountain Foundation, which he and his wife Sarah started in 1998, as well as the founder and CEO of FINN Partners, a public relations and integrated marketing

agency he launched in 2011. When he is not traveling to visit FINN Partners’ 36 offices around the world, Peter divides his time between New York City and Hunter, New York.



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"The belief that people can rally together and thereby shift the tide of events is what connects FINN Partners with the Catskill Mountain Foundation--and it's the vision that animates all the adventures and stories you'll read about in this book."

—From the Foreword by Gil Bashe

EXACT CHANGE

And Other Plays by

DAVID EPSTEIN

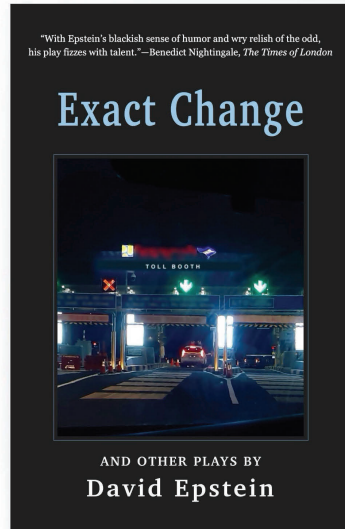
In these three plays (*Exact Change*, *Hair of the Dog*, and *Shades*), dramatist and screenwriter David Epstein brilliantly sketches the bleak, despairing—and howlingly funny—underside of contemporary American life.



David Epstein has had plays produced Off-Broadway, at regional theatres across the country, and abroad. He wrote the screenplay for the film *Pa-lookaville*, which began life at the Sundance Festival, was

honored at the Venice Film Festival, and opened in the United States and worldwide to critical acclaim. Mr. Epstein has written screenplays for the major movie studios, and his films have aired frequently on network TV and on PBS. His series of linked plays on family life, *The Arky Trilogy*, appears on page 40 of this catalog.

Mr. Epstein has taught at Colgate University, at NYU, and at Yale. He is a graduate of The Yale School of Drama. He lives with his wife Kate on eastern Long Island and Oahu, Hawaii.



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A RETRIEVER PRESS BOOK

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Drama • 5.5 x 8.25 • 368 pages

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“I haven’t laughed so much in a theater all year. With Epstein’s blackish sense of humor and wry relish of the odd, [*Exact Change*] **fizzes with talent.**”—**Benedict Nightingale, *The Times of London***

“One sign of this writer’s quality is that he can bring the piece to such an ending without jumping the comic rails: **chilling but still brilliant.**”—**Irving Wardle, *The Independent on Sunday***

WANTED

And other Plays by

DAVID EPSTEIN

From a surreal musical satire featuring much-loved American rogues like Billy The Kid and Ma Barker to a bitter takedown of the Iraq War and its toll on one family, these four plays by David Epstein—*Wanted*, *They Told Me You Came This Way*, *Mine*, and *Deceived by Colin Powell*—expose painful home truths about our nation’s soul.



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Wanted “is that rare thing, a show that is **as funny as it is provocative**. I recommend it wholeheartedly.”

—**Clive Barnes, *New York Times***

“Myth becomes cartoon, cartoon myth . . . *Wanted* doesn't lecture anybody, though. It is content to reflect a **rooty-toot-toot gaiety** we, as a people, seem actually to feel—reflected in gags and high kicks and pin-spots and drum-rolls.”—**Walter Kerr, *New York Times***

“**Rousing theatre!**”

—**Douglas Watt, *The Daily News***

Backlist: General Nonfiction

IN THE GARDEN OF MEMORY

A Family Memoir

JOANNA OLCZAK-RONIKIER

Translated by Antonia Lloyd-Jones

Joanna Olczak-Ronikier is one of Poland's most admired dramatists, screenwriters, and authors. *In the Garden of Memory*, her most acclaimed work, traces the lives of four generations of her own family—Polish Jews who were members of one of the country's most illustrious clans, noted for its achievements in business, politics, and culture—as they lived, struggled, and (mostly) survived through the turbulent twentieth century.

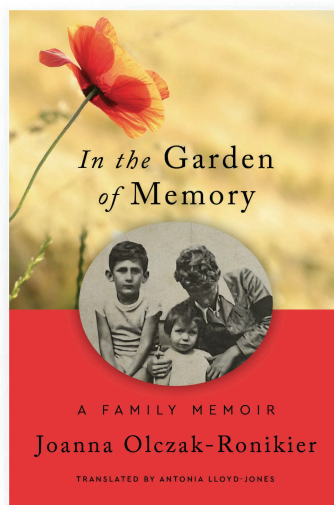
Rich with tales of bravery as well as poignant, sometimes comic anecdotes of everyday life, the book follows the family members as they scattered around the world to European spas, tsarist prisons, Soviet war camps, and the Royal Air Force. Tracing their roots to a renowned Austrian rabbi, the family members included an array of amazing characters.

Today the survivors have continued the family journey around the world, including in the United States. Beautifully translated by Antonia Lloyd-Jones, *In the Garden of Memory* is ultimately the uplifting account of a family that never gave up hope and never gave in.



Joanna Olczak-Ronikier is a highly acclaimed Polish writer and journalist. She has written plays for radio and theatre, and the screenplay for a major television serial about the history of a 19th-century Kraków family. *In the Garden of*

Memory was shortlisted for the prestigious Win-gate Literary Prize 2005, awarded by the Jewish Quarterly.



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Winner of the Nike Prize, Poland's most prestigious literary award

A “**stunning family memoir** . . . that reads less like a conventional memoir and more like an intimate cultural history. . . . **This is a triumph of remarkable breadth and capacity**, and those drawn to history and lived memory will be enthralled.”—*Publishers Weekly BookLife* (Editor's Pick)

“**It's hard not to regard Joanna Olczak-Ronikier as a magician, one who brings to life lost worlds.**”—Tunku Varadarajan, *The Wall Street Journal*

LBJ AND MCNAMARA

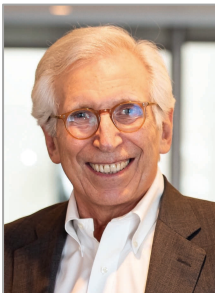
*The Vietnam Partnership
Destined to Fail*

PETER L. W. OSNOS

As a journalist, Peter Osnos tracked the story of America's ill-fated war in Vietnam as it happened; years later, as an editor and publisher, he worked with historians, scholars, and key participants to reexamine that story.

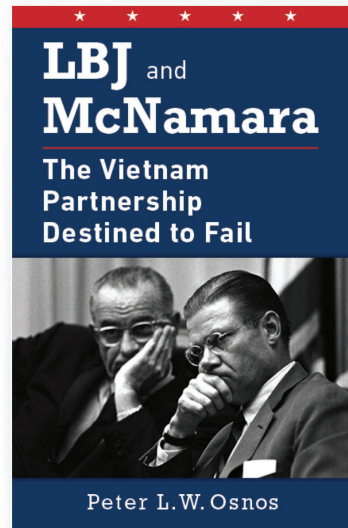
Now, in *LBJ and McNamara*, Osnos shows how the personal relationship between two of the twentieth century's most significant and complex public figures—President Lyndon B. Johnson and Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara—played a decisive role in shaping the Vietnam tragedy

Focusing on the key decision points, Osnos explains how Johnson's volatility and corrosive insecurity and McNamara's political naivete help to explain the almost inconceivable errors in judgment that drove and then sustained the Vietnam tragedy. It's a revelatory and deeply human exploration of the roots of one of the most disastrous episodes in American history, whose impact is still felt today.



