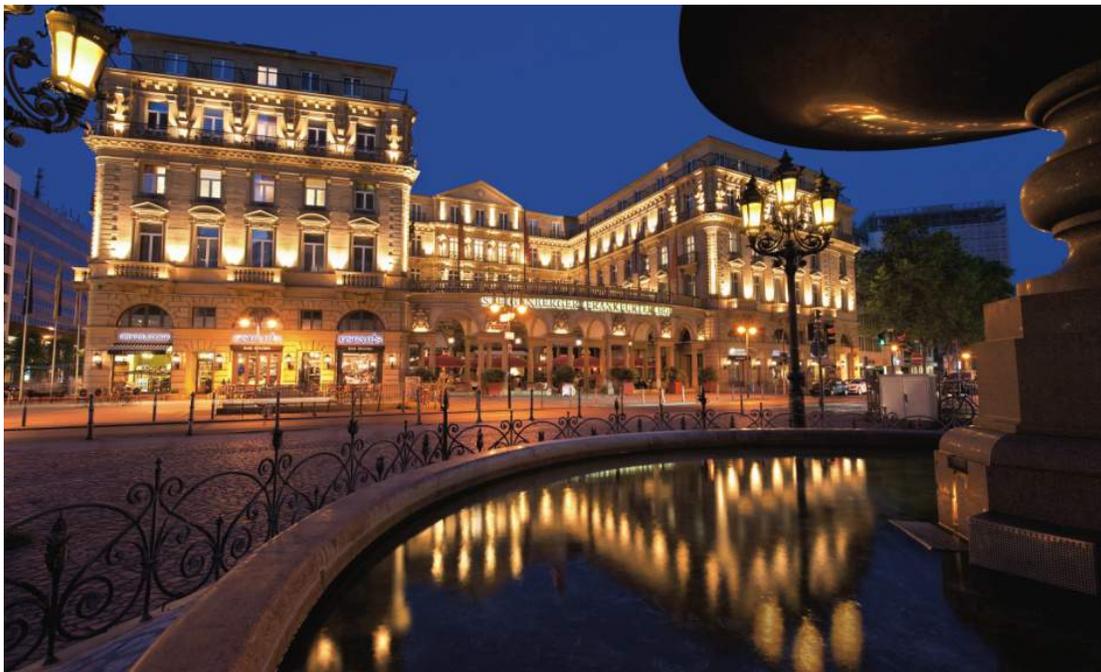


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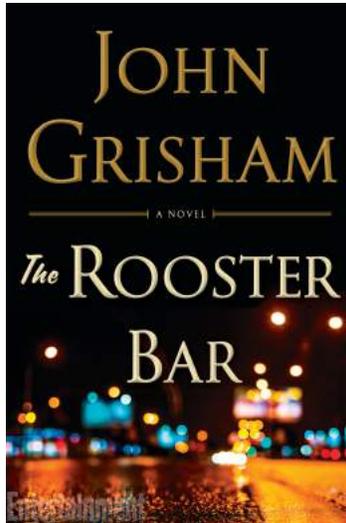


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# JOHN GRISHAM

#1 *New York Times* bestseller • Published in 40 languages • 375+ million books in print



24 October 2017

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author John Grisham's newest legal thriller takes you inside a law firm that's on shaky ground.

Mark, Todd, and Zola came to law school to change the world, to make it a better place. But now, as third-year students, these close friends realize they have been duped. They all borrowed heavily to attend a third-tier, for-profit law school so mediocre that its graduates rarely pass the bar exam, let alone get good jobs. And when they learn that their school is one of a chain owned by a shady New York hedge-fund operator who also happens to own a bank specializing in student loans, the three know they have been caught up in The Great Law School Scam.

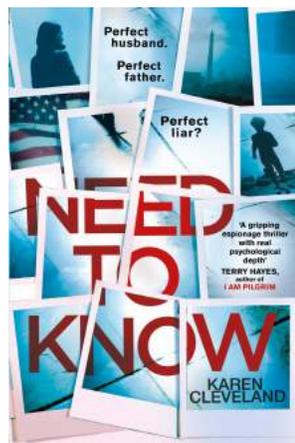
But maybe there's a way out. Maybe there's a way to escape their crushing debt, expose the bank and the scam, and make a few bucks in the process. But to do so, they would first have to quit school. And leaving law school a few short months before graduation would be completely crazy, right? Well, yes and no . . .

