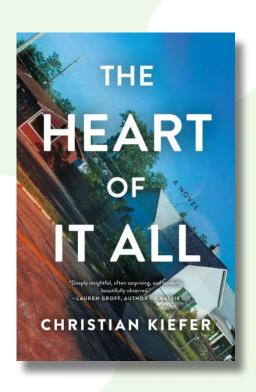
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# The Heart of It All by Christian Kiefer On sale 9/12/2023

A searing, small-town narrative about how hard it is, in an America riven by unsurety, to hold on to a sense of family and community . . .

A gorgeous, stirring novel in the classic vein of Richard Ford, Marilynne Robinson, Richard Russo, and Kent Haruf, *The Heart of It All* asks the reader to consider an America both divided and bound by its differences.

Set in a small town in central Ohio, *The Heart of It All* asks focuses on the members of three families: the Baileys, a white family who have put down deep roots in the community; the Marwats, an immigrant family that owns the town's largest employer; and the Shaws, especially young Anthony, an outsider whose very presence gently shakes the town's understanding of itself.



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#### Praise for The Heart of It All:

"For anyone who believes, as I do, that the best hope for our fractured country is local, not national, Christian Kiefer's new novel *The Heart of It All* will provide a welcome balm for the spirit. Here are people worth spending time with, not because they're perfect, but because they're not... You set the book down and think, 'This is what we're made of.' Or should be."

—Richard Russo, author of Somebody's Fool

"The always brilliant Christian Kiefer offers readers a portrait of contemporary America that is deeply insightful, often surprising, and tenderly, beautifully observed."

-Lauren Groff, author of *Matrix* 

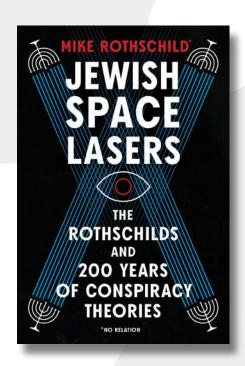
"If you want to find out the kind of novel that an offspring of Richard Russo and Alice Munro would write, look no further. Christian is a great writer."

-Rabih Alameddine, author of *The Wrong End of the Telescope* 

"Bringing together a diverse variety of voices, Kiefer weaves together a haunting, heartbreaking and empathetic portrait of contemporary America."

-Dan Chaon, author of Sleepwalk

**CHRISTIAN KIEFER** is the author of three novels: *The Infinite Tides, The Animals*, and most recently, *Phantoms* which was one of Kirkus Reviews and BBC's Best Books of 2019. He directs the low-residency MFA program at Ashland University, and lives with his family in Placer County, California.



Jewish Space Lasers: The Rothschilds and 200 Years of Conspiracy Theories by Mike Rothschild
On sale September 19th, 2023

With the current rise of antisemitism, this important book looks at how one Jewish family—the Rothschilds—became a lightning rod for the conspiracy theories of the last two centuries, and how those theories are still very much alive today.

In 2018 Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene blamed California wildfires on "Jewish space lasers." She said the Rothschilds were behind it.

For more than 200 years, the name "Rothschild" has been synonymous with two things: great wealth, and conspiracy theories about what they're "really doing" with it. Almost from the moment Mayer Amschel Rothschild and his sons emerged from the Jewish ghetto of Frankfurt to revolutionize the banking world, the Rothschild family has been the target of myths, hoaxes, bizarre accusations, and constant, virulent antisemitism. Over the years, they have been blamed for everything from the sinking of the *Titanic*, to creating the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jewish Space Lasers is a deeply researched dive into the history of the conspiracy industry around the Rothschild family - from the "pamphlet wars" of Paris in the 1840s to the dankest pits of the internet today. Journalist and conspiracy theory expert Mike Rothschild, who isn't related to the family, sorts out myth from reality to find the truth about these conspiracy theories and their spreaders. Who were the Rothschilds? Who are they today? What role do they play in European history and politics? Is any of this actually true? And why, even as their wealth and influence have waned, do they continue to drive conspiracies and hoaxes?

"An interesting examination of how conspiracy theories appear, spread, and metastasize—not unlike tumors. With solid research and engaging humor, this book takes apart the conspiracy theories surrounding the Rothschild family." —Kirkus Reviews

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#### Also by Mike Rothschild

The Storm is Upon Us: How Qanon became a Movement, Cult and Conspiracy Theory of Everything

#### Praise for The Storm is Upon Us:



"Indispensable ... Mike Rothschild's exhaustive history of the Q movement is more important than ever." -*The Guardian* 

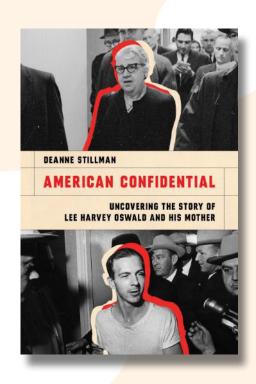
"[T]imely and chilling ... Rothschild is brilliant at outlining the process by which people who were not previously drawn to political extremism come to see themselves as 'patriotic researchers', able to see patterns in the information that is fed to them." —Financial Times

"Rothschild's book is a sobering look at how the QAnon phenomenon began, and how it spread online to become a sort of all-encompassing conspiracy movement." **–Vice** 

"Compelling, comprehensive, meticulously-documented." *—Booklist,* Starred Review

**MIKE ROTHSCHILD** is a journalist and conspiracy theory expert. He is the author of *The Storm is Upon Us: How QAnon Became a Movement, Cult, and Conspiracy Theory of Everything.* Rothschild has been interviewed by *CNN, NPR, PBS NewsHour,* and the *New York Times* among many others to discuss conspiracy theories. He has also testified to Congress on the threat of election disinformation. He lives in Southern California.





### American Confidential: Uncovering the Story of Lee Harvey Oswald and His Mother

by **Deanne Stillman** 

On sale November 7th, 2023

On the 60th anniversary of the JFK assassination, a critically acclaimed writer presents an astonishing new account of one of the 20th century's most notorious assassins, Lee Harvey Oswald—and the mother who raised him. . .

Was Lee Harvey Oswald—as he himself claimed—a patsy? A hired gunman? In this startling account, Deanne Stillman suggests that there was indeed a conspiracy behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy—that of Oswald and his mother, Marguerite, who were locked in a desperate pursuit of fame and recognition. It was a struggle that would erupt on November 22, 1963, with Kennedy's murder—after which the assassin joined the roster of infamous immortals, while his mother spent the rest of her life in the harsh glare of the media limelight.