Peter Osnos is the founder of the publishing house PublicAffairs and a former publisher of the Times Books imprint at Random House, where he was previously a senior editor and associate publisher. Prior to his career in book publishing, Osnos spent eighteen

years at *The Washington Post*, where he was a correspondent in Saigon, Moscow, and London and served as foreign editor and national editor.



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"Insightful and informative . . . benefits from Osnos' unique insights."
—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"A slim volume with a knife's edge, even a half century later. . . .
In *LBJ and McNamara*, Osnos nails it."
—*Washington Monthly*

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT

*A Family Lawyer's Battles for Justice
for Victims of Domestic Violence
and the Poor*

MEG GROFF

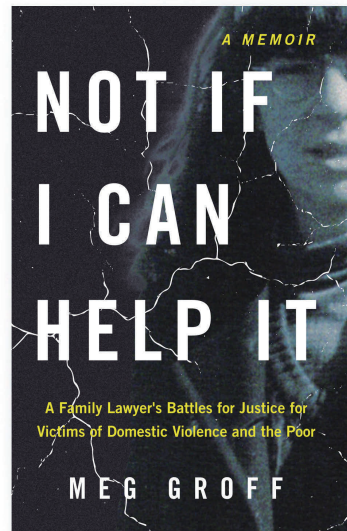
Meg Groff dedicated forty years of her life to fighting for justice for victims of domestic violence in rural and suburban Pennsylvania. *Not If I Can Help It* recounts some of the most harrowing, infuriating, yet inspiring stories from Groff's work as a Legal Aid attorney representing women and children whose only resource is the sheer courage they exhibit every day.

Against the odds, Groff won hundreds of exhilarating courtroom victories—and also suffered some heartbreaking defeats. In *Not If I Can Help It*, she brings these stories to life with vivid detail, deep empathy, surprising humor, and the boundless passion for justice that has driven her life and work. Readers who care about law, human rights, and the struggles of ordinary people will be captivated and uplifted by this powerful book and the sobering insights it offers about the American way of justice.



Prior to opening her own law office in 1996, **Meg Groff** was a family law attorney at the Legal Aid program in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for 12 years. A recognized authority on issues of child custody and domestic violence,

Groff has focused on representing victims of abuse and the poor for more than three decades, handling huge caseloads and winning countless cases.



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BOOKS OF 2025

FINALIST AND NAMED BEST MEMOIR IN
THE 2024-25 BOOKLIFE NONFICTION
PRIZE CONTEST

"An inspiring, intelligent memoir . . . Each episode carries a tremendous punch, as well as a searing lesson about the failings of society to help those in need. . . . Groff balances her book with warmth and humor."*—Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"Explosive memoir of a family law attorney's fight for justice."—*Publishers Weekly BookLife* (Editor's Pick)

COMEBACK

*Routing Trumpism,
Reclaiming the Nation, and
Restoring Democracy's Edge*

**M. STEVEN FISH
WITH LAILA M. AGHAIE**

The fate of American democracy now hinges on the Democrats' ability to defeat the Republicans for the foreseeable future. But for the Democrats to win consistently, they must reestablish their credentials as fearless leaders, tough fighters, and fierce patriots.

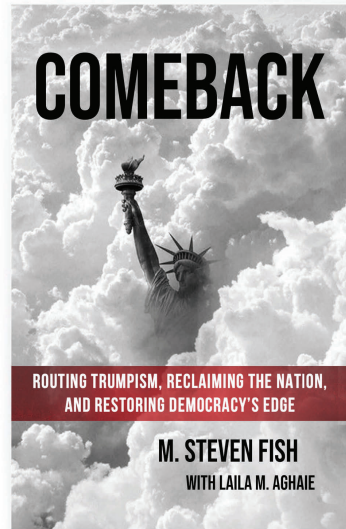
Comeback delivers a bold new take on democracy's crisis. Many liberals think that escalating economic anxieties and cultural backlash drove voters to Trump. But a crush of data shows this thinking to be deeply flawed. It also strikes working-class voters as condescending and repellent. And while the Democrats stick to "kitchen table" issues and showing how much they care, voters care more about strength and commitment to principle than prescription drug prices.

The Democrats need a new approach to messaging. *Comeback* spells it out—and provides a roadmap for trouncing Trumpism.



M. Steven Fish is a comparative political scientist at the University of California, Berkeley, who specializes in democracy and authoritarianism, religion and politics, and constitutional systems and national

legislatures. **Laila M. Aghaie** is an education consultant. They live in Los Altos, California.



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“A well-researched, proactive guidebook for defeating Trumpism.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Should command the attention of Democratic strategists and political junkies across the ideological spectrum.”

—Glenn C. Altschuler, *The Hill*

HELLO BABY

*Building an Oasis
in a Play Desert*

**DEBBIE FRISCH and
ISAAC STONE SIMONELLI**

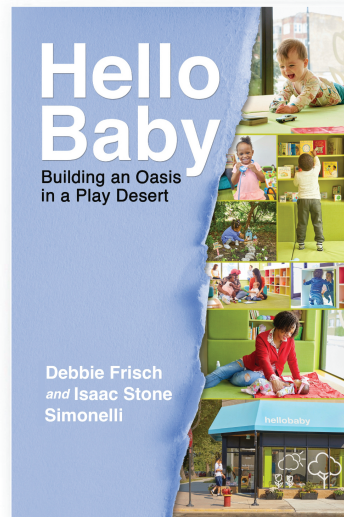
Child's play is serious business. Experts know that the games babies and toddlers play, from make-believe and block-building to rough-and-tumble horseplay, are crucial to their physical, social, and emotional development.

No one knows this better than Debbie Frisch. Raised in an abusive home, she never experienced the joy of carefree play in a safe, nurturing space. Grown up, she struggled to do better as a mom to two daughters and then as a caregiver for the 56 short-term foster children to whom she opened her home. Along the way, she discovered how our society short-changes kids and their parents, especially those in underserved communities.

Debbie decided to do something about it. With the help of family and friends, she launched HelloBaby, the nation's first free-standing, free of charge, drop-in play space for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. It's a story rich with lessons for other nonprofit leaders—and for anyone who's ever wondered what they can do to help make our communities into nurturing places where every child can thrive.



Debbie Frisch is a mother, a foster mother, a spiritual director, a volunteer, a community activist, and a philanthropist. She lives in Chicago, Illinois. Her co-author, **Isaac Stone Simonelli**, is an award-winning investigative journalist.



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“A **warm and heartfelt** account of establishing the treasured childcare institution HelloBaby.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Debbie Frisch and Isaac Stone Simonelli have written a book that **showcases an incredible journey**. It is a story of transformation, hope, and the power of one person to make a difference.”
—*Midwest Book Review*

RECLAIMING OUR DEMOCRACY

*Every Citizen's Guide to Transformational Advocacy—
2024 Edition*

SAM DALEY-HARRIS

Most of us see advocacy as too hard or too frustrating, too complicated, or too costly. But what if you can become an advocate for a cause you care about and feel fulfilled, not frustrated?

