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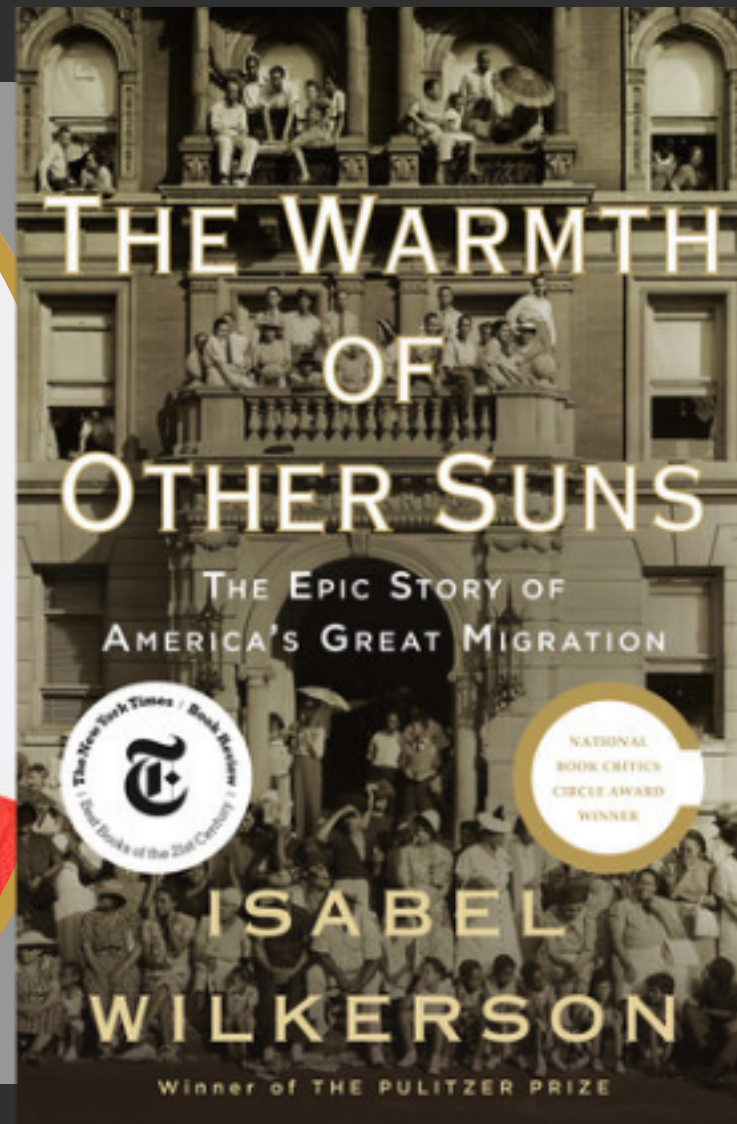
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# Isabel Wilkerson



Pulitzer Prize winner  
and author of the  
critically-acclaimed  
bestsellers *The Warmth  
of Other Suns* and *Caste*



**Audience takeaways:** Personal reflections from one of today's foremost thought leaders, and an exploration of caste, race, and the true cost of independence for the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



# Isabel Wilkerson

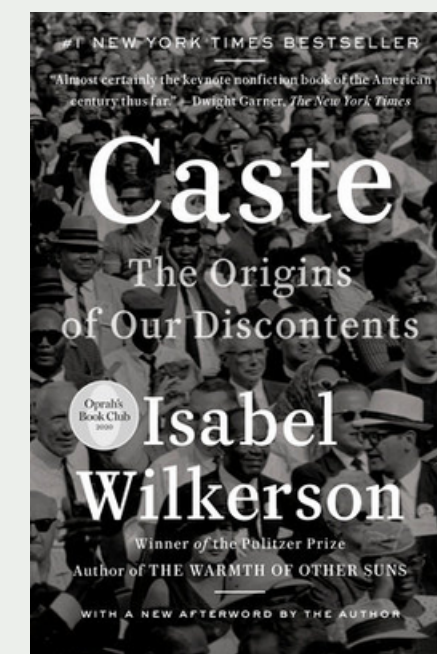
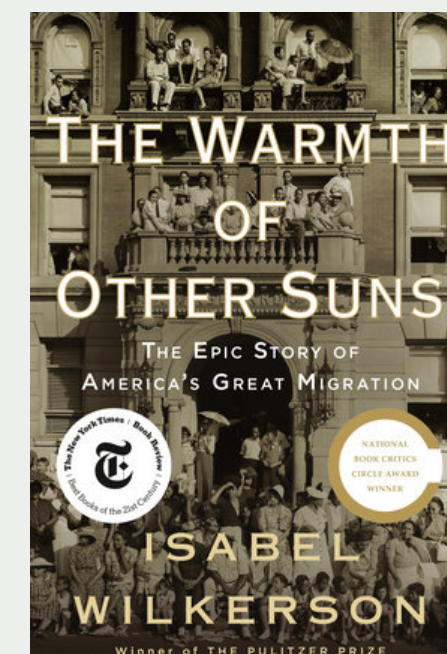
Isabel Wilkerson is a nationally acclaimed, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and highly sought-after speaker, whose brave and insightful work has changed how an entire country understands its history. In her groundbreaking *New York Times* bestsellers *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Caste*, Wilkerson explores the Great Migration and the hidden hierarchy in America, uncovering “the missing puzzle piece of our country’s history” (The American Prospect).

Wilkerson is one of today’s foremost thought leaders and public speakers whose talks are filled with empathy and insight, leaving audiences “buzzing,” “captivated” and rising to their feet in ovation.

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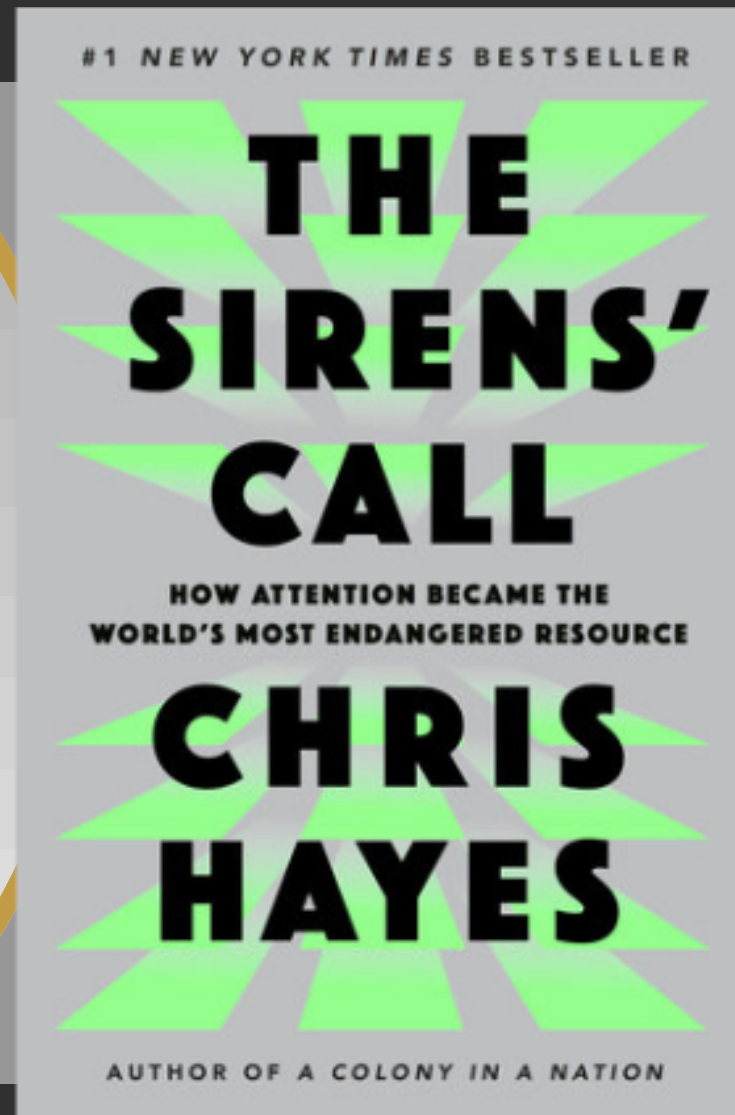


## Learn about the books





# Chris Hayes



Journalist, *MSNBC* host,  
and *New York Times*  
bestselling author



**Audience takeaways:** Holistic alternatives to correct humanity's historical need for distraction with our addiction to social media today.