American Confidential is a mother-son noir tale that plays out across the Wild West of mid-twentieth century America, delving into Oswald's nomadic boyhood, and the world of his restless and disillusioned mother, who passed along a legacy of class resentment and a clamorous need to matter.

In this new and surprising investigation into the short, troubled life of the ordinary man who would take down the leader of the so-called Free World, Deanne Stillman also presents a fascinating portrait of Oswald as a predecessor of the many violent young men and boys of America today, who take selfies with their rifles, and have come to define a new era of brutality.

Following in the tradition of Joan Didion and Charles Bowden, and continuing her celebrated exploration of America's shadowlands, Stillman recounts a haunting tale of the promise and failure of the American dream, the dream that led Oswald to note that he hoped to have a son, adding, "Maybe he'll grow up to be president."



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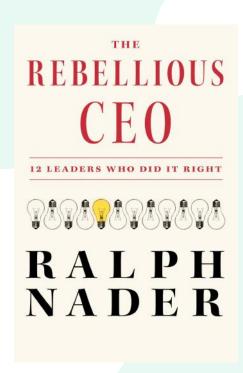
"Like the best nonfiction writers of our time (Jon Krakauer and Bruce Chatwin come to mind), Stillman's prose is inviting, her voice authoritative and her vision imaginative and impressively broad..." **–Los Angeles Times** 

"Stillman is a great writer ... She has enormous sympathy... and yet never lapses into sentimentality or melodrama." –Los Angeles Review of Books

"Deanne Stillman's work is gritty and unflinching, yet filled with humanity." -Jo-Ann Mapson, author of *Finding Casey* 

"[Stillman's] writing and reporting skills are excellent." -The Oregonian

**Deanne Stillman** is a widely published, critically acclaimed writer of literary nonfiction, including *Blood Brothers*, which won the 2018 Ohioana Award, as well as *Desert Reckoning*, *Twentynine Palms*, and *Mustang*. Her essays have appeared in the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The Independent*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and more. She is also an award-winning playwright. Stillman lives in Southern California.



#### The Rebellious CEO: 12 Leaders Who Did It Right

by Ralph Nader

On sale November 14th, 2023

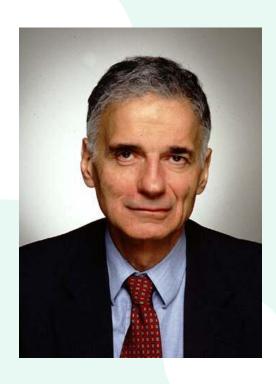
One of corporate America's greatest foes shows how twelve CEOs rejected the restrictive yardsticks of shareholder value by leading companies using greater models of prosperity and justice

Over the course of seven decades Ralph Nader has been Corporate America's fiercest critic. But now, in a book that will surprise both his fans and detractors, Nader profiles a small group of CEOs whom he believes performed extraordinarily well as business leaders and civic reformers. Some of the featured CEOs are well-known, some not, but Nader believes all should be celebrated as exceptions whose lives and careers should be an inspiration for students of business, executives and the wider citizenry.

This select group of mavericks and iconoclasts — which includes The Body Shop's Anita Roddick, Patagonia's Yvon Chouinard, Vanguard's John Bogle, and Busboys and Poets' Andy Shallal — give us, Nader writes, "a sense of what might have been and what still could be if business were rigorously framed as a process that was not only about making money and selling things, but improving our social and natural world."

**Ralph Nader** is a consumer advocate and author. Named by *The Atlantic* as one of the hundred most influential figures in American history and by *Time* and *Life* magazines as one of the hundred most influential Americans of the twentieth century. Ralph Nader and the dozens of citizen groups he has founded have helped us drive safer cars, eat healthier food, breathe better air, drink cleaner water, and work in safer workplaces. Nader continues to be a relentless advocate for grassroots activism, more civic organizations, and democratic change for a just society.

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"For a half century Ralph Nader has said what he thinks, written what he believes, and told it like it is—even to presidents." —Robert B. Reich, chancellor's professor of public policy, University of California at Berkeley

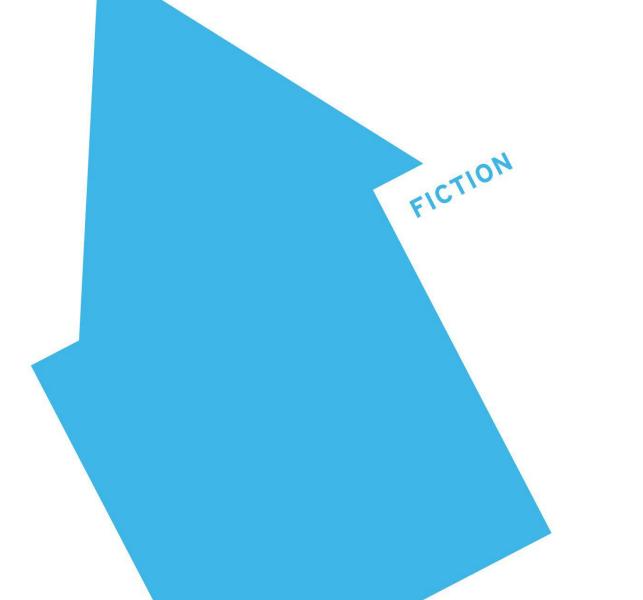
"Ralph Nader is without a doubt the most dedicated, fearless, and intelligent citizen crusader America has ever been fortunate enough to have in our midst." —Nomi Prins, author of *All the Presidents' Bankers* 

#### Full list of featured CFOs:

John Bogle (The Vanguard Group)
Anita Roddick (The Body Shop)
Ray C. Anderson (Interface, Inc.)
Herb Kelleher (Southwest Airlines)
Jeno Paulucci (Luigino's, Inc)
Sol Price (FedMart, Price Club)

Robert Townsend (Avis)
Andy Shallal (Busboys and Poets)
Bernard Rapoport (American Income Life Insurance)

Yvon Chouinard (Patagonia)
Gordon B. Sherman (Midas International)
Paul Hawken (Project Drawdown)





#### Oh God, The Sun Goes by David Connor On sale August 1st, 2023

An utterly unique odyssey across the parched landscapes of the American Southwest from a brilliant new voice in fiction. . .

"An indescribable marvel . . . announces a writer who will seemingly follow his intuitions anywhere, with blazing results." —Jonathan Lethem, author of *The Fortress of Solitude* 

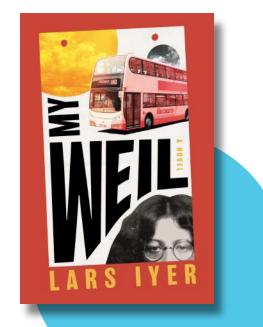
The sun has disappeared from the sky. No one can explain where it has gone, but one wayward traveler is determined to try. As our unnamed narrator begins his journey across the American Southwest, he is drawn into a web of illusion and mystery, a shifting astral mindscape that shimmers with the aftermath of loss—and the promise of redemption.