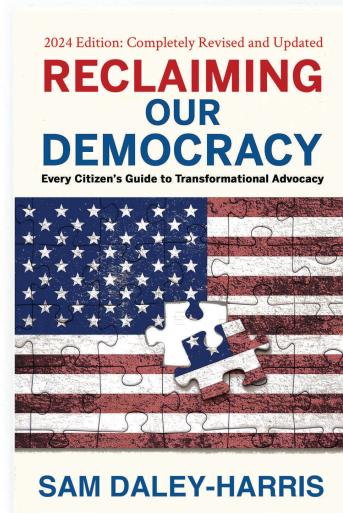
President Jimmy Carter called the first edition of *Reclaiming Our Democracy* “A road map for global involvement in planning a better future.” In this completely revised and updated 2024 edition, Sam Daley-Harris uses his decades of experience leading and coaching citizens’ advocacy groups to create an indispensable guide to engaged citizenship, an inspiring master class in transformational advocacy.

Reclaiming Our Democracy provides a powerful way to make a difference and heal our democracy in the process. It’s not the only solution needed, but is one essential, missing piece: **citizens awakening to their power.**



Sam Daley-Harris founded the antihunger group RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund in 1980, cofounded the Microcredit Summit Campaign in 1995 with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad

Yunus and FINCA Founder John Hatch, and founded Civic Courage in 2012. Ashoka founder Bill Drayton has called Sam “one of the certified great social entrepreneurs of the last decades.”



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“Overall, [the author’s] analysis of effective action is as persuasive as it is accessible, and his call to democratic participation is inspiring. A handbook for aspiring activists that readers will find to be both **inspiring and practical.**”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“[A] **rousing guide** to advocacy, movement-building, and enacting change in cynical times.”—*Publisher’s Weekly BookLife (Editor’s Pick)*

FROM OVERSIGHT TO OVERKILL

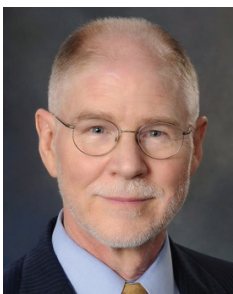
Inside the Broken System That Blocks Medical Breakthroughs — And How We Can Fix It

SIMON N. WHITNEY

Medical research saves lives—yet all too often, it is thwarted by a review system supposed to safeguard patients that instead creates needless delays and expense. Institutional Review Boards, which exist at every hospital and medical school that conducts medical research, have ended up imposing such complex, draconian conditions that research is frequently damaged, delayed, and distorted. The result: unnecessary suffering and avoidable deaths.

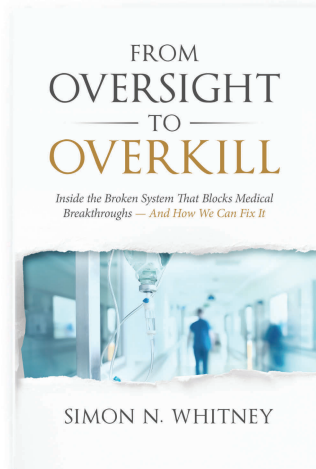
From Oversight to Overkill vividly recounts the story behind this crisis, one that remains unknown to the general public. Family physician and ethicist Simon Whitney shows how the IRB system was launched in response to scandals like the notorious Tuskegee syphilis study—and how, in recent decades, this well-intentioned program has become increasingly bureaucratic, convoluted, and stifling.

Until now, the debate about the IRB system's failures has been confined to specialty journals in medicine, law, and ethics. *From Oversight to Overkill* will finally alert citizens about this little-known crisis with America's medical research system—and what can be done about it.



Simon N. Whitney, MD, JD was a retired family doctor and ethicist. He held the William O'Donnell and Regina O'Donnell Chair in Family Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he was on the faculty for twenty

years. He died in November, 2023.



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“As **entertaining** as any medical bestseller, enlivened with unforgettable stories and vigorous, witty prose.”—Steven Pinker

“A **carefully reasoned and disturbing** portrait of potential hazards of excessive regulation.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“**Highly readable and persuasive.**”
—*Rhode Island Medical Journal*

SMALL LOANS, BIG DREAMS 2022 Edition

*Grameen Bank and the
Microfinance Revolution in
Bangladesh, America,
and Beyond*

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Microfinance—providing loans and other financial services to help the poorest people lift themselves out of poverty—was pioneered by the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. In 2006, the bank and its founder, Muhammad Yunus, were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and microfinance now serves over 100 million people—mostly women—on five continents.

First published in 1996, *Small Loans, Big Dreams* is the classic account of the origins and development of microfinance, from the \$27 in loans given by a young economics professor to liberate poor villagers from loan sharks to its present status as a sometimes-controversial global phenomenon.

In this new edition, Alex Counts, a protégé of Yunus, traces the recent history of microfinance and responds to critics who have questioned the value of the Grameen model. *Small Loans, Big Dreams* shows how microfinance continues to play a critical role in reducing the scourge of inequality, enabling underprivileged people to participate creatively in the global economy.



Alex Counts founded Grameen Foundation in 1997. Today he is an independent consultant to nonprofit organizations and author of several books, including *Changing the World Without Losing Your Mind: Leadership Lessons from Three Decades of Social Entrepreneurship*

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“An edifying work and a thorough introduction to an important issue of social justice.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“A **must-read** for anyone interested in the field [of microfinance]and its evolving worldwide impact.”—Andrea Jung, President and CEO of Grameen America

EDUCATOR AND ACTIVIST

*My Life and Times in the Quest
for Environmental Justice*

BUNYAN BRYANT JR.

Bunyan Bryant grew up in a poor neighborhood in Little Rock, Arkansas, where the streets were unpaved and where Blacks like him had to step aside when a white person walked by. By the time he was eight years old, his family had moved to Flint, Michigan, where the racism was less overt but the schooling was, if anything, a little worse for this bright but soon to be alienated Black youngster.

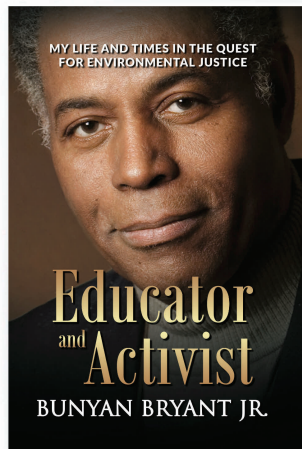
College changed Bryant's life forever. He ended up earning two graduate degrees and helping to found one of today's most important social science disciplines—the field of environmental justice.

Educator and Activist is Bunyan Bryant's story—a vivid account of his journey as an educator and activist in the movements for civil rights, students' rights, women's rights, international peace, and a healthy environment for all. It captures a life dedicated to making change happen—from classrooms and legislative chambers to communities around America and the world.



Bunyan Bryant Jr. was a Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan. In 1972, he became the first African American member of the School for Environment and Sustainability faculty at Michigan. He is considered a pioneer in the field of environ-

mental justice. He died in March, 2024.



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“Readers will be swept up in the intensity of this remarkable narrative. . . . A moving account of a lifelong fight to protect minorities from environmental injustice.”
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“An astute, affecting remembrance of an eventful life and time.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

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CLIMATE RESTORATION

*The Only Future That Will
Sustain the Human Race*

PETER FIEKOWSKY
with **CAROLE DOUGLIS**

The Paris Accords, widely accepted as the key to solving today's climate crisis, set a goal of zero net carbon emissions by 2050. But that's not good enough. The only way to guarantee a livable future is *climate restoration*, which can reduce greenhouse gases to historic levels.