Pull up a stool, grab a cold one, and get ready to spend some time at *The Rooster Bar*.

**John Grisham** is the author of thirty-one novels, one work of nonfiction, a collection of stories, and six novels for young readers. He lives in Virginia and Mississippi.

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## fiction



### Karen Cleveland, **NEED TO KNOW**

*In pursuit of a Russian sleeper cell on American soil, a CIA analyst uncovers a dangerous secret that will test her loyalty to the agency—and to her family.*

Psychological suspense

**Publisher:** Ballantine (US) – January 23, 2018 / Transworld (UK) – January 25, 2018  
**Editor:** Kate Miciak / Sarah Adams  
**Agent:** David Gernert  
**Material:** Advanced Readers Copies

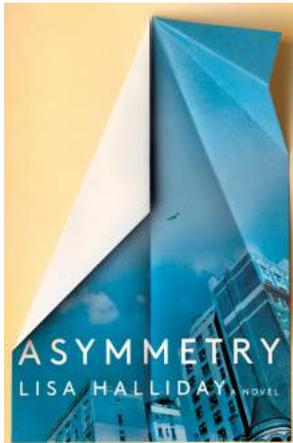
**North American rights to Ballantine in a seven-figure pre-empt for two books •  
Film rights to Universal (with Charlize Theron attached) for seven figures •  
24 foreign deals with auctions and pre-empts around the globe • Super lead title**

- “Prediction: If you read chapter one, you’ll read chapter two. If you read chapter two, you’ll miss dinner, stay up far too late, and feel tired at work tomorrow. This is that kind of book. Superb.”—**Lee Child**
- “Karen Cleveland is the real deal—an exciting new voice in thrillers. Scarpetta would call her friend.”—**Patricia Cornwell, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**
- “Heart-poundingly suspenseful and heart-wrenchingly insightful, *NEED TO KNOW* hums with authentic detail, crisp storytelling, and characters that will long stay in your thoughts. A gripping thriller with real psychological depth.” —**JP Delaney, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girl Before***
- “Hold on tight! What a story, brilliantly told. An espionage thriller from deep within the heart of the CIA, told from a woman’s point of view. More modern than tomorrow. Absolutely gripping.” —**Terry Hayes, *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Am Pilgrim***

*Perfect husband. Perfect father. Perfect liar?* A debut novel that’s impossible to describe without spoilers. #NeedtoKnowBook. [www.karen-cleveland.com](http://www.karen-cleveland.com).

*Karen Cleveland* spent eight years as a CIA analyst, the last six in counterterrorism. She has master’s degrees from Trinity College Dublin, where she studied as a Fulbright Scholar, and from Harvard University. She lives in northern Virginia with her husband and two young kids.

- *Sold to:* Transworld (UK & BC), BTB (Germany), DeA Planeta Libri (Italy), Planeta (World Spanish), Columna (Catalan), Laffont (France), Bruna (Netherlands), Norstedts (Sweden), Hr. Ferdinand (Denmark), Gyldendal Norsk (Norway), Gummerus (Finland), Planeta (Portugal), Planeta (Brazil), Obsidian (Bulgaria), Vulkan (Serbia), Agave Konyvek (Hungary), China South Booky (China), Foksal (Poland), Modan (Israel), Epsilon (Turkey), Ranok (Ukraine), Hayakawa (Japan), Albatros (Czech), Albatros (Slovak)



## **Lisa Halliday, ASYMMETRY**

*A singularly inventive and unforgettable debut novel about love, luck, and the inextricability of life and art*

Literary fiction

**Publisher:** Simon & Schuster (US) – February 6, 2018 / Granta (UK&BC) – March 1, 2018  
**Editor:** Ira Silverberg / Bella Lacey  
**Agent:** Chris Parris-Lamb  
**Material:** 2<sup>nd</sup> pass pages

**US rights sold to S&S in a two-book deal, at auction • 8 Foreign Deals •  
UK & BC rights to Granta at auction • Halliday is a 2017 Whiting Award winner**

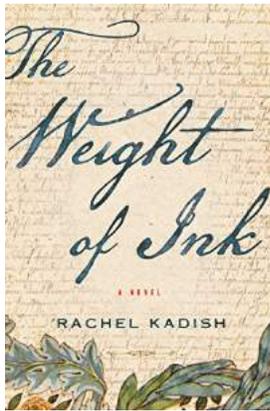
The Whiting Award citation calls ASYMMETRY “impossible to put down, and to pin down.”