David Connor's debut is a hallucinatory and deadpan picaresque that suddenly swerves into a love story of soaring poignance. Truly "the stuff that dreams are made of" – or maybe nightmares? Apocalyptic and mesmerizing, *Oh God, the Sun Goes* introduces readers to a young and keenly inventive mind. A perfect read for fans of Rachel Kushner and Jonathan Haskell.

"Oh God, the Sun Goes is what might happen if Raymond Carver and Martin Heidegger were spliced together, given a double PhD in neurology and heartbreak, and decided to write a book that was at once highly symbolic and resonantly human. A highly original and engagingly odd book." —Brian Evenson, author of Song for the Unraveling of the World



DAVID CONNOR has received awards and finalist consideration at *Blue Mesa Review, Glimmer Train, Pacifica Literary Review,* and *Cincinnati Review.* He lives in New York City and Montreal, Canada.







## My Weil by Lars Iyer On sale August 29th, 2023

A scathingly funny novel about a group of cynical graduate students whose lives are changed when they meet a mysterious PhD candidate with the same name as a 20th century philosopher and mystic...

My Weil follows a group of twenty-something graduate students as they pursue PhD's in the new-fangled subject of Disaster Studies at a second-rate college in Manchester, England. They're working class, by turns underconfident and grandiose (especially when they drink), reconciled to never finishing their dissertations or finding academic jobs ... and they despise the drone-like business students all around them. Together, they're working on a film that tries to make sense of their lives in Manchester and to the Ees, a mysterious patch of countryside that appears to have supernatural qualities.

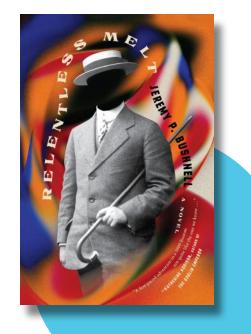
Into their midst arrives Simone Weil, a PhD student and a 21st century version of the 20th century philosopher. Simone is devout, ascetic, and busy with risky charity work, but she somehow becomes the unlikely star of their film. Johnny, the most psychologically fragile member of the group, starts to see in Simone both a savior and a love interest. Will Johnny's love be requited? Will anyone ever finish their PhDs? And will Simone be able to save the souls of her new friends and Manchester itself from the apocalypse? *My Weil* is a dark campus comedy for our times, with a philosophical twist.

"[An] intriguing, character-driven book." —Booklist

"Iyer... takes seriously his theme of existential dread. Memorable characters make this a singular exploration of the human condition." —**Publishers Weekly** 



LARS IYER is a Professor in Creative Writing at Newcastle University, where he was formerly a longtime lecturer in philosophy. He is the author of the novels in the *Spurious Trilogy*, and more recently, the widely acclaimed *Wittgenstein Jr.*, and *Nietzsche and the Burbs*.







# Relentless Melt by Jeremy P. Bushnell On sale June 6th, 2023

H.P. Lovecraft meets the Golden Age of Detective fiction in a rollicking supernatural detective thriller that introduces Artie Quick, a sales assistant, who moonlights as a amateur detective.

The year is 1909, and Artie Quick wants to learn about crime. By day she holds down a job as a salesgirl in women's accessories at Filene's; by night she disguises herself as a man to pursue studies in Criminal Investigation at the YMCA's Evening Institute for Younger Men. Eager to put theory into practice, Artie sets out in search of something to investigate. She's joined by Theodore, an upper-crust young bachelor whose interest in Boston's occult counterculture has drawn him into the study of magic. Their journey into mystery begins on Boston Common but soon they uncover a series of violent abductions that take them on an adventure from the highest corridors of power to the depths of an abandoned mass transit tunnel, its excavation suspiciously never completed.

"A supernatural crime thriller with a terrifying secret at the heart of an American institution. Bushnell weaves together a story of gender identity, adventure, and the things that go bump in the dark." **--Gizmodo** 

"Bushnell (*The Weirdness*) seamlessly blends mystery, urban fantasy, and an exploration of gender identity into the kind of fun and fantastical ride that his readers have come to expect. Recommend to fans of TJ Klune and Kevin Wilson." *--Library Journal, STARRED review* 



Jeremy P. Bushnell is the author of two earlier novels with Melville House: *The Weirdness* and *The Insides*. He teaches writing at Northeastern University in Boston, and lives in Dedham, Massachusetts. He is also the cofounder of Nonmachinable, a distributor of optically internesting zines and artists' books.



### Walter Benjamin Stares at the Sea by C. D. Rose On sale January 23rd, 2024

A collection of entrancing literary fables from an underrated master of the form, perfect for fans of David Mitchell, Julio Cortázar, and Steven Barthelme . . .

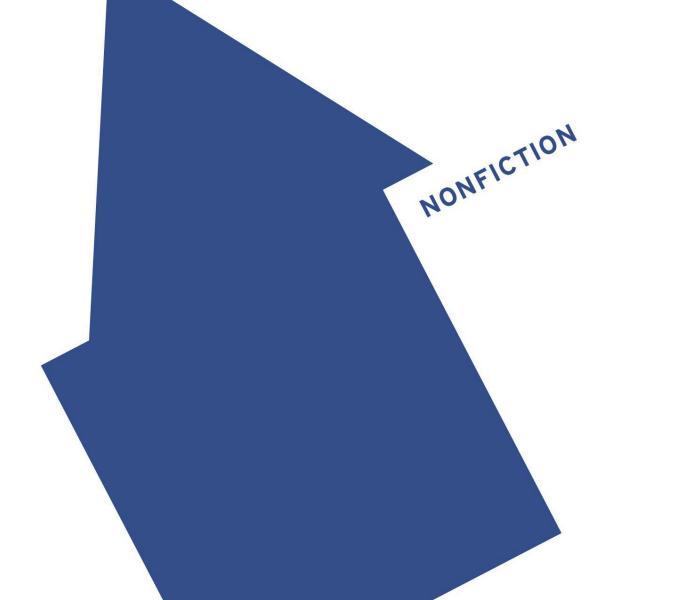
"I don't remember the last time I read something this clever, puzzling, and intricate which simultaneously packed so much soul." —Luke Kennard, author of *The Transition* 

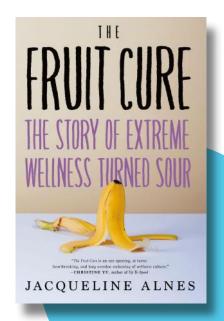
Welcome to the fictional universe of C. D. Rose, whose stories seem to be set in some unidentifiable but vaguely Mitteleuropean nation, and likewise have an uncanny sense of timelessness, placing them in some cobblestoned Victorian past era, or the present, or even the future. Walter Benjamin Stares at The Sea features fifteen, original dreamlike tales where lost masterpieces surface with translations in an invisible language, where image and photograph become mystically entwined, and where the very nature of reality takes on a shimmering sense of possibility and illusion.