# Chris Hayes

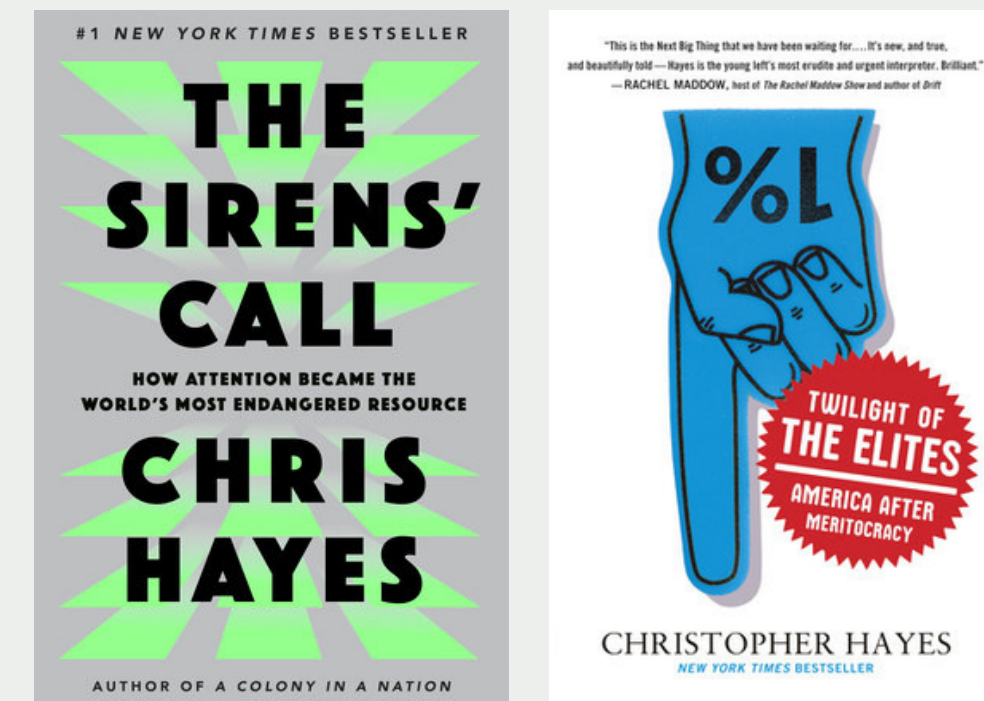
Chris Hayes is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, *MSNBC* host, and *New York Times*-bestselling author known for his insightful political analysis. As the host of *All In with Chris Hayes*, he brings thought-provoking discussions to millions. His latest book, *The Sirens' Call*, a *New York Times* bestseller, delves into how human psychology, evolutionary instincts, and social dynamics are manipulated in today's digital landscape—ultimately hijacking our time and attention.

Through his books and lectures, Hayes empowers audiences with strategies to reclaim focus, think critically, and navigate an increasingly distracting world.

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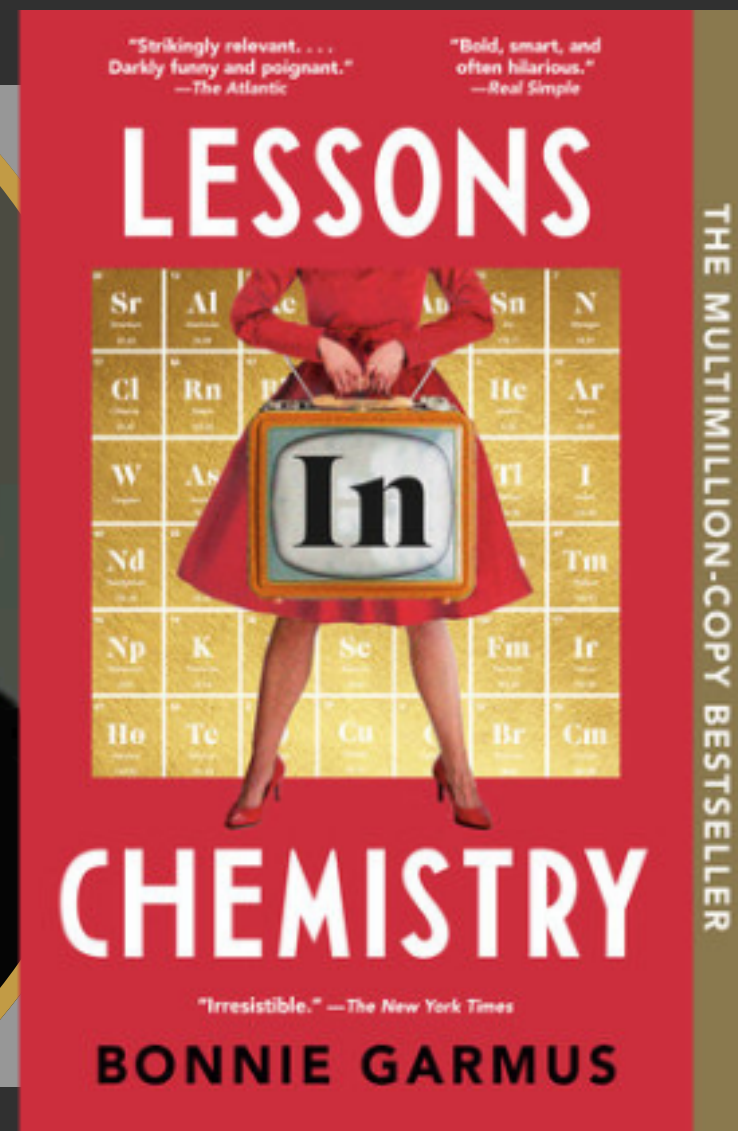


## Learn about the books





# Bonnie Garmus



Author of #1 global bestseller  
*Lessons in Chemistry*



**Audience takeaways:** How real-life experience fueled and inspired the runaway bestseller that has now been adapted for the screen.

# Bonnie Garmus

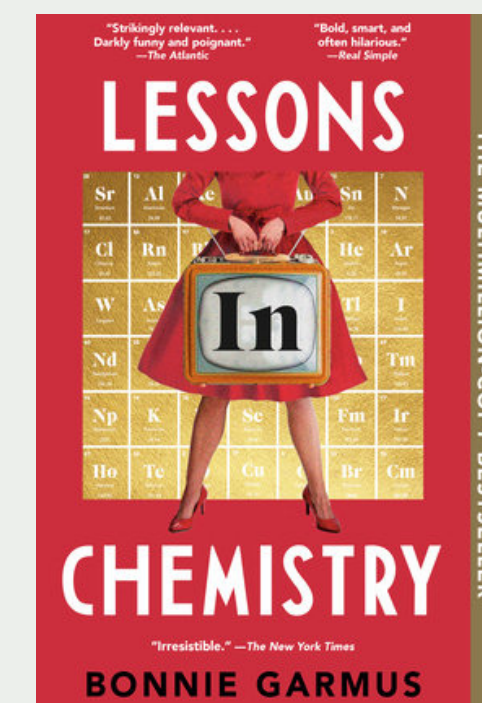
Bonnie Garmus is the author of the runaway bestseller *Lessons in Chemistry*, an international sensation whose protagonist, chemist Elizabeth Zott, has won the hearts of readers worldwide.

In engaging and inspiring conversations, Garmus speaks with authenticity and humor about the experience of writing her own role model, her tenacity in pursuing her craft, and the alchemy of science, cooking, and feminism in her vibrant debut novel.

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## Learn about the book





# Cheryl Strayed



Author of the #1 *New York Times*-bestselling memoir *Wild* and “Dear Sugar” columnist



**Audience takeaways:** Stories from her solo wilderness trek on the Pacific Crest Trail and having the journey adapted for TV.