In the first section, “Folly,” we follow Alice, a young editor who lives in New York City and who falls into a tender and surprising relationship with the famous and much older writer Ezra Blazer that lasts into the early years of the Iraq War. The second section, “Madness” is narrated by Amar, an Iraqi-American man who, on his way to visit his brother in Kurdistan, is detained by immigration officers and spends the last weekend of 2008 in a holding room in Heathrow. In dazzling prose and with acute insight, Halliday presents these seemingly disparate yet equally page-turning narratives, which build in resonance as their perspectives overlap and converge in a deft and unexpected third section.

A stunning debut from a rising literary star, ASYMMETRY explores the imbalances that spark and sustain many of our most dramatic human relations: inequities in age, power, talent, wealth, fame, geography, and justice. It is also an urgent and truly original novel that poses arresting questions about the very nature of fiction itself.

*Lisa Halliday* grew up in Medfield, Massachusetts and currently lives in Milan, Italy. Her work has appeared in *The Paris Review* and she is the recipient of a 2017 Whiting Award for Fiction. Lisa was an agent at The Wylie Agency and *Asymmetry* is her first novel.

- **Sold to:** Granta (UK & BC), Gallimard (France), Atlas-Contact (Netherlands), Hanser (Germany), Feltrinelli (Italy), Alfaguara (Spain), Politikens Forlag (Denmark), Domingo (Turkey)



## Rachel Kadish, **THE WEIGHT OF INK**

*An intellectual and emotional jigsaw puzzle of a novel for readers of A.S. Byatt's POSSESSION and Geraldine Brooks' PEOPLE OF THE BOOK.*

Literary fiction

**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - June 6, 2017 (*World English rights*)  
**Editor:** Lauren Wein  
**Agent:** Sarah Burnes  
**Material:** Finished books

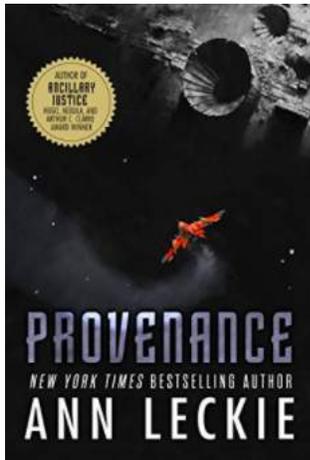
### **An Amazon Best Book of the Month • More than 30,000 copies in print**

- “This astonishing third novel from Kadish introduces readers to the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Anglo-Jewish world with not only excellent scholarship but also fine storytelling. The riveting narrative and well-honed characters will earn a place in readers’ hearts.” —*Library Journal*, **starred review** ★
- “A gifted writer, astonishingly adept at nuance, narration, and the politics of passion.” - **Toni Morrison, Nobel and Pulitzer Prize Winning Author**
- “An unforgettable quest... Kadish’s characters are memorable, and we’re treated to a host of them...From Shakespeare’s Dark Lady to Spinoza’s philosophical heresies, Kadish leaves no stone unturned in this moving historical epic. Chock-full of rich detail and literary intrigue.” —*Kirkus Reviews*
- “Full of suspense, surprises and characters we care passionately about. A beautiful, intelligent and utterly absorbing novel.”—**Margot Livesey, author of Mercury**
- “Rarely have I read a contemporary novel that so immersed me in its world and drew me so deeply into the lives of its characters. Rachel Kadish is a brilliant story-teller, with a mystery writer’s instinct for pacing and a willingness to take on the largest human questions. *The Weight of Ink* is astonishing.” — **Carol Gilligan, author of *Joining The Resistance***

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history. Electrifying and ambitious, sweeping in scope yet intimate in tone, *The Weight of Ink* is a sophisticated work of historical fiction about women separated by centuries, and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order reconcile the life of the heart and mind.

Rachel Kadish is the author, most recently, of the novel *Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story*. Among her many honors are a Koret Award, a Pushcart Prize, and citations in the 1997 and 2003 editions of *The Best American Short Stories*. Her work has been published in *Zoetrope: All-Story* and *Tin House* among many others. Kadish, a graduate of Princeton University, earned her MA in fiction writing at New York University. She lives in Newtonville, Massachusetts.