"Every madness is logical to its owner," one of Rose's characters says. And it is that line—between logic and madness—that *Walter Benjamin Stares at the Sea* walks with such assuredness and imagination.



**C.D. Rose** is an award-winning short-story writer and the author of the novels *The Biographical Dictionary of Literary Failure* and *Who's Who When Everyone Is Someone Else*, as well as the story collection *The Blind Accordionist*. He lives in Hebden Bridge, England.





### The Fruit Cure: The Story of Extreme Wellness Turned Sour by Jacqueline Alnes

#### On sale January 16th, 2024

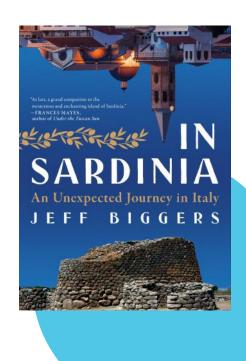
A powerful memoir about one woman's journey into the dark side of wellness culture when she joined an online community that practiced 'fruitarianism' — the belief that an all-fruit diet can cure mental and physical illnesses . . .

Jacqueline Alnes was a Division One runner during her freshman year of college when a series of inexplicable neurological symptoms led to her temporarily losing the ability to walk and speak. Her symptoms were first dismissed by her coach and her doctor but continued to plague her for years. Desperate for answers, Alnes turned to an online community centered around two wellness gurus who claimed, without any evidence, that a strict, all-fruit diet could cure conditions like depression, eating disorders, addiction, anxiety, and vision problems. And Alnes wasn't alone – people from all over the world were turning to "fruitarianism" in hopes of releasing themselves from the perceived failings of their bodies.

In *The Fruit Cure*, Alnes takes readers on an unforgettable journey through the world of fruitarianism, interweaving her own powerful narrative with the problematic history of fruit-based, raw food lifestyles. This debut offers a powerful critique of the failures of our healthcare system and an inquiry into the sinister strains of wellness culture that prey on people's vulnerabilities through schemes, scams, and diets masquerading as hope.



Jacqueline Alnes is a writer, runner, and assistant professor of creative writing at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Her work has appeared in publications like *The New York Times, Guernica, Longreads, Ploughshares, Tin House*, and more. *The Fruit Cure* is her first book.



### In Sardinia: An Unexpected Journey in Italy by Jeff Biggers On sale May 23rd, 2023

Award-winning historian Jeff Biggers opens a new window into the hidden treasures of Sardinia in a groundbreaking travel narrative that crisscrosses one of the most enigmatic places in Italy

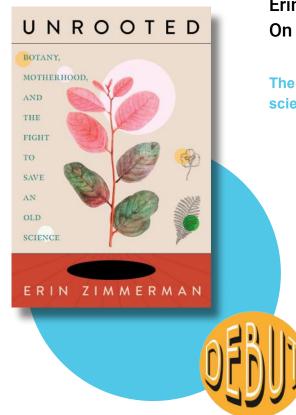
Jeff Biggers finally crossed over to Sardinia, uncovers a treasury of stories amid major archaeological discoveries rewriting the history of the Mediterranean.

Based in the bewitching port of Alghero, guided through the island's rich and largely untranslated literature, Bigers embarks on a rare journey around the island to experience its famed cuisine, wine, traditional rituals and thriving cultural movements. He explores how travelers must first understand Sardinia and its ancient and modern history to truly understand all of Italy.

"Mr. Biggers is an enthusiastic and erudite guide. Seeking out the past in local lore and in Sardinia's long and overlooked literary tradition, he returns the island to the center of our imaginative map of the Mediterranean." -- The Wall Street Journal



Jeff Biggers is an American Book Award-winning historian, journalist and playwright. He is the recipient of the Foreword Magazine Book of the Year for Travel Writing, a Lowell Thomas Award for Travel Journalism, and other honors. Author of ten books of cultural history and investigative reporting, his work has appeared in the *New York Times, The Atlantic Monthly, Salon.com*, and on National Public Radio.



Unrooted: Botany, Motherhood, and the Fight to Save an Old Science by Erin Zimmerman
On sale April 16th, 2024

The stirring account of a woman having to choose between motherhood and the "dying science" she loves ...

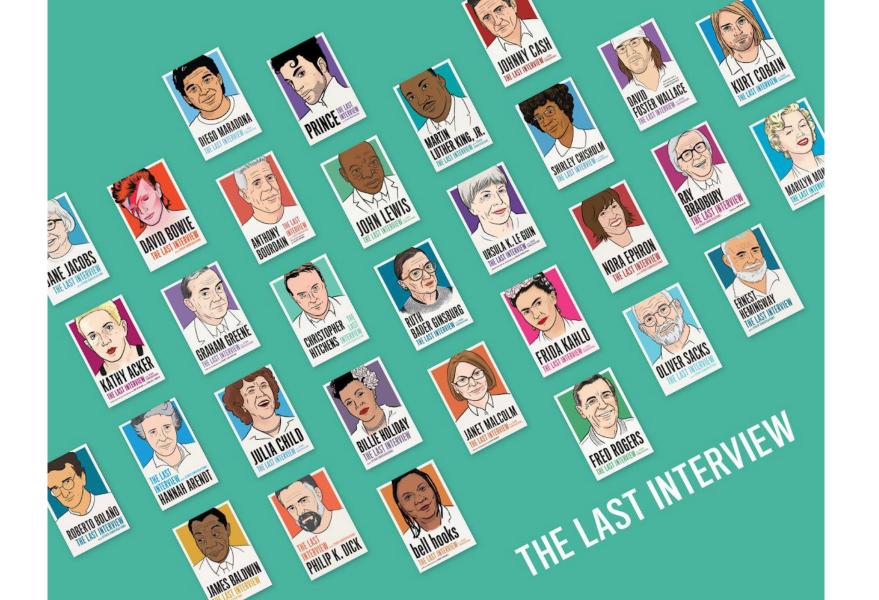
Growing up in rural Ontario, Erin Zimmerman became fascinated with plants—an obsession that led to a life in academia as a professional botanist. But as her career choices narrowed in the face of failing institutions and subtle but ubiquitous sexism, Zimmerman began to doubt herself—and to hear the siren call of motherhood.