# Cheryl Strayed

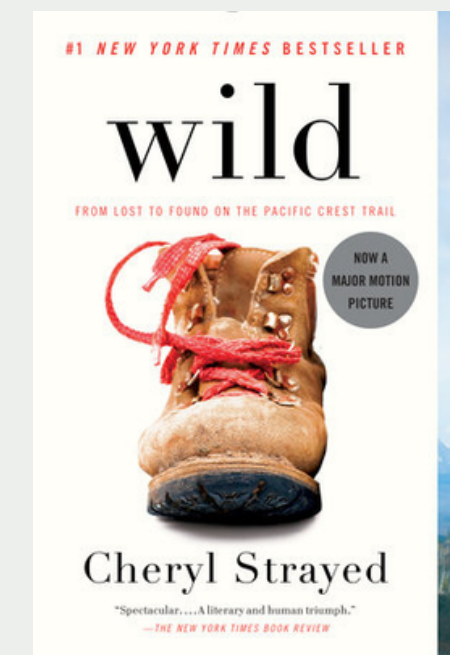
Cheryl Strayed's #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Wild*, about her hike on the Pacific Crest Trail, was an international hit that was later released as an Academy Award-nominated motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon. *Tiny Beautiful Things*, her beloved bestselling collection of "Dear Sugar" advice columns, was adapted into a Hulu television series starring Kathryn Hahn and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos.

A warm, candid, funny, and engaging speaker, Strayed's talks about love, loss, adventure, courage, empathy and the power we possess to blaze our own wild trails attract large audiences at venues around the world.

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## Learn about the books





# B. Dylan Hollis



*#1 New York Times*  
bestselling author and  
social media creator



**Audience takeaways:** Laugh-out-loud storytelling and unique, vintage recipes tied to your audience's location.

# B. Dylan Hollis

B. Dylan Hollis, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and social media sensation, has turned vintage recipes into a modern cultural phenomenon. With more than 13 million followers across TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram, Hollis combines laugh-out-loud storytelling with a deep love of food history.

His engaging talks celebrate nostalgia, creativity, and resilience—whether he’s unearthing century-old cookbooks or connecting communities through shared traditions. Audiences leave inspired, entertained, and hungry to rediscover the joy of baking’s past.

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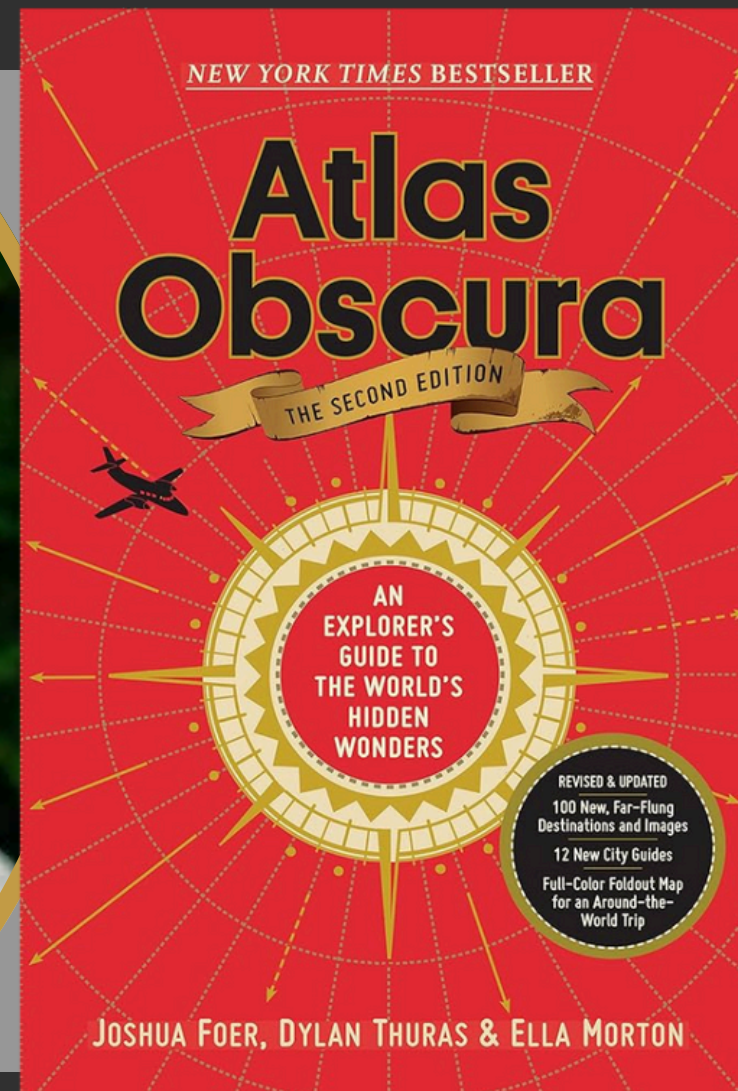


## Learn about the books





# Dylan Thuras



Co-Founder and  
Creative Director of  
Atlas Obscura



**Audience takeaways:** Travel recommendations and facts tailored to your audience's geographic location, plus a look into the hidden corners of America for USA 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary programming and beyond.

# Dylan Thuras

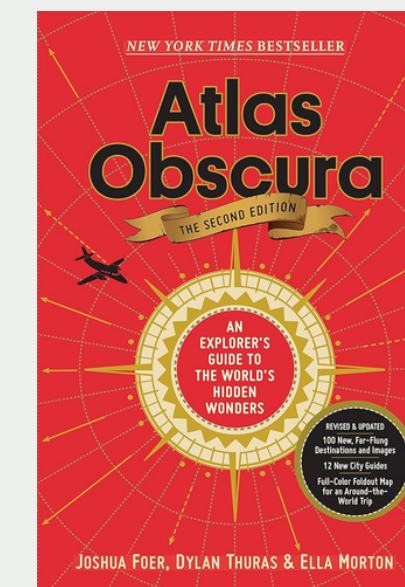
A three-time *New York Times*-bestselling author, including the #1 bestseller *Atlas Obscura*, Dylan Thuras is a leading expert in travel and dining known for his creative and welcoming approach to exploration. As Co-Founder and Creative Director of one of the top travel websites, AtlasObscura.com, Thuras's emphasis on wonder and surprise is evident in his curiosity-peaking talks, bestselling books, and his joy for the unusual and under-appreciated.

Whether he is exploring Borscht Belt ruins as host of the Atlas Obscura Podcast (currently the #1 travel podcast in the United States), competing in the Lumberjack Championships as host of the Emmy award-winning show *Small Town, Big Story*, or visiting the "World's Quietest Room" on CBS Sunday Morning, Thuras provides an engaging out-of-the-box approach to finding and sharing the world's many hidden wonders.

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## Learn about the books





# Carl Hiaasen



Bestselling novelist,  
Newbery Honor winner,  
and former *Miami Herald*  
columnist



**Audience takeaways:** Humorous tales about Hiaasen's writing and his home state of Florida.



# Carl Hiaasen

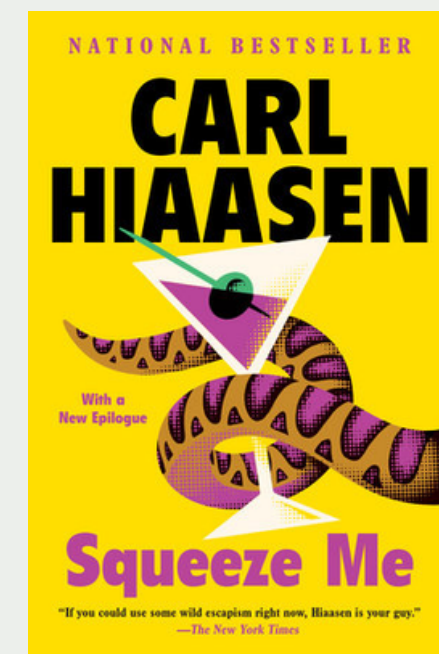
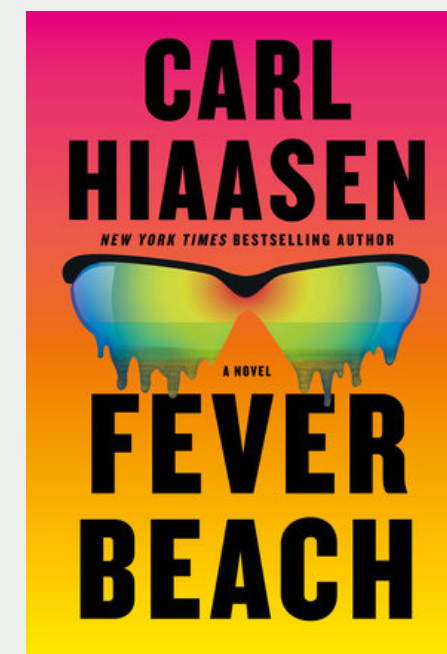
Carl Hiaasen has been called "America's finest satirical novelist" by *The London Observer*. He's known for his irreverent humor and the colorful characters that fill his bestselling adult novels and award-winning books for young readers.