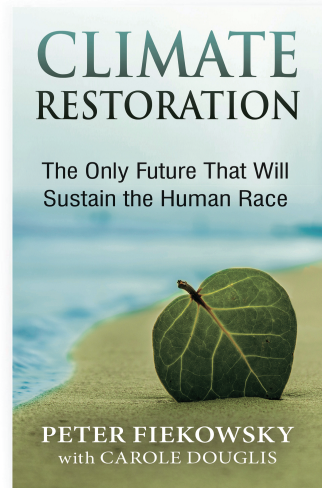
The good news is that scientists and engineers have developed four major technologies for greenhouse gas removal and storage: *Ocean iron fertilization; synthetic limestone manufacture; seaweed permaculture; and methane oxidation.*

Author Peter Fiekowsky shows that these technologies are safe and practical—and, even more remarkable, that they require little if any government funding, since they can be financed largely through existing markets. For these reasons, they have enormous promise as vehicles for achieving climate restoration.



Peter Fiekowsky is an MIT-educated physicist and engineer, a serial entrepreneur, and a philanthropist. He launched The Foundation for Climate Restoration, which works with scientists, innovators, policy makers, faith leaders,

activists, and students to further climate restoration. He lives in Los Altos, California.



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“Effective and galvanizing . . .
An invigorating, thought-provoking
plan to address climate change.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

[Fiekowsky] simplifies the science for easy comprehension, and makes the case with such hopeful vigor that the book becomes something rare: **a dead-serious, no-illusions look at climate change that doesn't stir despair.**—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

CHANGING THE WORLD WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND

Revised Edition

*Leadership Lessons from Three
Decades of Social Entrepreneurship*

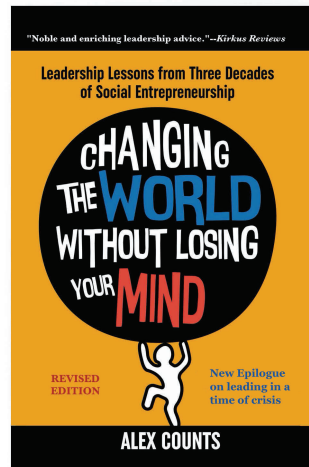
ALEX COUNTS

One of today's most acclaimed books on nonprofit leadership, *Changing the World Without Losing Your Mind* is a down-to-earth guide to mission-driven leadership. Drawing on his decades of experience as an acclaimed nonprofit leader, Alex Counts offers practical advice on such vital activities as fundraising, team-building, communications, and management. He shows you how to run an organization—and your own life—both effectively and sustainably, giving joyfully to those around you while also caring generously for yourself.

Changing the World was named one of *Forbes* magazine's 12 Must-Read Books for Nonprofit Employees, and selected as the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* Editor's Pick among nonprofit books of 2019. Now it's available in a revised edition, including a new epilogue on leading in times of crisis, responding to the challenging realities nonprofit leaders faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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"Noble and enriching leadership advice."
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"Offers **hard-won insight and guidance** to nonprofit workers and leaders committed to living lives of meaning—but not lives of needless stress."—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

ONE DAY STRONGER

*How One Union Local Saved a Mill and Changed an Industry—
and What It Means for American
Manufacturing*

THOMAS M. NELSON

In August, 2017, the death knell sounded for yet another troubled American manufacturer: Appleton Coated, an historic paper mill in Wisconsin's Fox River Valley. The mill and its parts were set to be sold for scrap, devastating a community.

But then the unlikely happened. A team of local union workers and public-spirited officials unearthed an obscure legal strategy to stop the sale, craft a profitable new business plan, and save the business and its hundreds of jobs. Against all odds, the people won.

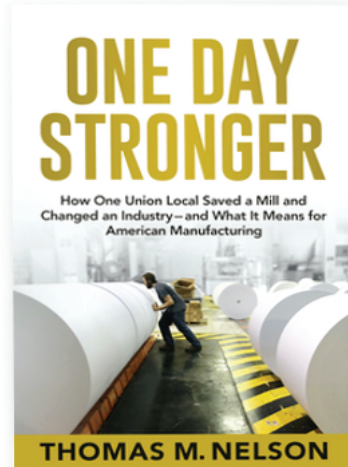
Now the county official who joined in their fight, Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson, tells the story behind this remarkable turnaround. *One Day Stronger* is an inspiring saga of how a determined group of people triumphed over apathy, corporate avarice, and powerful political forces.

In a world where corporate and financial greed have crushed the dreams of countless Americans, the inspiring story of Appleton Coated offers a road map for fighting back—and winning.



Thomas M. Nelson has been County Executive of Outagamie County, Wisconsin since 2011. He served three terms in the state assembly, including one as majority leader. Nelson holds degrees from Carleton College and the Princeton School of

Public and International Affairs. He lives in Appleton, Wisconsin.



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“An **inspiring** saga of grassroots political cooperation.”

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“A **captivating and comprehensive** account.”

—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

“A **riveting** book about the state of corporate America today and one way out of the mess.”—David Dayen,

The American Prospect

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR MORE

*And 213 Other Life & Career
Lessons for the
Mission-Driven Leader*

ALEX COUNTS

Leading a nonprofit organization is challenging, stressful work—yet it can also be richly rewarding. Alex Counts mastered the art of mission-driven leadership through decades of trial and error, as he built from scratch one of today's most admired philanthropic foundations.

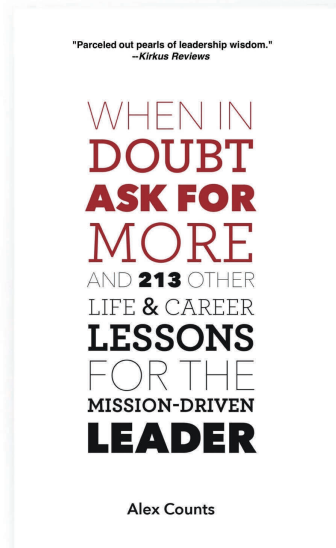
Now he shares 214 of the most powerful lessons he discovered along the way—life and career secrets you'll never learn in school. Frank, quirky, counterintuitive, and ultimately inspiring, these nuggets of wisdom cover the toughest challenges nonprofit leaders face, from fundraising, strategic decision-making, and people skills to surviving business travel, running meetings, and mastering public speaking.

When in Doubt, Ask for More is Alex Counts's gift to everyone working in the nonprofit world. They'll find that Alex Counts's sage advice can help them get through the day feeling more in control while making a greater impact on the world they seek to serve.



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"Each tiny lesson is a self-contained, salient observation that shines a light on a specific aspect of leadership. . . . **Parceled out pearls of leadership wisdom.**"—*Kirkus Reviews*

"*When in Doubt, Ask for More* will help you be **a more powerful leader**—and have fun doing so."—Bill Drayton, Ashoka: Everyone a Changemaker

WHEN CAREGIVING CALLS

*Guidance as You Care for a Parent,
Spouse, or Aging Relative*

AARON BLIGHT

Caring for an aging or infirm parent, spouse, or relative can be painful, confusing, and deeply rewarding—sometimes all at once. *When Caregiving Calls* invites you to a deep conversation about caregiving and its meaning.