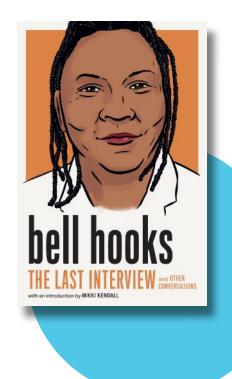
*Unrooted:* Botany, Motherhood, and the Fight to Save an Old Science is her memoir about plants, about looking at the world with wonder, and about what it means to be a woman in academia—an environment that pushes out mothers and those with any outside responsibilities.

Zimmerman delves into her experiences as a new mom, her decision to leave her position in post-graduate research, and how she found a new way to stay in the field she loves. What's more, she issues a stirring examination and defense of the "dying science" of botany, detailing how it's worth fighting for, is both elegant and necessary, and crucial in understanding biodiversity.



**Erin Zimmerman** is an evolutionary biologist turned science writer and essayist. She has a bachelor's degree in plant biology and physics from the University of Guelph, and postgraduate studies in fungal genetics and molecular systematics from the Université de Montréal's biodiversity institute. Zimmerman's writing has appeared in publications like *Smithsonian Magazine, The Los Angeles Review of Books, Undark*, and *Narratively*. She lives in Ontario, Canada.





bell hooks: The Last Interview and Other Conversations

Introduction by Mikki Kendall

On sale July 18th, 2023

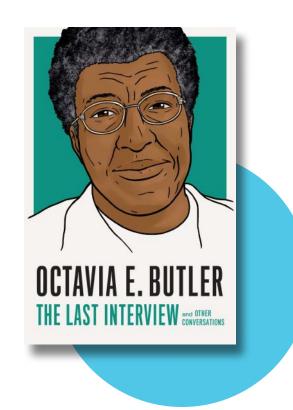
"I will not have my life narrowed down. I will not bow down to somebody else's whim or to someone else's ignorance." —bell hooks

bell hooks was a prolific, trailblazing author, feminist, social activist, cultural critic, and professor. Born Gloria Jean Watkins, bell used her pen name to center attention on her ideas and to honor her courageous great-grandmother, Bell Blair Hooks . . .

bell hooks's unflinching dedication to her work carved deep grooves for the feminist and anti-racist movements. This most recent addition to the acclaimed *Last Interview* series collects hooks' interviews from early in her career until her last, discussing, along the way, feminism, the complexity of rap music and masculinity, her relationship to Buddhism, the "politic of domination," sexuality and love, and the importance of communication across cultural borders. Whether she was sparking controversy on campuses or facing criticism from contemporaries, hooks relentlessly challenged herself and those around her, inserted herself into the tensions of the cultural moment, and anchored herself with love.

#### **FULL LIST OF INTERVIEWS:**

- FROM TALKING BACK: THINKING FEMINIST, THINKING BLACK; Interview by Yvonne Zylan, March 24, 1989
- FROM TRICYCLE: AGENT OF CHANGE: AN INTERVIEW WITH BELL HOOKS; Interview by Helen Tworkov, Fall 1992
- FROM BOMB MAGAZINE: BELL HOOKS BY LAWRENCE CHUA; Interview by Lawrence Chua, July 1, 1994
- FROM BITCH MAGAZINE: REMEMBERING BELL HOOKS IN HER OWN WORDS; Interview by Lisa Jervis, Winter 2000 issue
- FROM BLACK ROSE ANARCHIST FEDERATION: HOW DO YOU PRACTICE INTERSECTIONALISM? AN INTERVIEW WITH BELL HOOKS; Interview by Don Jennings, nom de plume Randy Lowens, May 5, 2011
- FROM HILLBILLY SOLID: HILLBILLY SOLID RADIO INTERVIEW; Interview by Silas House, November 2012
- FROM SHONDALAND: TOUGH LOVE WITH BELL HOOKS; Interview by Abigail Bereola, December 13, 2017



# Octavia Butler: The Last Interview and Other Conversations Introduction by Samuel R. Delany

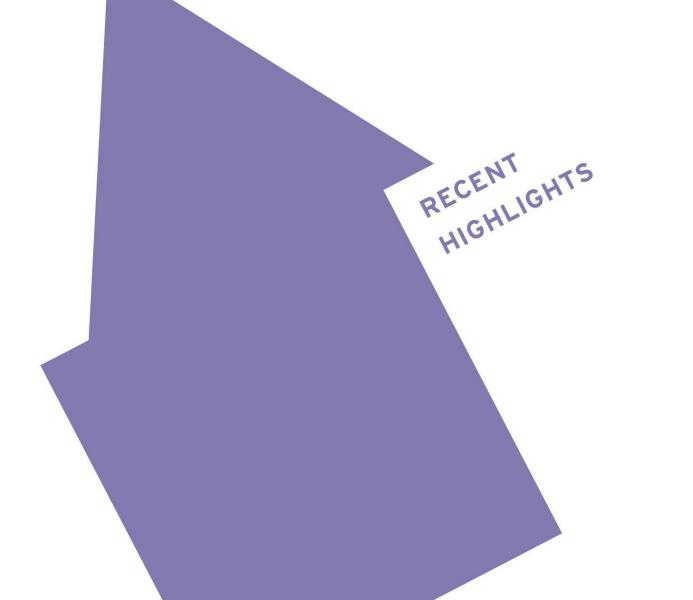
On sale September 19th, 2023

"I write about people who do extraordinary things. It just turned out that it was called science fiction." - Octavia E. Butler

Octavia E. Butler's work broke innumerable barriers and helped open the field of science fiction to writers and readers it had never had before. As the first Black writer to win the coveted Nebula and Hugo Awards, her courage and vision left a peerless legacy for fans not just of science fiction, but of American literature. In this collection of six interviews, three of them never published, Butler speaks with candor and openness about her work, her imaginative mission, and the barriers she faced as a Black woman working in a genre dominated by white men.

#### **FULL LIST OF INTERVIEWS:**

- From Thrust; Interview by Jeffrey Elliot (1979)
- From Equal Opportunity Forum; interview by Rosalie G. Harrison (1980)
- From Callaloo; interview by Randall Kenan (1991)
- From Fresh Air with Terry Gross; interview by Terry Gross (1993)
- From Science Fiction Studies; interview by Samuel Potts (1996)
- From Sojourner; interview by Cecelia Tan (1999)
- From Interzone; interview by Darrell Schweitzer (2002)
- From InMotion Magazine; interview by Joshunda Sanders (2004)
- From The Indypendent; interview by Kazembe Balagun (2006)
- From Addicted to Race; interview by Jen Chau Fontán (2006)





# Flux By Jinwoo Chong On sale March 21st, 2023

A blazingly original and stylish debut novel about a young man whose reality unravels when he suspects his employers have inadvertently discovered time travel and are covering up a string of violent crimes.