His lectures offer audiences wickedly funny and fiercely pointed tales about his writing and his home state of Florida, as well as incisive commentary on environmental issues, modern culture, and corruption.

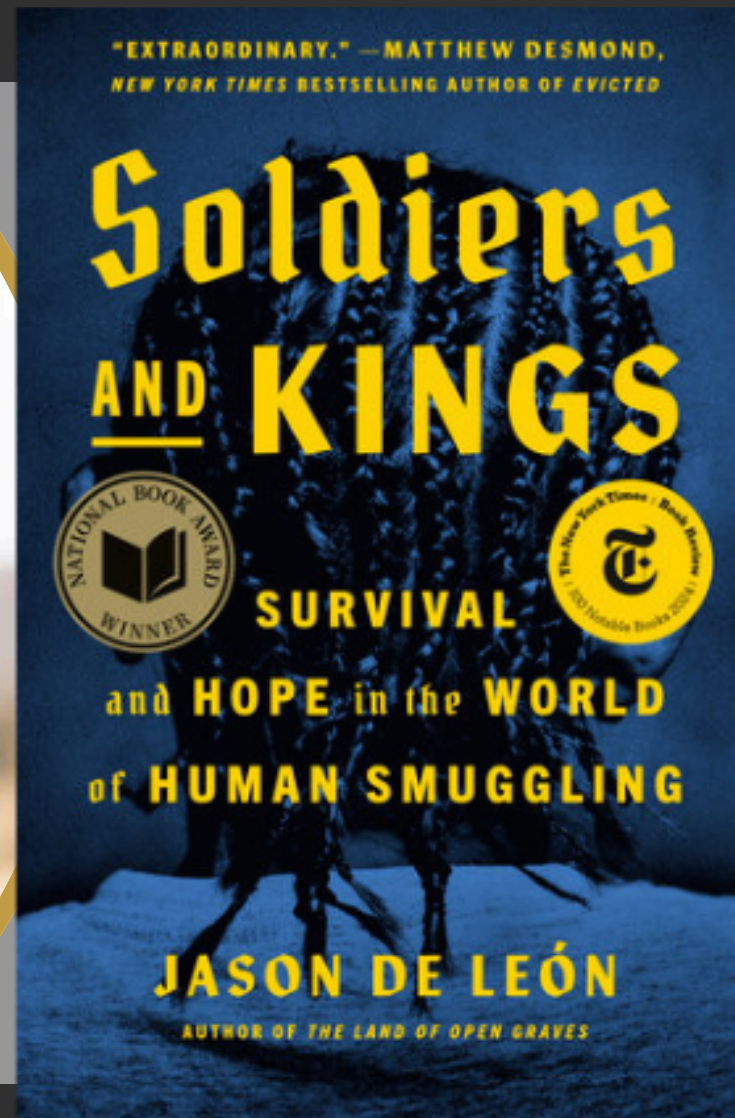
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## Learn about the books



# Jason de León



Anthropologist, professor,  
and author of National  
Book Award winner  
*Soldiers and Kings*



**Audience takeaways:** Both an anthropological and human lens on U.S. immigration and border policies, plus true stories of resilience and hope.



# Jason de León

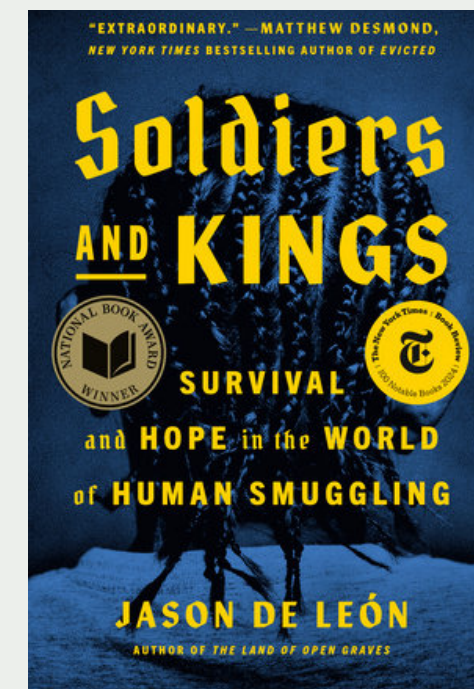
Jason De León creates public dialogue, exhibitions, and media about undocumented migration and the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border. He has been recognized with a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for his work as an anthropologist and scholar examining the inequalities and brutalities of human migration through a variety of lenses.

In his fireside chats and lectures, De León shines a light on the human consequences of U.S. immigration and border policies, offers a counterpoint to public media perception of migrants, and puts names, faces, and stories to the thousands of individuals who have died in their attempt to reach the United States.

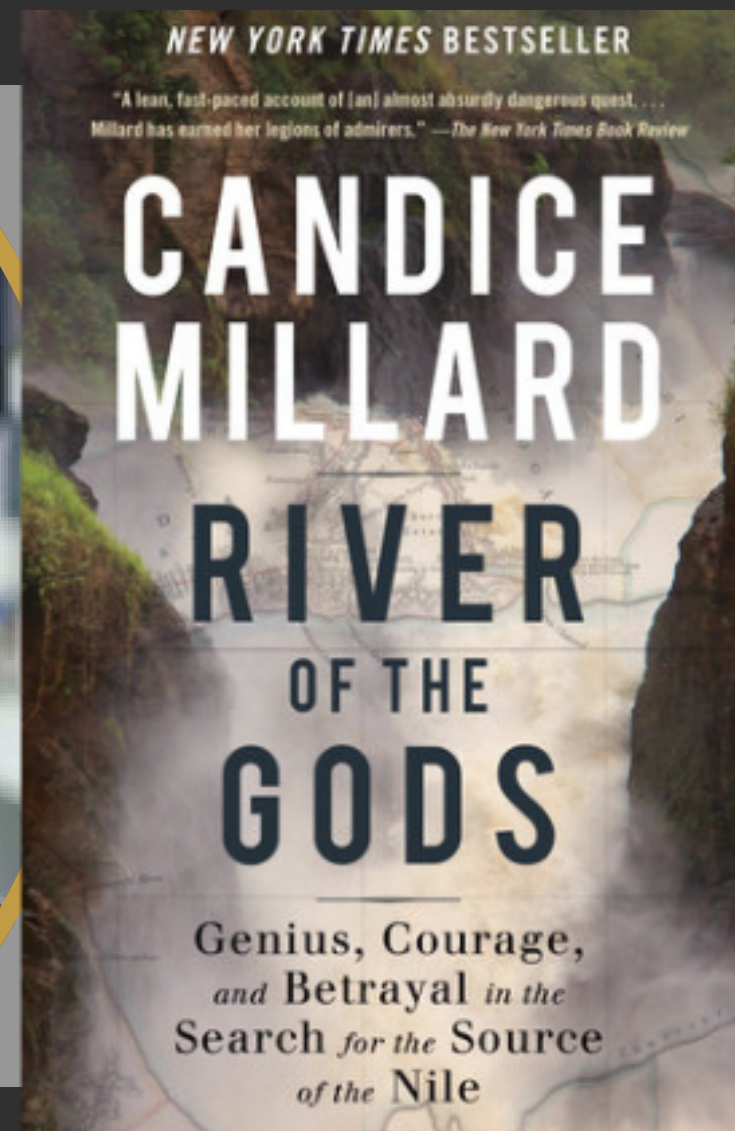
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## Learn about the book



# Candice Millard



*New York Times*  
bestselling historian and  
former *National*  
*Geographic* journalist



**Audience takeaways:** True stories of Theodore Roosevelt, President James Garfield, and more, perfect for USA 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary programming.