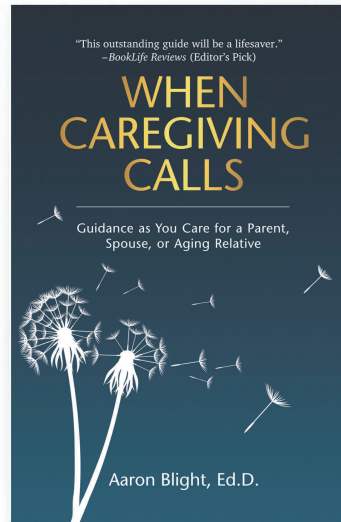
Expert Aaron Blight has lived the caregiving experience many ways—as a family caregiver, as the owner of a home care company, and as a researcher, lecturer, and consultant. In this book, he explores the daily realities of caregiving and offers candid, practical advice to help family caregivers cope with their many challenges. He shows how the changing mental and physical state of a loved one can lead to growing vulnerability, need, and loneliness on the part of care receiver and caregiver alike.

He shares stories—poignant, funny, and often inspiring—that vividly capture the unique daily realities of the caregiving life. And he offers candid, practical advice that can help family caregivers do a better job of coping with the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual challenges they face.



Aaron Blight, Ed.D., is a speaker and consultant on caregiving, aging, and health care. He founded Caregiving Kinetics, which offers consulting throughout the world, and has been named a Top 100 Healthcare Leader by the International Forum on

Advancements in Healthcare. He lives in Winchester, Virginia.



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"This outstanding guide will be a lifesaver
for anyone saddled with these immense
responsibilities and seeking peace of mind."
—*Publishers Weekly BookLife* (Editor's Pick)

**"Candid, compassionate, and comforting
caregiving advice."**
—*Kirkus Reviews*

WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

Pushing the Politics of Change

EWART F. BROWN

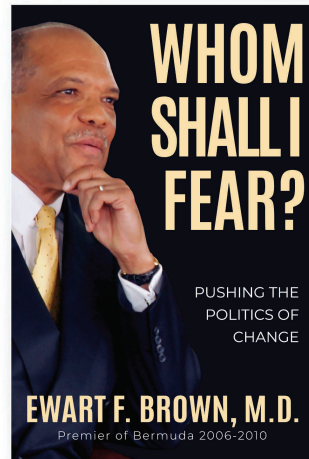
Outspoken, accomplished, and frequently controversial, physician and political leader Ewart F. Brown has been a longtime champion of racial equality, human rights, and economic and social justice. In this event-filled memoir, the former Premier of Bermuda shares the experiences that shaped him as a physician-politician committed to progressive change and that defined his often tumultuous time in office.

Enlivened by memorable interactions with figures as varied as activists Stokely Carmichael, Cleve Sellers, Minister Louis Farrakhan, and Rev. Al Sharpton, music legend Bob Marley, leading members of the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus, senior officials in the administrations of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama and the U.K. governments of Prime Ministers Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, and David Cameron, as well as a vividly drawn cast of Bermudians from all walks of life, *Whom Shall I Fear?* tells a story rich in human and political insight that will fascinate readers interested in the global African diaspora and its continuing quest for racial justice and equality.



Ewart F. Brown, M.D., served as the Premier of Bermuda from 2006 to 2010. Trained as a physician at Howard University, he operated a clinic in South Central Los Angeles before returning to his native Bermuda, where he

served as a Member of Parliament and then as Premier. He lives in Delray Beach, Florida.



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“The life lessons—personal, professional, and political—that he shares have **poignant relevance** for our ever changing and always challenging times.”
—Charlayne Hunter-Gault

“**A gripping account** of the life and times of a consequential contemporary leader.”
—Dr. Wayne Frederick, President, Howard University

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DIGITAL INC.

*From Print to E-Book—
Inside the Transformation
of the Book Industry*

RICHARD CURTIS

The digital transformation of the past fifty years has been widely chronicled, but the story of how the book industry went from print to digital has never been adequately told.

As a widely admired literary agent and the founder of one of the very first e-book publishers, Richard Curtis was present at the creation. He knows the whole story as only an insider can. *Digital Inc.* is the first book to recount in detail the conversion of printed books to digital and the struggles of publishers to embrace a new business and creative paradigm after five hundred years of dedication to print on paper. The upheaval changed not just books but the people who write, read, and publish them.

For everyone who cares about books and their continuing impact on our culture—from writers and publishing professionals to countless avid readers—*Digital Inc.* is an absorbing, eye-opening guide to today's new world of books and how it came to be.



Authors' Representatives. Curtis lives in New York City.

Richard Curtis is a leading New York literary agent, publishing authority, e-book pioneer, and authors' advocate. He was the first president of the Independent Literary Agents Association and subsequently president of the Association of



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LEADERSHIP— THE INSIDE STORY

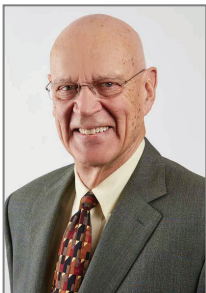
*Time-Tested Prescriptions for Those
Who Seek to Lead*

WILLIE PIETERSEN

In *Leadership—The Inside Story*, Willie Pietersen offers penetrating, often surprising insights from a lifetime of experience as a business leader. Pietersen shares his unique perspective on leadership as an unending journey of learning, adaptation, and growth, in which vital lessons are waiting to be discovered in every life experience and around every corner.

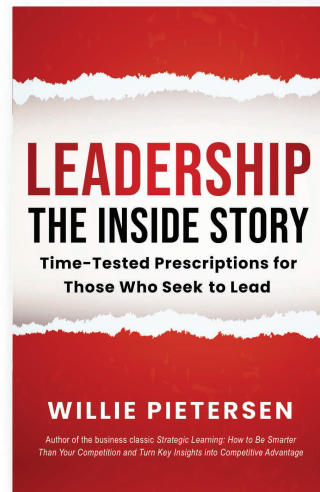
Filled with eye-opening anecdotes, memorable observations, and sage advice drawn from decades of hands-on experience, the book offers a host of evidence-based ideas that can help make anyone a more effective and impactful leader.

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Over a period of twenty years, **Willie Pietersen** served as the CEO of multibillion-dollar businesses such as Lever Foods, Seagram USA, Tropicana and Sterling Winthrop's Consumer Health Group. In 1998, Willie was named

Professor of the Practice of Management at the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He is the author of two previous books: *Reinventing Strategy* and *Strategic Learning*.



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Incisive, insightful guide to leadership rooted in character and lifelong learning.” —
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THE TURN THE SHIP AROUND! WORKBOOK Third Edition

*Implement Intent-Based Leadership
in Your Organization*

L. DAVID MARQUET

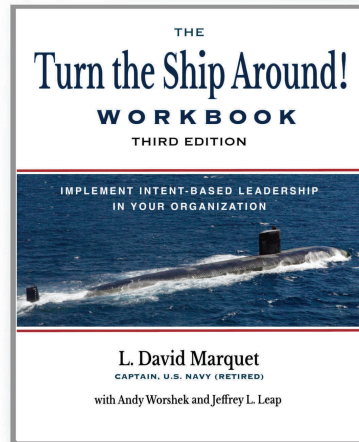
In his book *Turn the Ship Around!* former U.S. Navy Captain David Marquet introduced a bold new approach to leadership based on his experiences turning around the troubled submarine USS *Santa Fe*. He gave up the traditional command-and-control model and instead developed a crew that took initiative, assumed responsibility, and was biased for action. The *Santa Fe* rapidly improved its performance, started winning awards, and created more subsequent leaders than any other submarine in the fleet.