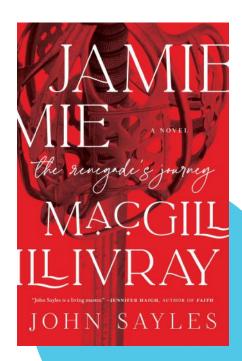
Combining elements of neo-noir, speculative fiction, and '80s detective shows, FLUX is a haunting and sometimes shocking exploration of the cyclical nature of grief, of moving past trauma, and of the pervasive nature of whiteness within the development of Asian identity in America.

"Flux happily offers a moving appraisal of lives buffeted by personal and systemic traumas; a deep dive into the good, the bad and the ugly of self-serving corporate culture; and no shortage of "wait, what the heck just happened?" thrills." -- The New York Times Book Review

"Brazen, exhilarating, fun, and surprising! I couldn't predict where this novel was going, but I was definitely along for the ride." -- Ling Ma, author of Severance



Jinwoo Chong received an MFA from Columbia University. His short stories have appeared in *The Southern Review, Chicago Quarterly Review*, and *Salamander. Flux* is his first novel. He lives in New York.



### Jamie MacGillivray: The Renegade's Journey by John Sayles On sale February 28th, 2023

Spanning 13 years, two continents, several wars, and many smoke-filled and bloody battlefields, John Sayles's thrilling historical and cinematic epic invites comparison with Diana Gabaldon, George R. R. Martin, Phillippa Gregory, and Charles Dickens.

It begins in the highlands of Scotland in 1746. Vanquished by the forces of the Hanoverian British crown, Jamie MacGillivray, narrowly escapes a roadside execution only to be recaptured by the victors and shipped to Marshalsea Prison where he cheats the hangman a second time before being sentenced to transportation and indentured servitude in colonial America "for the term of his natural life." His travels are paralleled by those of Jenny Ferguson, a poor, village girl swept up on false charges by the English and also sent in chains to the New World.

The novel follows Jamie and Jenny through servitude, revolt, escape, and romantic entanglements. The two continue to cross paths with each other and with some of the leading figures of the era—the devious Lord Lovat, future novelist Henry Fielding, the artist William Hogarth, a young and ambitious George Washington, he doomed General James Wolfe, and the Lenape chief feared throughout the Ohio Valley as Shingas the Terrible.



John Sayles is an American independent film director, screenwriter, actor, and novelist. He has twice been nominated for the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay, for Passion Fish (1992) and Lone Star (1996). He has written seven novels, the most recent being Yellow Earth (2020) and A Moment in the Sun (2011).



## The Dead Are Gods by Eirinie Carson On sale April 11th, 2023

From an exciting new literary voice: a memoir that explores grief, Blackness, and recovery after the death of a dear friend.

After an unexpected phone call on an early morning in 2018, writer and model Eirinie Carson learned of her best friend Larissa's death. In the wake of her shock, Eirinie attempts to make sense of the events leading up to Larissa's death and uncovers startling secrets about her life in the process.

THE DEAD ARE GODS is Eirinie's striking, intimate, and profoundly moving depiction of life after a sudden loss. Amid navigating moments of intense grief, Eirinie is overwhelmed by her love for Larissa. She finds power in pulling moments of joy from the depths of her emotion. Eirinie's portrayal of what love feels like after death bursts from the page alongside a timely, honest, and personal exploration of Black love and Black life.

Perhaps, Eirinie proposes, "The only way out is through."

"...striking a deeply resonant chord for anyone who has experienced the obsessive self-searching that often accompanies a sudden loss." -- Oprah Daily

"A gorgeous, grief-stricken remembrance... a wise reminder that we all must "weather the storm" of loss." **--People Magazine** 



Eirinie Carson is a Black British writer, born to a Jamaican father and Scottish-ish mother and raised in South East London. Her work is published in the Sonora Review and she is a frequent contributor to Mother magazine. A member of the San Francisco Writers Grotto, Eirinie writes about motherhood, grief, and relationships. Eirinie lives in Northern California with her musician husband and their one dog and two daughters. *The Dead are Gods* is her first book.



## The Last Songbird by Daniel Weizmann On sale May 23rd, 2023

A gritty, fast-paced neo-noir that explores the consumptive nature of fame, celebrity, and motherhood through the lens of a driver lost in the gig economy.

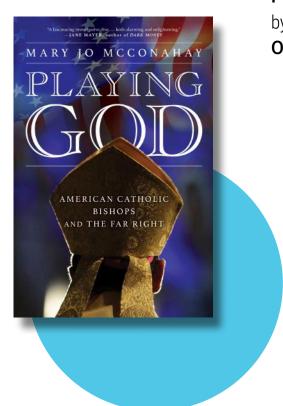
"Weizmann's music bona fides inform the novel's tone and purpose, but it's equally clear how steeped he is in the styles of detective fiction past and present...This is a story of murder, but also of vivid life." -- The New York Times

A struggling songwriter and Lyft driver, Adam Zantz's life changes when he accepts a ride request and 1970s music icon Annie Linden enters his dented VW Jetta. Adam becomes her exclusive driver and Annie listens to his music, encouraging Adam even as he finds himself driving more often than songwriting.

Annie disappears, and her body washes up under a pier. Adam plays amateur detective, only to be charged as accomplice-after-the-fact. Desperate to clear his name and discover who killed her, Adam digs deep into Annie's past, turning up an old guitar teacher, sworn enemies and lovers, and a long-held secret that spills into the dark world of a shocking underground Men's Rights movement. Adam comes to question how well he, or anyone else, knew Annie— if at all.



Daniel Weizmann is a writer and editor whose work has appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Billboard, the Guardian, AP Newswire, and more. Under the nom de plume, Shredder, Weizmann also wrote for the long running Flipside fanzine, as well as LA Weekly, which once called him "an incomparable punk stylist." Most recently, Weizmann co-authored Game Changer by Michael Solomon and Rishon Blumberg (Harper Leadership, 2020). He lives in Los Angeles, California.