- *Sold to:* Neri Pozza (Italy), Host (Czech Republic), Luitingh Sijthoff (The Netherlands)



## Ann Leckie, **PROVENANCE**

*Following her record-breaking debut trilogy, Ann Leckie, winner of the Hugo, Nebula, Arthur C. Clarke and Locus Awards, returns with an enthralling new novel of power, theft, privilege and birthright.*

Science Fiction

**Publisher:** Orbit – September 26, 2017 (*World English rights*)  
**Editor:** Will Hinton  
**Agent:** Seth Fishman  
**Material:** Final pages

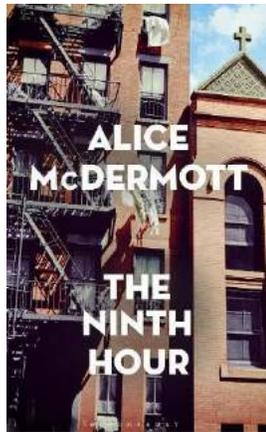
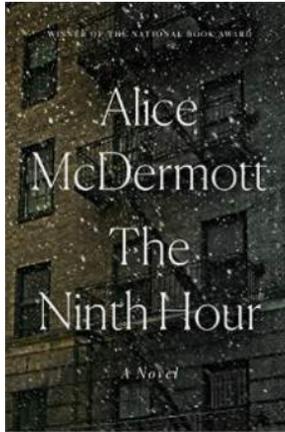
**The new SciFi novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Imperial Radch trilogy • More than 300,000 copies sold worldwide • 15 option publishers • Ann Leckie is the winner of the Hugo, Nebula, Arthur C. Clarke and Locus Awards**

- "The intricacies and oddities are a delight . . . A thrill for fans of heists and capers."  
— ***Washington Post***
- "A perfect follow-up to the trilogy . . . Should please those who like tea with their space opera." —***The New York Times***
- "Character-centered space opera from one of SF's brightest stars."—***Library Journal***

Following her record-breaking debut trilogy, Ann Leckie, winner of the Hugo, Nebula, Arthur C. Clarke and Locus Awards, returns with an enthralling new novel of power, theft, privilege and birthright. A power-driven young woman has just one chance to secure the status she craves and regain priceless lost artifacts prized by her people. She must free their thief from a prison planet from which no one has ever returned. Ingray and her charge will return to her home world to find their planet in political turmoil, at the heart of an escalating interstellar conflict. Together, they must make a new plan to salvage Ingray's future, her family, and her world, before they are lost to her for good.

Ann Leckie is the author of the Hugo, Nebula, Arthur C. Clarke, and British Science Fiction Award-winning novel *Ancillary Justice*, and its sequels *Ancillary Sword* and *Ancillary Mercy*. [www.annleckie.com](http://www.annleckie.com)

- **Sold to:** Editions J'ai Lu (France), Ithaki Yayinlari (Turkey)
- **Option publishers:** Orbit (UK&BC), Heyne (Germany), Muza (Poland), Ediciones B (Spain), Luitingh Sijthoff (Netherlands), SiAl (Israel), Gabo (Hungary), Tokyo Sogensha (Japan), Fantastika (Russia), Albatros Media (Czech), Editora Aleph (Brazil), Varrak (Estonia), Shanghai Dook (China)



## Alice McDermott, *THE NINTH HOUR*

*A novel by the National Book Award winner that Publishers Weekly calls “an immense, brilliant novel about the limits of faith, the power of sacrifice, and the cost of forgiveness.”*

Literary fiction

**Publisher:** FSG (US) – September 19, 2017 / Bloomsbury (UK) – October 19, 2017  
**Editor:** Jonathan Galassi  
**Agent:** Sarah Burnes  
**Material:** Finished books

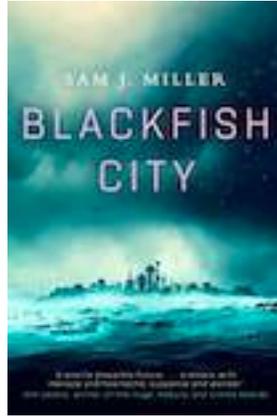
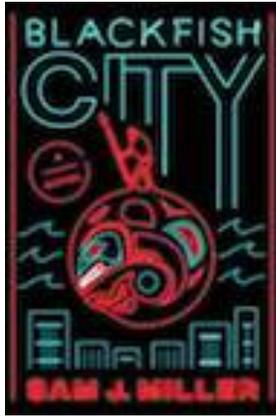
**The new novel from the *NYT* bestselling and National Book Award winning author • One of Publishers Weekly Top 10 Literary Fiction Picks for Fall 2017 • Starred reviews from *Booklist*, *Kirkus* and *Publishers Weekly* • Film rights sold to Scott Rudin Productions**