This workbook will help you apply Marquet's methods to your organization. With the questions, activities, and exercises used in Fortune 500 workshops on how to delegate and inspire, it will show you how to build a work community based on personality responsibility and trust. Whether you sit in a cubicle or stand on a submarine deck, these tools will help you create a healthier and more effective workplace.



L. David Marquet commanded the nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarine USS *Santa Fe* from 1999 to 2001. After implementing Intent-Based Leadership, not only did the *Santa Fe* go from worst to first in Navy retention and ratings, but also a highly disproportionate number

of its officers and crew were promoted to leadership positions. David is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *Turn the Ship Around!*, *Leadership Is Language*, and *Distancing*. David lives in Florida with his wife, Jane.



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“David Marquet is the kind of leader who comes around only once in a generation. He doesn't just know how to lead; he knows how to build leaders. His ideas and lessons are invaluable to anyone who wants to build an organization that will outlive them.”
—Simon Sinek, optimist and author of *Start with Why* and *Leaders Eat Last*

“I don't know of a finer model of this kind of empowering leadership than Captain Marquet.”—Steven R. Covey, author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*

SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS

*How Businesses Win
as a Force for Good*

PAUL MARUSHKA

Business leaders today face a challenging mandate: to address the needs of People and Planet while optimizing Performance (and profit). And while sustainability is now the subject of greater scrutiny, Paul Marushka, Sphera CEO and founder, strongly believes that, when applied in a balanced way, sustainability can transcend compliance and drive long-term success.

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As Sphera's founding CEO and president, **Paul Marushka** is responsible for providing overall strategic leadership for the company in developing, directing and implementing go-to-market, service, product,

and operational plans.

Marushka has grown businesses by bringing innovative solutions to market, leveraging software, analytics and technology services. He has a J.D. from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and an A.B. from the University of Chicago.

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"**A comprehensive program** for embracing environmental sustainability . . . engagingly example-driven."—*Kirkus Reviews*

MANAGING THE UNMANAGEABLE

13 Tips for Building and Leading a Successful Innovation Team

**JONATHAN CAGAN AND
PETER BOATWRIGHT**

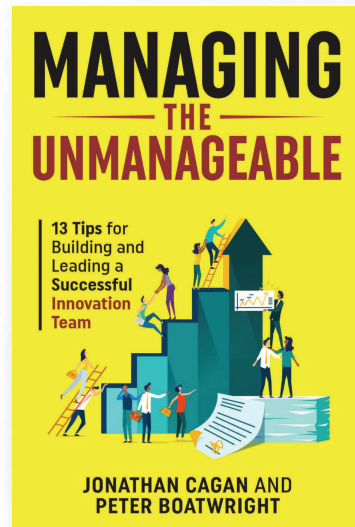
Nearly all innovation is done by teams. And while there are many books about the innovation process, and also many about managing teams, the management of innovation teams has gone unaddressed.

Yet innovation teams are not like other teams. The team is tasked with going where none have gone before—with scaling a mountain whose height, form, and hidden passes are unknown, and doing so before a rival team from the other side of the mountain finds the summit.

In *Managing the Unmanageable*, Jonathan Cagan and Peter Boatwright offer 13 tips that can greatly improve the odds for success for any innovation team. Filled with eye-opening real-world examples, bolstered by ground-breaking research studies, and enlivened with illustrations by artist Kurt Hess, it's a fascinating read that any manager with a mandate to innovate will find irresistible—and invaluable.



Jonathan Cagan and Peter Boatwright are Carnegie Mellon professors and practitioners with a combined 50+ years of experience in research, consulting, and hands-on innovation. Together, they created the Integrated Innovation Institute at Carnegie Mellon and its professional masters degree program. They've also co-authored two previous books, *The Design of Things to Come* and *Built to Love*.



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“Consistently clear, straightforward, and upbeat, packed with excellent descriptions, logical explanations, and persuasive recommendations, presented with empathy and humor . . . An engaging collection of useful ideas for leading teams to tackle the unique challenges of innovation.”
—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

“Demystifies a process that too often entails risk and guesswork or gets bogged down in aimlessness . . . **Inspiring guidance** for managing innovation teams to create lasting success.”—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

UNCONDITIONAL POWER

*Thriving in Any Situation,
No Matter How Frustrating,
Complex, or Unpredictable*

STEVEN GAFFNEY

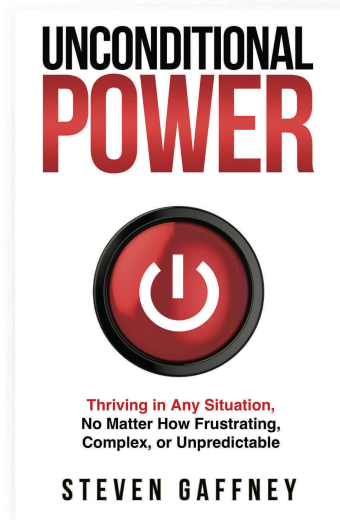
Consistent, sustainable success is not about taking advantage of good times. It's about tackling bad times head on—and *thriving*. Steven Gaffney's *Unconditional Power* teaches you how to do it by introducing a new way to think about power—not as a resource bestowed upon you by title, status, or other outside circumstances, but as the natural product of a mood and a mindset you *choose*.

Building on this new insight, *Unconditional Power* shows how you can have the power to accomplish whatever you want to accomplish, regardless of any problems, challenges, and limitations you may experience. It provides a practical method you can use to flip on your personal Power Switch whenever you need it, including nine simple, proven behaviors you can practice any time you find yourself slipping into a less-powerful mood. Most important, it describes the steps you can take as a leader to share your unconditional power with the people around you. The result is a Powerful Culture that can lift any organization to consistently higher levels of achievement.



Steven Gaffney is a speaker, seminar leader, and author on communication and leadership. His clients include American Express, Marriott, SAIC, British Petroleum, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the

American Cancer Society. He lives in Washington, D.C.



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“An **often captivating** motivational primer that blends useful how-to with persuasive here’s-why.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

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“Offers **tools we can use** to achieve more no matter what obstacles and dilemmas we may confront.”—Deborah Lee James, 23rd Secretary of the US Air Force

HUMANITY REIMAGINED

Where We Go From Here

MARTIN FIORE

For years, executive Martin Fiore has been advising leaders from a wide range of industries about technological trends that are reshaping the world of business, from artificial intelligence and the rise of autonomous systems to human/ machine convergence.

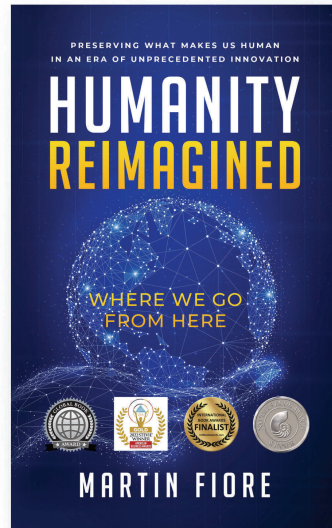
Now, in *Humanity Reimagined*, Fiore explores how these trends are disrupting industries, changing the world of work, transforming the economy, and creating both threats and opportunities for leaders at all levels, from entrepreneurs nurturing start-up businesses to C-suite leaders at the world's biggest corporations.