# Candice Millard

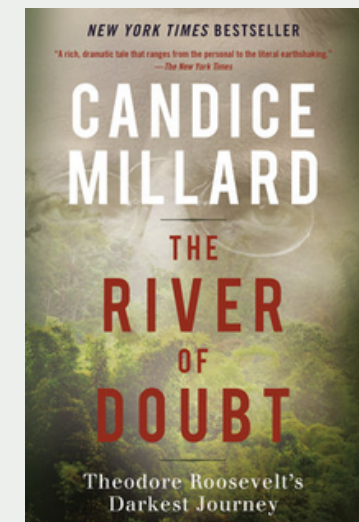
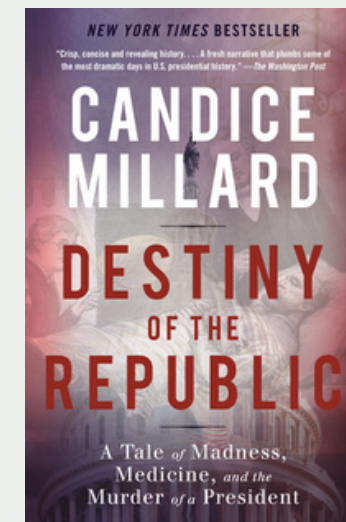
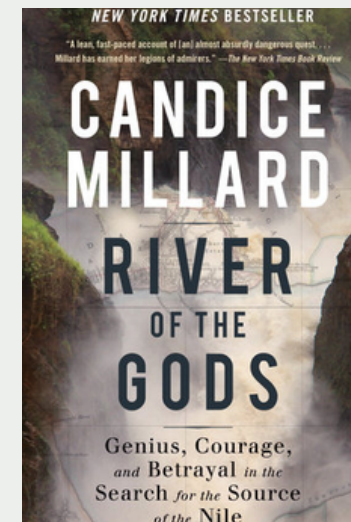
Candice Millard is a bestselling historian whose epic and meticulously researched books unearth some of U.S. history's greatest moments and figures.

A former editor and contributing writer at *National Geographic* magazine, Millard digs deep into her stories and shares riveting anecdotes with the audiences of her lectures.

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## Learn about the books





# Colson Whitehead



Pulitzer Prize and  
National Book Award-  
winning author of *The  
Underground Railroad* and  
*The Nickel Boys*



**Audience takeaways:** Entertaining and inspiring stories, readings, cultural critiques, and ideas for future books.



# Colson Whitehead

Colson Whitehead has established himself as one of the most versatile and innovative writers in contemporary literature. The first person to win back-to-back Pulitzer Prizes in fiction for consecutive works, he has dazzled readers across the globe with his #1 *New York Times*-bestselling novel, *The Underground Railroad*, as well as *The Nickel Boys*, *Harlem Shuffle*, and now *Crook Manifesto*.

Warm, candid, and funny, Whitehead captivates audiences with his thoughtful and inspiring talks about the intersection of writing, history, and culture, and the power of art and imagination to help us make sense of the world.

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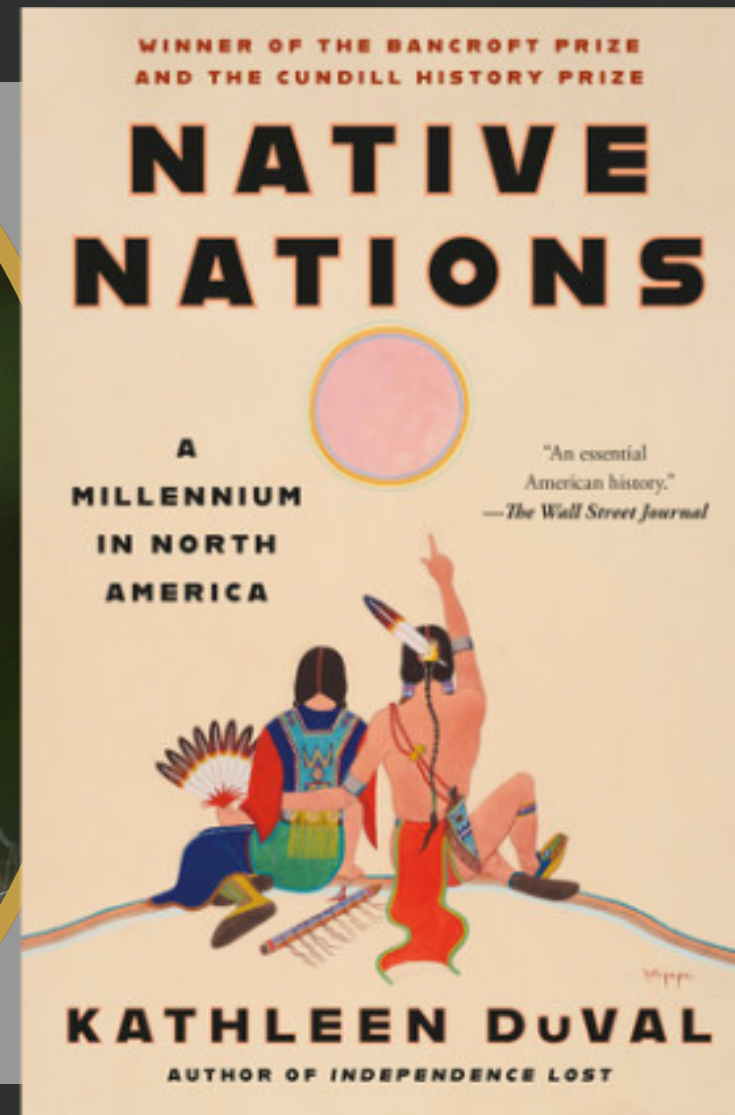


## Learn about the books





# Kathleen DuVal



Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, professor, and author of *Native Nations*



**Audience takeaways:** Untold stories of early America and new takes on the American Revolution and North American History.



# Kathleen DuVal

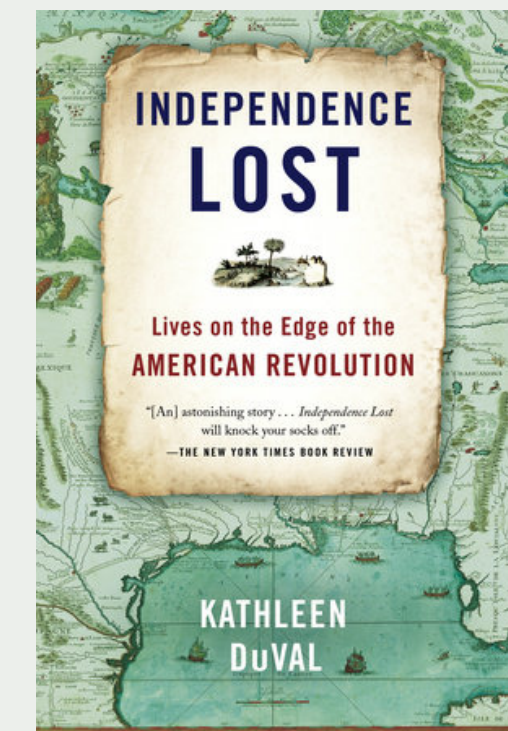
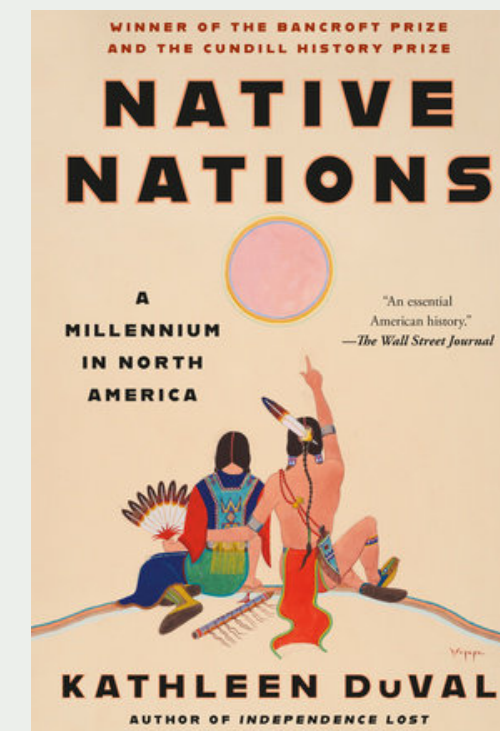
Kathleen DuVal is a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. An expert in early American and Native American history, DuVal is the author of *Independence Lost* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Native Nations*.