#### Playing God: American Catholic Bishops and The Far Right by Mary Jo McConahay On sale March 28th, 2023

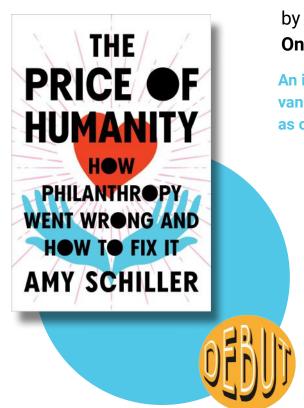
"The conservative nature of the Catholic Church has long posed a challenge for postwar American Catholic liberals...McConahay admires Francis, who stands for the possibility that the church might gradually become, if not liberal, at least less conservative." — *The New York Times* 

"Playing God is an important book...McConahay excels in lining out the players, the money flow, and their interaction with politics and beyond." — National Catholic Reporter

Playing God, by Mary Jo McConahay, a leading Catholic journalist in the United States, is the definitive account of how the Catholic bishops are attempting to remake America in their own image, campaigning to alter democratic institutions under the guise of religious liberty, allying with major right-wing contributors, as well as ultra-right evangelicals whom they increasingly resemble politically. It tells the story of how these bishops have become one of the most formidable and reactionary forces in American society.



Mary Jo McConahay is one of the most prominent Catholic journalists in America. In the 1980s she was a legendary war correspondent covering the Central American insurgencies. She is the author of three books, including *The Tango War, The Struggle for the Hearts, Minds and Riches of Latin America During World War II*, and Maya Roads, One Woman's Journey Among the People of the Rainforest.



# The Price of Humanity: How Philanthropy Went Wrong—And How to Fix It by Amy Schiller On sale December 5th, 2023

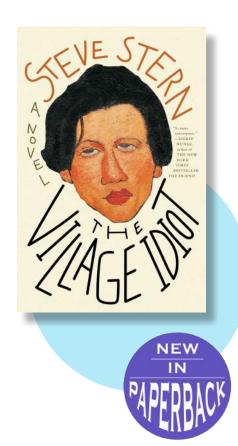
An impassioned case for rescuing philanthropy from its progressive decline into vanity projects that drive wealth inequality, so that it may support human flourishing as originally intended . . .

The word "philanthropy" today makes people think big money—Bill and Melinda Gates, Warren Buffet, and Andrew Carnegie come to mind. The scope of suffering in the world seems to demand an industry of giving, and yet for all the billions that are dispensed, nothing seems to change.

Journalist, academic, and consultant Amy Schiller shows how we get out of this stalemate by evaluating the history of philanthropy from the ideas of St. Augustine to the work of Lebron James. For philanthropy to get back to its literal roots—the love of humanity—Schiller argues that philanthropy can no longer be premised around basic survival. Philanthropy has to get out of the business of saving lives if we are to save humanity.



Amy Schiller is a journalist, academic, and consultant. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Dartmouth College in the Society of Fellows. Her writing has been published in *The Atlantic, The Washington Post, The Nation*, and *The Daily Beast*, and more. She has also had a nearly 15-year career in major gift fundraising consulting. She lives in New York City.



### The Village Idiot by Steve Stern On sale September 12th, 2023

A Publishers Weekly Best Novel of 2022!

A wild, effervescent, absinthe-soaked novel that tells of the life of the extraordinary artist Chaim Soutine, now available in paperback . . .

Award-winning author Steve Stern's astonishing novel *The Village Idiot* is about the life of the expressionist painter Chaim Soutine. Stern has written an incredible portrait of Soutine's life, from his impoverished beginnings in an East European shtetl to his Cinderella patronage by the American collector Albert Barnes. Set in mid-20th century Paris and featuring appearances by some of the leading figures of modernism, such as Picasso and Jean Cocteau, *The Village Idiot* explores Soutine's adventures and romances (including his unlikely friendship with the flamboyant Modigliani, who drags him from brothels to midnight felonies to a duel at dawn) . . . while on the horizon the coming storm threatens to sweep away Chaim and a generation of gifted Jewish refugees.

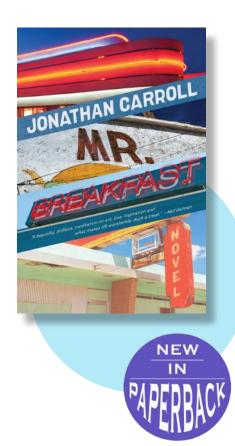
"Stern has blended biography and fabulism into a frothy picaresque that ... vibrates to the "sweet celestial confusion" of Soutine's painting: delirious and earthy, reverent and irreligious." —The New York Times Book Review

"A lively work of intellectual escapism in the vein of a Tom Stoppard comedy...the book's frantic pace and vivid prose feel true to the artist." —The Wall Street Journal

"Poignant, richly colorful... An outstanding portrait by a writer at the top of his form." - Kirkus, STARRED REVIEW

"This luscious blend of fantasy and reality captivates." -Publishers Weekly, STARRED REVIEW

**STEVE STERN** has won five Pushcart Prizes, an O'Henry Award, a Pushcart Writers' Choice Award, and a National Jewish Book Award. He lives in Brooklyn and Balston Spa, New York.



### Mr. Breakfast by Jonathan Carroll On sale June 20th, 2023

From one of the great modern masters of the fantastic, "A beautiful, brilliant, meditation on art, love, inspiration and what makes life worthwhile."-- Neil Gaiman

"[Carroll's] prose is spare, polished and quick-moving, sometimes lightly comic, always immensely engaging... *Mr. Breakfast* is pure pleasure to read. It will surprise you, make you laugh and scare you — and then, just when you think it's over, add several extra twists." - Michael Dirda, The Washington Post

Graham Patterson's life has hit a dead end. His career as a comedian is failing. The love of his life recently broke up with him and he literally has no idea what to do next. With nothing to lose, he buys a new car and hits the road, planning to drive across country and hopefully figure out his next moves before reaching California.

But along the way Patterson does something his old self would never have even considered: he gets tattooed by a brilliant tattoo artist in North Carolina. The decision sets off a series of extraordinary events that changes his life forever in ways he never could have imagined. Among other things, Patterson is gifted with the ability to see in real time three different lives that are available to him. The choice is his: The life he is leading right now, or two very different ones. In all of them there is love or fame and of course danger because once he has chosen, there is no telling what will happen next.

*Mr. Breakfast* is a dazzling, absorbing and deeply moving novel about the choices that we have to confront and face, confirming Jonathan Carroll's status as one of our greatest and most imaginative storytellers.