Fiore's main focus is on what we can do to ensure that the forces of change now sweeping the planet will protect and enhance the most cherished qualities of human life rather than undermining them. He offers thoughtful recommendations for addressing many of the big issues that today's transformational technologies are raising, from the threats to privacy posed by misuse of big data to the infiltration of autonomous systems by racial and gender bias. Most important, Fiore provides advice on how to prepare for an unpredictable future that business leaders, policy makers, and individuals forging their careers will find both practical and inspiring.



Martin Fiore is an executive with Ernst & Young LLP and one of today's leading experts on the connection between people and technology. His people-first focus has garnered him six industry leadership awards for innovative

talent and technology programs. He lives in Wilton, Connecticut.



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Solving 21st Century Business Problems Through Cross-Sector Collaboration

STEVE SCHMIDA

Today's "wicked" problems combine daunting business, social, and economic challenges. That's why solving them demands cross-sector partnerships among companies, nonprofits, and governments.

Partner with Purpose by Steve Schmida is a step-by-step guide to planning, launching, managing, and growing cross-sector partnerships, illustrated with vivid real-life stories from the author's work with companies around the world.

It explains how to recognize when a cross-sector partnership is the right tool for tackling a business problem, how to find potential partners from beyond the for-profit sphere, and how to develop viable solutions to the wicked problem you face.

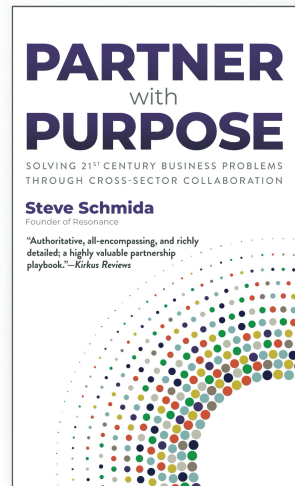
Along the way, you'll discover a host of powerful tools that can help you organize, govern, monitor, and measure the effectiveness of your partnership initiative

Today more than ever, business leaders are required to combine the quest for profit with social and environmental responsibility. For such leaders, *Partner with Purpose* is an essential source.



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“Authoritative, all-encompassing, and richly detailed; a highly valuable partnership playbook.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Takeaway: This highly practical guide will light the way for business owners and corporate executives seeking cross-sector partnerships.”

—*Publishers Weekly BookLife (Editor’s Pick)*

DEBT CYCLE INVESTING

Simple Tools for Reading the Economy to Make Smarter Investment Decisions

GARY GORDON

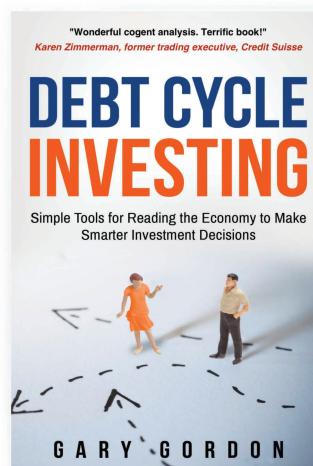
Everyone knows the economy affects our investments. But which economic trends discussed by TV pundits and money gurus *really* matter—and which ones can we safely ignore?

In *Debt Cycle Investing*, Gary Gordon explains the little-understood economic indicator that plays a crucial role in driving financial markets. Using vivid, simply-explained graphs, he shows how investors can read market trends and make smarter choices about where to put their money. Along the way, he'll equip you to separate popular myths, fads, and fallacies from realities, helping you avoid falling prey to the flawed thinking that leads so many investors astray.



Gary Gordon was a stock analyst, investment strategist, and portfolio manager at Paine Webber, UBS, and other firms. He served as an adjunct professor in the math department at Mercy College, taught at prisons, and presented financial literacy

seminars to adults and students. He lives in Mamaroneck, New York.



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Backlist: Arts and Letters

YOU SAY, I SAY

*Staying Alive with Literature,
Language, and Friendship*

**ROBERT WAXLER
AND DAVID BECKMAN**

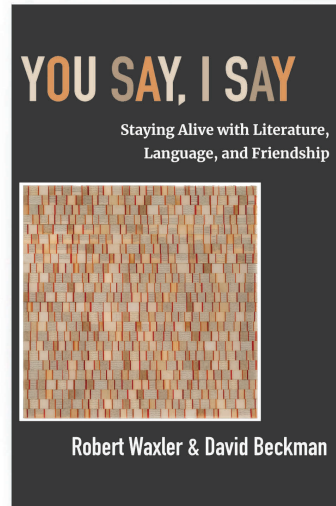
In September, 1962, two 18-year-old freshmen at Brown University named Bob Waxler and David Beckman first crossed paths. Four years later, as college seniors, they collaborated on a small book of poems, which brought them a flurry of attention, then faded into memory as the two friends began separate life journeys—Bob becoming a professor of literature at a Massachusetts college, David working as an advertising and promotion writer in New York with sidelines as a poet, playwright, and actor.

In 2014, an article in the Brown alumni journal rekindled their connection. It sparked an exchange of emails that gradually blossomed into this book—an extended dialogue between two old friends on poetry, life, the passage of time, and the power of the written word. *You Say, I Say* is the result. It captures the enduring power of literature—not to resolve the great questions of human existence, but to help us explore those questions in ways that are eye-opening, life-changing, and profound.



Robert Waxler is a Professor Emeritus at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he also served as

Chairman of the English Department. He lives in Dartmouth, MA. **David Beckman** is an award-winning poet and playwright who was a promotion writer for Time Inc. and Promotion Director of *Discover* magazine. He lives in Santa Rosa, CA.



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“A joy and a privilege to read. . . . The book is a testament to how literature—and the questions literature allows us to ask—sustains us.”—Josh Kotin, Princeton University

“Waxler writes movingly of literature’s magic and origins, and **his and Beckman’s letters show the depth and passion that words can inspire**, even if ultimate meaning remains elusive.”—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

“A touching anthology of correspondence between two friends that’s also **a love letter to literature.**”—*Kirkus Reviews*

WHY BOOKS STILL MATTER

*Honoring Joyce Meskis:
Essays on the Past, Present, and
Future of Books, Booksellers,
and Publishing*

Edited by **KARL WEBER**

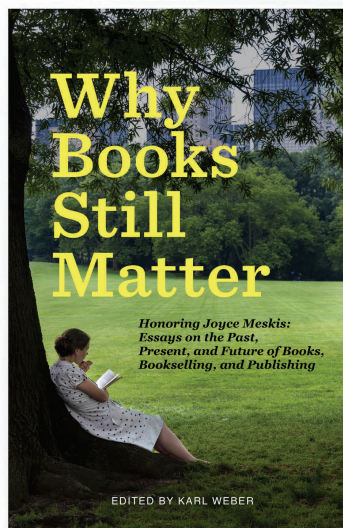
In a nation struggling to cope with polarization, disinformation, and acrimony, the power of books—to inform, enlighten, and inspire—is more important than ever. To honor Joyce Meskis, the legendary bookseller who founded Denver’s Tattered Cover and became a champion of First Amendment freedoms, a team including some of today’s leading publishers, booksellers, and activists offers reflections on the vital role of books in our nation’s cultural, civic, social, and economic life.