In her informative and educational lectures, DuVal dives deeper into the subjects explored in her books, recounting the untold stories of early America's marginalized voices, sharing new takes on the American Revolution, and centering Indigenous nations in our retelling of North American History.

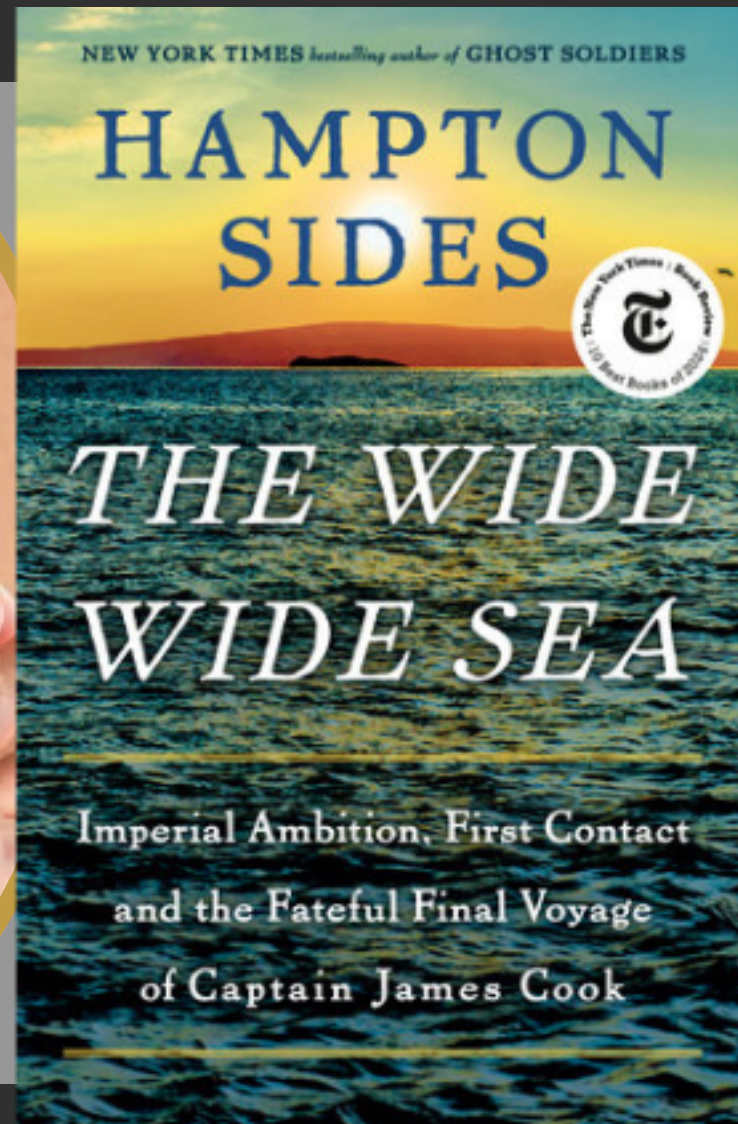
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# Hampton Sides



Acclaimed bestselling  
narrative historian



**Audience takeaways:** A study of our history,  
bringing sweeping tales to life.



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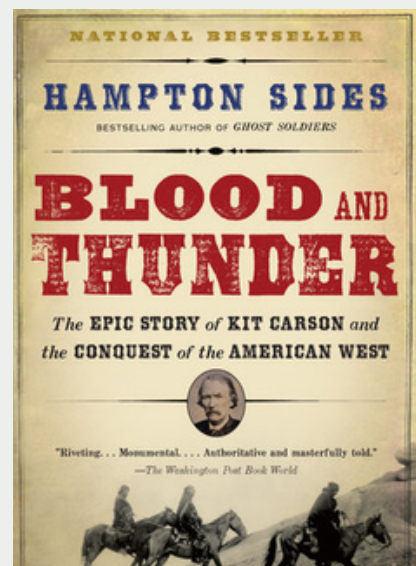
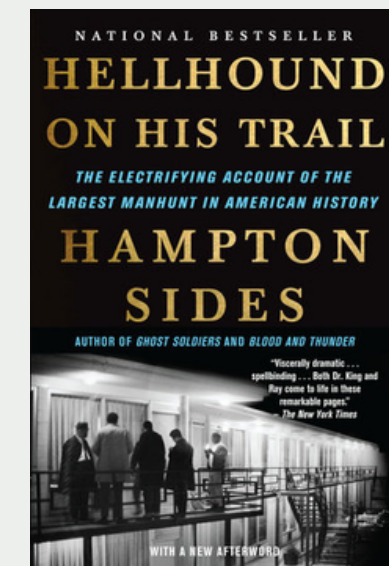
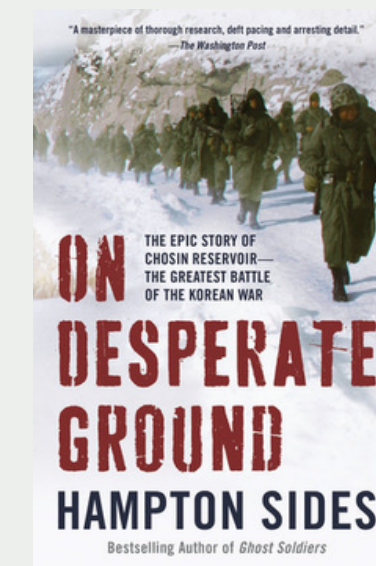
Hampton Sides is an acclaimed bestselling narrative historian. He is best-known for his gripping adventure stories, often set in war-time or depicting epic expeditions of exploration and discovery. Most recently the author of *The Wide Wide Sea*, Sides has written about Captain Cook, the Korean War, polar exploration, World War II, Kit Carson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the American Frontier.

His lectures captivate audiences and bring his sweeping tales to life.

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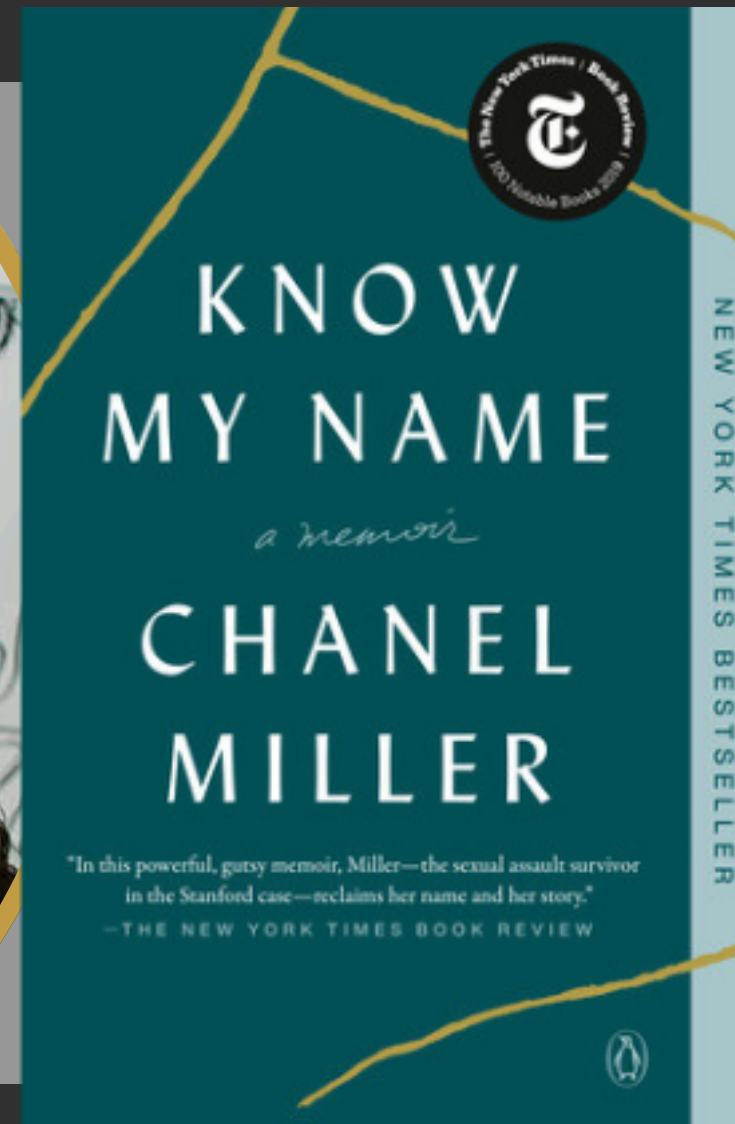