- “Like Alice Munro, McDermott is profoundly observant and mischievously witty, a sensitive and consummate illuminator of the realization of the self, the ravages of illness and loss, and the radiance of generosity.” —**Donna Seaman, *Booklist*, starred review ★**
- “Everything that her readers, the National Book Award committee, and the Pulitzer Prize judges love about McDermott’s stories of Irish-Catholic American life is back.” —***Kirkus Reviews*, starred review ★**
- “National Book Award winner McDermott (*Someone*) delivers an immense, brilliant novel about the limits of faith, the power of sacrifice, and the cost of forgiveness.” —***Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★**
- “National Book Award winner McDermott is simply one of the finest living Catholic writers. A generational novel sure to appeal to longtime McDermott fans, and to bring in new readers as well.” —***The Millions’ Most Anticipated: The Great Second Half 2017 Book Preview***

On a dim winter afternoon, a young Irish immigrant opens the gas taps in his Brooklyn tenement. He is determined to prove—to the subway bosses who have recently fired him, to his badgering pregnant wife—“that the hours of his life belong to himself alone.” In the aftermath of the fire that follows, Sister St. Savior, an aging nun and Little Sister of the Sick Poor, appears, unbidden, to direct the way forward for his widow and his unborn child. In Catholic Brooklyn in the early part of the twentieth century, decorum, superstition, and shame collude to erase the man’s brief existence, and yet his suicide, although never spoken of, reverberates through many lives—testing the limits and the demands of love and sacrifice, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, even through multiple generations.

*Alice McDermott* is the author of six previous novels, including *After This*; *Child of My Heart*; *Charming Billy*, winner of the 1998 National Book Award; *At Weddings and Wakes*; *That Night*; and *Someone*. *That Night*, *At Weddings and Wakes*, and *After This* were all finalists for the Pulitzer Prize. She is the Richard A. Macksey Professor of the Humanities at Johns Hopkins University.

- *Sold to:* Bloomsbury (UK & BC), La Table Ronde (France), Libros del Asteroide (Spain), Editorial Minuscula (Catalan)



## Sam Miller, **BLACKFISH CITY**

*A remarkably urgent—and ultimately very hopeful—SciFi novel about political corruption, organized crime, and technology run amok from a Shirley Jackson Award winner.*

Science Fiction

**Publisher:** Ecco (US) – April 17, 2018 / Orbit (UK) – April 19, 2018  
**Editor:** Zack Wagman  
**Agent:** Seth Fishman  
**Material:** Advanced Readers Copies

- “Miller gives us an incisive and beautifully written story of love, revenge, and the power (and failure) of family in a scarily plausible future. *Blackfish City* simmers with menace and heartache, suspense and wonder. Plus, it has lots of action and a great cast of characters. Not to mention an orca and a polar bear!” —**Ann Leckie, *New York Times* bestselling author and winner of the Hugo, Nebula, and Clarke Awards**

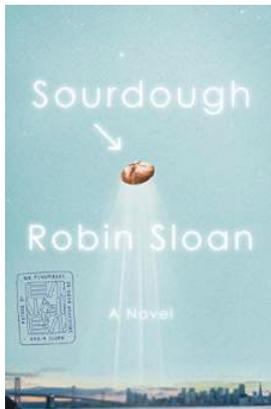
After the climate wars, a floating city is constructed in the Arctic Circle, a remarkable feat of mechanical and social engineering, complete with geothermal heating and sustainable energy. The city’s denizens have become accustomed to a roughshod new way of living, however, the city is starting to fray along the edges—crime and corruption have set in, the contradictions of incredible wealth alongside direst poverty are spawning unrest, and a new disease called “the breaks” is ravaging the population.

When a strange new visitor arrives—a woman riding an orca, with a polar bear at her side—the city is entranced. The “orcamancer,” as she’s known, very subtly brings together four people—each living on the periphery—to stage unprecedented acts of resistance. By banding together to save their city before it crumbles under the weight of its own decay, they will learn shocking truths about themselves.

*Blackfish City* powerfully explores the consequences of climate change, gender identity, and the unifying power of human connection.