**Jonathan Carroll** is the author of twenty novels, including the critically acclaimed *The Wooden Sea, The Land of Laughs*, and *Outside the Dog Museum*, for which he has won a British Fantasy award. He is the winner of a Pushcart Prize, two French Fantasy Awards, a Bram Stoker Award, and a World Fantasy Award. He has been nomimated for the Hugo, Nebula, and John Campbell awards, and his work has been published in over thirty languages. He lives in Vienna.





Set in the bruised, mined, and timbered hills of Appalachia in western Pennsylvania, *Sidle Creek* is a tender, truthful exploration of a small town and the people who live there, told by a brilliant new voice in fiction.

In Sidle Creek, McIlwain skillfully interrogates the myths and stereotypes of the mining, mill, and farming towns where she grew up. With stories that take place in diners and dive bars, town halls and bait shops, McIlwain's writing explores themes of class, work, health, and trauma, and the unexpected human connections of small, close-knit communities. All the while, the wild beauty of the natural world weaves its way in, a source of the town's livelihood – and vulnerable to natural resource exploitation.

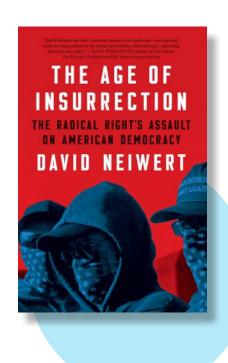
With an alchemic blend of taut prose, gorgeous imagery, and deep sensitivity for all of the living beings within its pages, *Sidle Creek* will sit snugly on bookshelves between Annie Proulx, Joy Williams, and Louise Erdrich.

"Sidle Creek is one of the best story collections I've read in a long time." - Ron Rash, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Serena* 

"She can write. Not an easy story but a deeply satisfying one."—Dorothy Allison, author, Bastard Out of Carolina



Jolene McIlwain's fiction has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and appeared in numerous literary reviews..She was born, raised, and currently lives in a small town in the Appalachian plateau of Western Pennsylvania.



#### The Age of Insurrection: The Radical Right's Assault on American Democracy by David Neiwert On sale June 27th, 2023

A leading expert on the far-right tells the strange and terrible tale of the far right's long war on American democracy.

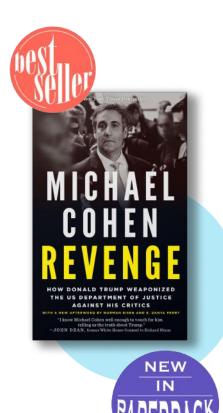
"Now in his fifth decade of reporting on right-wing extremism in the U.S., this expert on authoritarianism warns that the taste of power will propel extremists to continue their assault on democracy... Well-written, impeccably researched, easy to digest, and vivid in its profiles of far-right radicals, *The Age of Insurrection* is a key source for readers trying to make sense of it all." **--Booklist, STARRED review** 

"A brisk and searing history... It's a disturbing look at how hard extremism is to stamp out." --Publishers Weekly

In The Age of Insurrection David Neiwert explains and explores the nature of the insurgent radical right and its relentless violence: it's history, how it was built over decades, how it was set aflame by Donald Trump and his cohorts, and how it will continue to attack American democracy for the foreseeable future.

The Age of Insurrection lays out how these groups organize their terroristic violence and attacks on democratic institutions at every level—including local, state, and federal targets—and what their strategies and plans look like for the foreseeable future. It also details how communities have been negatively affected by these groups, and how some have responded effectively to the challenges they present.

**David Neiwert** is an award-winning investigative journalist and the author of several books, including Red Pill, Blue Pill: How to Counteract the Conspiracy Theories that are Killing Us (Prometheus 2020), Alt-America: The Rise of the Radical Right in the Age of Trump (Verso 2017), Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us (Overlook 2016), and And Hell Followed With Her: Crossing the Dark Side of the American Border (Nation Books 2013)



#### Revenge: How Donald Trump Weaponized the US Department of Justice Against His

Critics by Michael Cohen
On sale October 17th, 2023

A New York Times, USA Today, Publishers Weekly, and Wall Street Journal bestseller NOW IN PAPERBACK, WITH A NEW AFTERWORD BY NORM EISEN

Michael Cohen's behind-the-scenes story of what can happen to you — and what really happened to him — when a President who believes himself to be above the law decides to go after his critics . . .

When Michael Cohen's secret payoff to porn star Stormy Daniels on behalf of Donald Trump made Cohen look like a liability to the by-then-President of the United States, the end to their decade-long relationship came swiftly — with a knock on the door from the FBI. Soon, Cohen would find himself imprisoned, even though he had plenty of evidence to show he was innocent of most of the charges. In a story now more recently echoed in news stories about IRS persecution of Trump foes such as former FBI head James Comey and others, Cohen details — in his inimitable blunt language, with absolutely no holds barred and naming names — his attempt to clear his name and tell the truth about Donald Trump. Chillingly, he also makes clear what happens when you try to speak truth to a power knows no bounds.

The paperback edition now features an all new afterword from former U.S. Ambassador Norm Eisen.

#### **Praise for Revenge:**

"Michael Cohen has a strong voice in standing up to power and speaking for fairness and justice in the American political and judicial systems. He has seen it all from many angles, and the bumps and bruises have shaped his refreshing, truthful voice." —Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN)

"I know Michael Cohen well enough to vouch for him telling us the truth about Donald Trump." —John Dean, former White House counsel to President Richard Nixon

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### Hanging Out: The Radical Power of Killing Time by Sheila Liming On sale January 9th, 2024

A smart and empowering book about the simple art of hanging out and of taking back our social lives from the deadening whirl of contemporary life . . .

"Hanging Out is rich with illuminating stories...I passionately believed that her book was right." -Slate

Almost every day it seems that our world becomes more fractured, more digital, and more chaotic. Sheila Liming has the answer: we need to hang out more. Starting with the assumption that play is to children as hanging out is to adults, Liming makes a brilliant case for the necessity of unstructured social time as a key element of our cultural vitality. The book asks questions like *What is hanging out? Why is it important? Why do we do it? How do we do it?* and examines the various ways we hang out—in groups, online, at parties, at work. *Hanging Out: The Radical Power of Killing Time* makes an intelligent case for the importance of this most casual of social structures, and shows us how just getting together can be a potent act of resistance all on its own.

#### **Praise for Hanging Out:**

"The book conceives of hanging out as a way to reclaim time as something other than a raw ingredient to be converted into productivity." —The New York Times

"Hide your phone, stop hustling for a second, and read this passionate argument for the importance of unstructured pre-digital hang." —People Magazine

"We could all use more of that blissfully unstructured social time, posits Sheila Liming in the well-considered series of arguments found in *Hanging Out*." —**Reader's Digest** 

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