## Learn about the books





# Chanel Miller



Artist, activist, and  
author of the *New York  
Times* bestseller  
*Know My Name*



**Audience takeaways:** How to find, harness, and uplift your voice.



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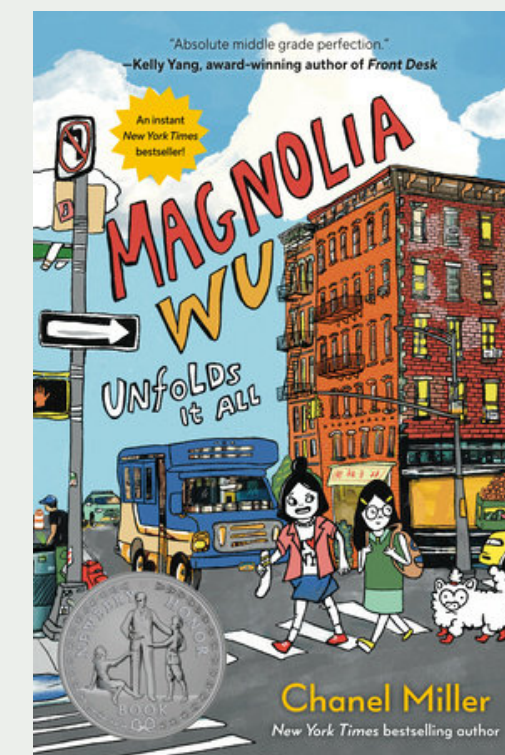
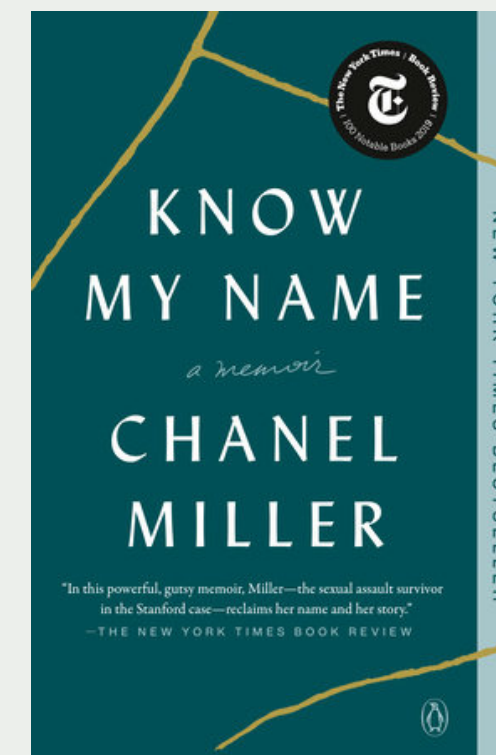
Chanel Miller is an artist, writer, and author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Know My Name*, a breathtaking memoir of a survivor reclaiming her voice. First known publicly as Emily Doe, Miller is the survivor of the Stanford University sexual assault case that exposed the harsh reality of what many victims face in the tangles of our criminal justice system.

Her warm, poignant events address mental health, healing, and the transformative power of art.

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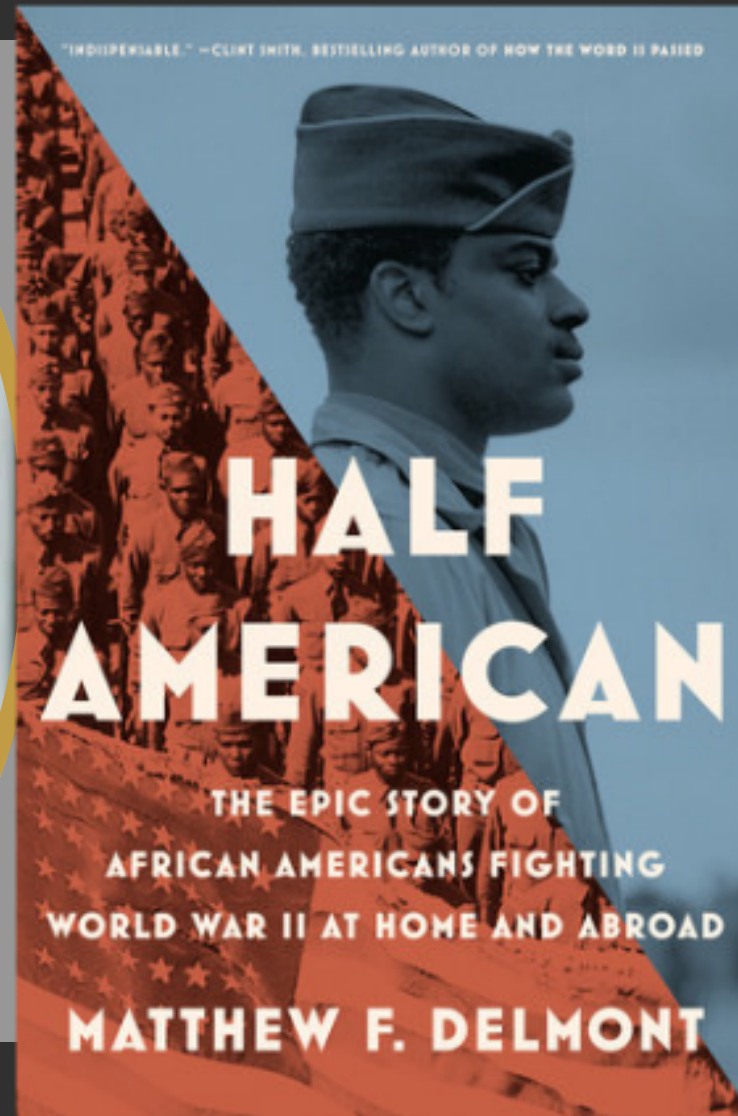


## Learn about the books





# Dr. Matthew Delmont



Expert on African  
American history and  
author of *Half American*



**Audience takeaways:** Stories of hidden figures in Black American History and unsung heroes in military history, new knowledge of Juneteenth, WWII, and the promise and potential of America for its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