Contributors include U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper, publishers David R. Godine and Jack Jenson, attorneys and free speech advocates Chris Finan and Steve Zansberg, librarians Nick Higgins and Amy Mikel, and booksellers Richard Howorth, Clara Villarosa, Chuck Robinson, and Betsy Burton. **All proceeds are being donated to the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom.**



Joyce Meskis (1942-2022) was a pioneering bookseller who transformed the Tattered Cover into one of the first book superstores and helped modernize the ways books are merchandized and marketed. She was also

a powerful advocate for the bookselling industry, serving as president of the American Booksellers Association, and a formidable advocate for freedom of expression.



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“It’s hard to imagine a more powerful tribute to [Joyce Meskis’s] life. Readers who want to honor Joyce Meskis, or who simply are passionate themselves about books and reading, will luxuriate in this essay collection.”—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

“Consistently engaging and approachable. Those inside the book business will find here a valuable analysis of their trade, while those on the outside are given an accessible introduction to the industry. An impressive, fitting tribute to an iconoclastic bookseller.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

THE ARKY TRILOGY

Three Plays by

DAVID EPSTEIN

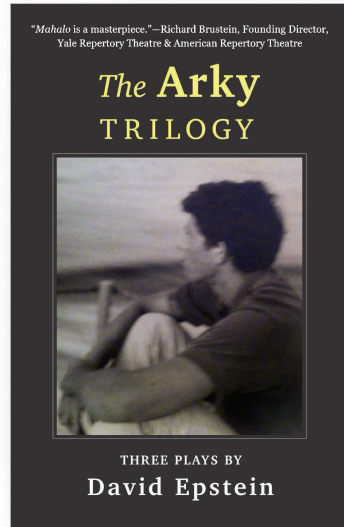
Playwright and film writer David Epstein presents a series of three plays—*Mahalo*, *Desperados*, and *Arky*—tracing the story of an American family navigating a years-long crisis driven by a child’s mental illness. By turns harrowing, wildly comic, and deeply affecting, *The Arky Trilogy* vividly captures the shocking twists of life as experienced by one family touched by terror and grounded in love.



David Epstein has had plays produced Off-Broadway, at regional theatres across the country, and abroad. He wrote the screenplay for the film *Palookaville*, which began life at the Sundance Festival,

was honored at the Venice Film Festival, and opened in the United States and worldwide to critical acclaim. Mr. Epstein has written screenplays for the major movie studios, and his films have aired frequently on network TV and on PBS.

Mr. Epstein has taught at Colgate University, at NYU, and at Yale. He is a graduate of The Yale School of Drama. He lives with his wife Kate on eastern Long Island and Oahu, Hawaii.



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Drama • 5.5 x 8.25 • 358 pages
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“Moving, high-energy dramas of mental health, families, and urgent absurdity.”
—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

“The reader will be anxious to one day see one or all of these plays staged in a theater. Until then, these pages provide a suitable window into Arky’s Crazyland. A suite of **innovative and emotional** dramas depicting an embattled family.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

HAIKU FOR THE ROAD

STEPHEN HOLTON

One day during morning prayer, Episcopal priest Stephen Holton found himself arranging words “like puzzle pieces” in the traditional syllabic structure of Japanese haiku. Creating these simple three-line poems turned into a daily ritual—Holton’s way of capturing and exploring momentary emotions, observations of nature and the world, and insights into faith and life. Now many of the best have been gathered for this book. Three samples:

In the heart of an
incarcerated nation
God comes with healing.

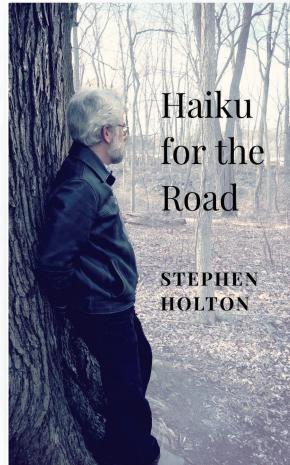
In many cultures,
Jesus comes in many ways;
today, in crumb cake.

I wait politely.
Kissing couple blocks the door.
This may take a while.



The son of a U.S. diplomat, **Stephen Holton** grew up in six different countries with his parents, his brother, and his sister. In 1989, Holton was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood, and also was married to his wife Charlotte. In 2013, Holton earned a Master’s

degree in sacred theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Today, Holton’s work draws on partnerships among friends of many faiths. He lives in White Plains, New York



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Poetry / Haiku • 5 x 8 • 120 pages
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“Holton's emotional openness gives his verse a **warmth, wit, and spiritual appeal** that a wide audience could enjoy. . . . Readers interested in clever and often moving haiku related to spirituality and everyday life will delight in this observational poetry.”

—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

“Delicate, earthy, and elegant.”

—Heather Ostman, author of
The Second Chance Home for Girls

HIGH ON CLOUD JOYOUS

And Other Poems

ELVINA SCHULLERE

A collection of poems by Trinidad-born Elvina Schullere, dealing with themes including the beauties of nature, the joys and challenges of family life, music and the arts, and the love of God.

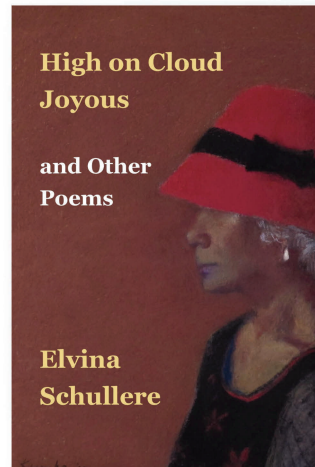
Elvina D. W. Schullere was born on May 28, 1929, in Woodbrook, Port-of-Spain, the capital of Trinidad, then a British colony. She attended private schools in Trinidad. In 1948, she moved to New York City with her father, Eustace D. Whittaker, her mother Marguerite, and her brother Earl D.

Schullere attended Wadleigh High School in Harlem, the first all-girls' public high school in New York, earning a place in the honor society Arista. She was also selected by Arista to paint a portrait of the school's principal, and another of her art projects was displayed at the Museum of Modern Art.

Schullere earned an associate's degree from Seton College in Yonkers and bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees in clinical nutrition from Donsbach University in California as well as teacher certification from Farleigh Dickinson University. She worked as a medical assistant at Mountainview Medical Associates and later worked for five years as a property auditor at Columbia University.

Schuller began singing in Trinidad at age twelve. In New York, she studied with Albert Rhodes and sang with the New York Symphony chorus, conducted by J. Labovitz. She joined the Thomas Music Study Club of the National Association of Negro Musicians and performed at MOMA, Alice Tully Hall, and Symphony Space. At Rutgers Presbyterian Church, she performed in operatic productions produced by Wellington Jones.

Schullere has three children: Franz, Darius Antony, and Karen Alison. She lives in Yonkers, New York.



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FROM "FLORIDA MEDITATION":

In Heron's garden
I sit on an upturned plastic container
Permanently standing on a pumpkin-colored
brick path
Among the beds of lavender periwinkle
Umbrellaed by a carambola tree, still young.