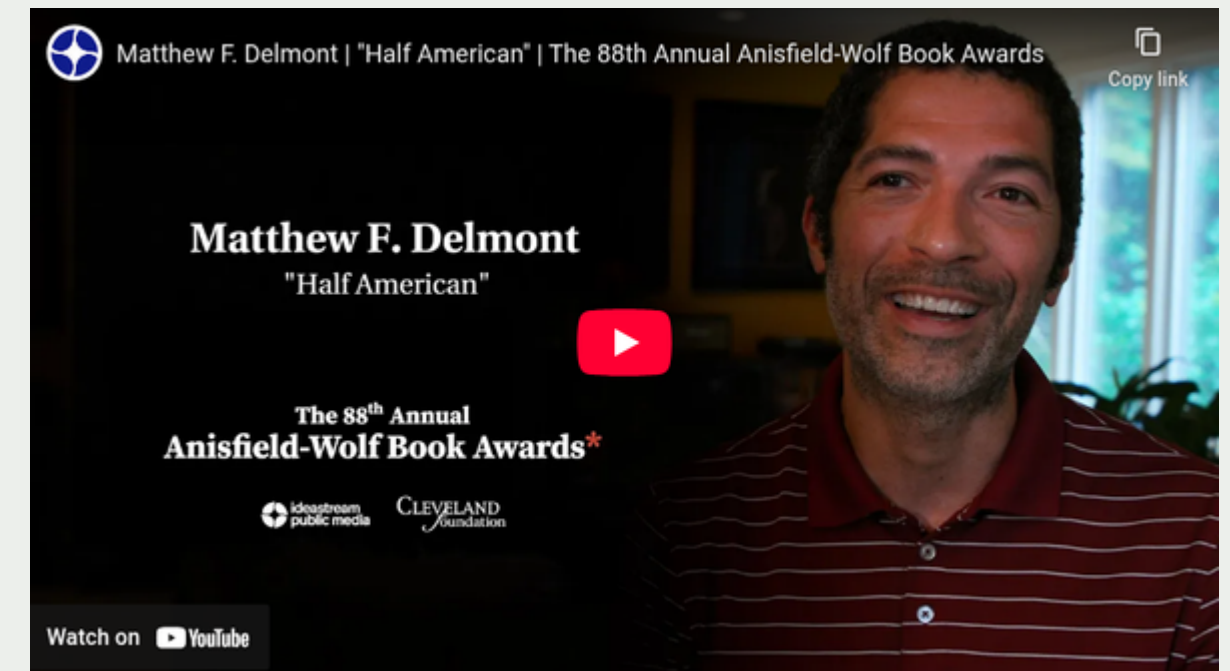


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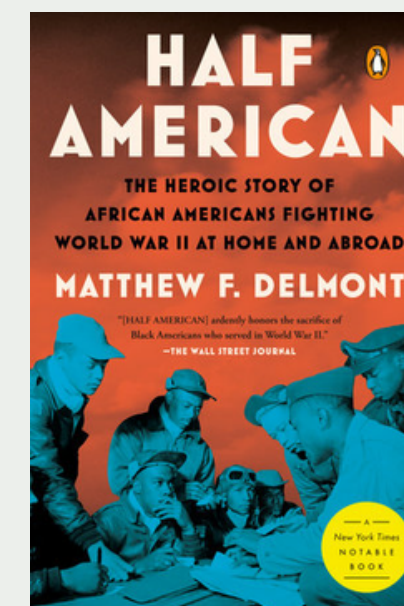
A Guggenheim Fellow and Sherman Fairchild Distinguished Professor of History at Dartmouth College, Dr. Matthew Delmont is an expert on American history, Black American history, and the civil rights movement.

In his passionate and engaging lectures, Dr. Delmont speaks on social justice, diversity and inclusivity, and the history and current significance of World War II, Black History Month, and Juneteenth.

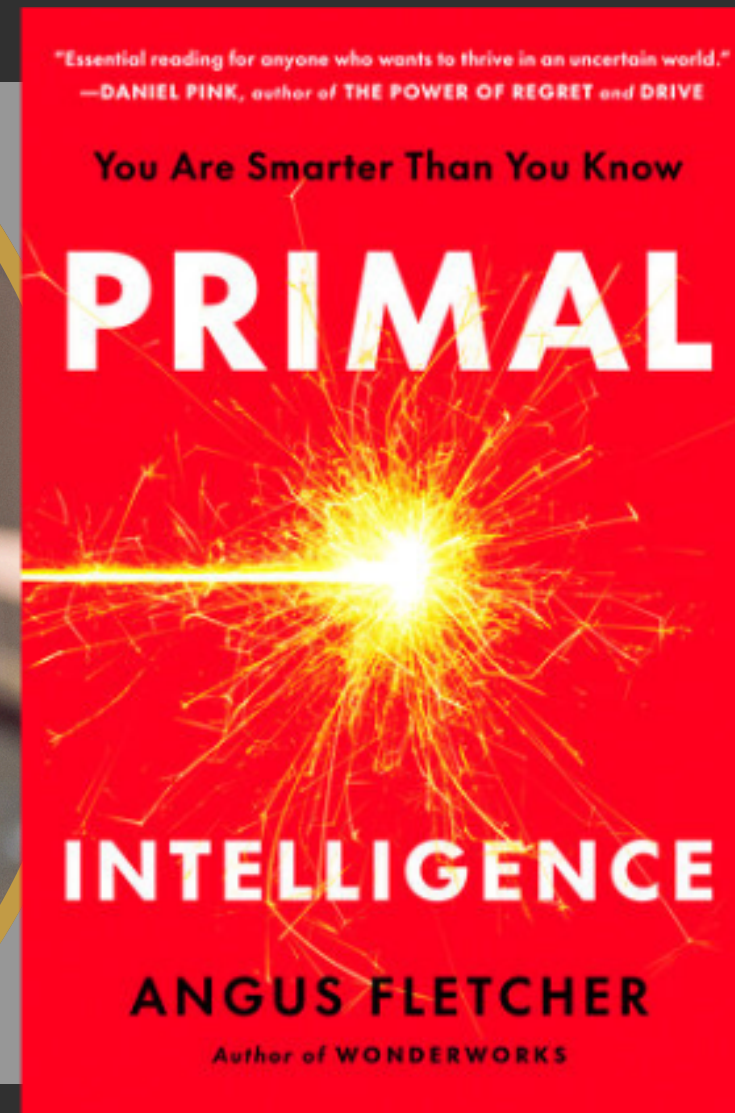
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## Learn about the book



# Angus Fletcher



Professor of story  
science and author of  
*Primal Intelligence*



**Audience takeaways:** Riveting insights on leadership, neuroscience, human storytelling, and AI.



# Angus Fletcher

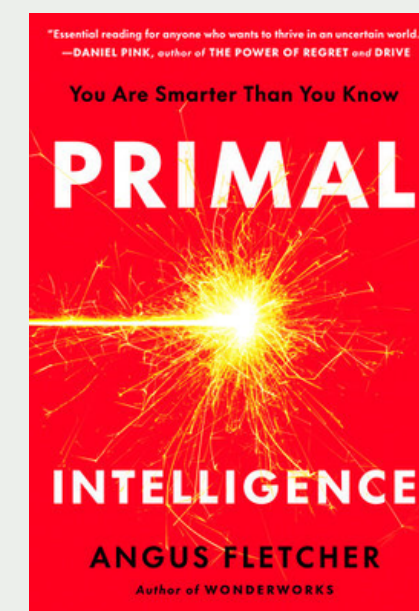
Angus Fletcher is a professor at Ohio State University's Project Narrative who brings a unique blend of storytelling, neuroscience, and innovation to the stage. His work has been praised by thought leaders such as Malcolm Gladwell ("mind-blowing") and Brené Brown ("life-changing") and endorsed by institutions including NASA and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

In his book, *Primal Intelligence*, Fletcher shares groundbreaking insights into how intuition, imagination, emotion, and commonsense are the true innovation and growth drivers in the age of AI.

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## Learn about the book



# Carlotta Walls LaNier



Youngest of the Little Rock Nine, civil rights advocate, National Women's Hall of Fame inductee



**Audience takeaways:** Stories from a living legend, a key protagonist in one of the most gripping watershed moments of the Civil Rights Movement.



# Carlotta Walls LaNier

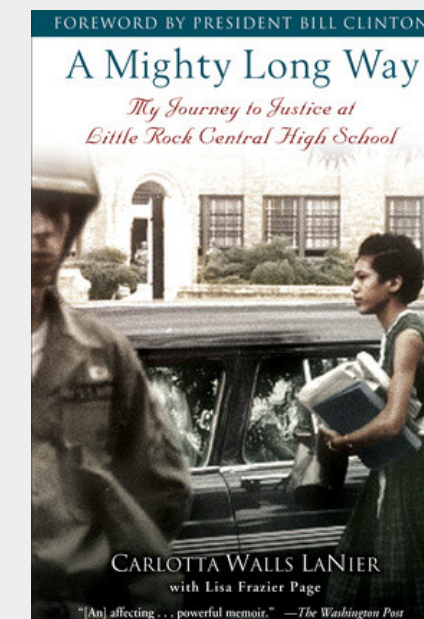
Civil rights icon and National Women's Hall of Fame inductee Carlotta Walls LaNier motivates audiences with her personal story of perseverance and strength.

Whether in-person or virtual, Ms. LaNier brings to life a moment in history that changed the world while inspiring hope for the future to college students, business leaders, educators, and church groups.

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