*Sam Miller’s* work has been nominated for the Nebula Award and Theodore Sturgeon Award and he has won the Shirley Jackson Award. He is a graduate of the Clarion Writers Workshop and the author of the highly-acclaimed Young Adult novel *The Art of Starving* (HarperCollins).

- *Sold to:* Orbit (UK&BC), Dobrovsky (Czech Republic)



## Robin Sloan, SOURDOUGH

*Leavened by the same infectious intelligence that made Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore such a sensation, Sourdough marks the triumphant return of a unique and beloved young writer.*

Fiction

**Publisher:** MCD (Sean McDonald's imprint at Farrar Straus & Giroux) – September 5, 2017  
**Editor:** Sean McDonald  
**Agent:** Sarah Burnes  
**Material:** Finished books

**Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore was an international bestseller with more than 500,000 copies worldwide • Amazon Best Book of September '17 • 18 city author tour**

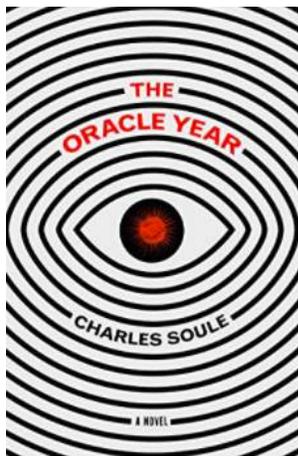
- "Filled with crisp humor and weird but endearing characters...At once a parody of startup culture and a foodie romp...[A] delight, perfect for those who like a little magic with their meals." — *Booklist*, starred review ★
- Since best-selling author Robin Sloan has already proven himself worthy in the adventure genre, he recently moved on to writing about another topic many love: food. In his second novel, Sloan serves his audience a culinary delight in "Sourdough." — *The Washington Post*
- "How many novels can boast an obstreperous sourdough starter as a key character? A delightful and heartfelt read." — *Library Journal*
- "It is a beautiful, small, sweet, quiet book. It knows as much about the strange extremes of food as 'Mr. Penumbra' did about the dark latitudes of the book community." — *National Public Radio*

Lois Clary is a software engineer at a San Francisco robotics company where she codes all day and collapses at night - her human contact limited to the two brothers who run the little neighborhood restaurant from which she orders dinner every evening. When the brothers are forced to close up shop, they have one last delivery for Lois: their culture, ie the sourdough starter used to bake their special bread. She must keep it alive, they tell her – feed it daily, play it music, and learn to bake with it. Lois is no baker, but soon, she's providing loaves daily to her company's cafeteria which eventually leads her to a secret group that fuses food and technology. A special, moving tale where Robin Sloan does for food what he's done previously (and wonderfully) for the world of books.

*Robin Sloan* grew up near Detroit and now splits his time between San Francisco and the internet. His debut novel, *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, was a winner of the Alex Award, a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for First Fiction, named a Best Book of the Year by National Public Radio, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and has been licensed in 30 languages.

[www.robinsloan.com](http://www.robinsloan.com)

- *Sold to:* Atlantic (UK&BC), Text (ANZ), Corbaccio (Italy), Blessing Verlag (Germany), Livebook (Russia), Host (Czech), Ciela (Bulgaria)



## Charles Soule, THE ORACLE YEAR

*A fast-paced debut about a man who wakes to 108 visions of specific predictions of the future, and monetizes those predictions to become the most famous person in the world —perfect for fans of Joe Hill and Brad Meltzer.*

Suspense

**Publisher:** Harper Perennial – April 3, 2018  
**Editor:** Sara Nelson  
**Agent:** Seth Fishman  
**Material:** Advanced Readers Copies

**Lead title for Harper Perennial • Film/tv deal with TomorrowStudios (*Snowpiercer*) • Seven foreign sales**

Knowledge is power. So when an unassuming Manhattan bassist named Will Dando awakens from a dream one morning with 108 predictions about the future in his head, he rapidly finds himself the most powerful man in the world. Protecting his anonymity by calling himself the Oracle, he sets up a heavily guarded Web site with the help of his friend Hamza to selectively announce his revelations. In no time, global corporations are offering him millions for exclusive access, eager to profit from his prophecies.

He's also making a lot of high-powered enemies and legions of cyber spies are unleashed to hack the Site—as it's come to be called—and the best manhunters money can buy are deployed not only to unmask the Oracle but to take him out of the game entirely. With only a handful of people he can trust, it's all Will can do to simply survive, elude exposure, and protect those he loves long enough to use his knowledge to save the world.

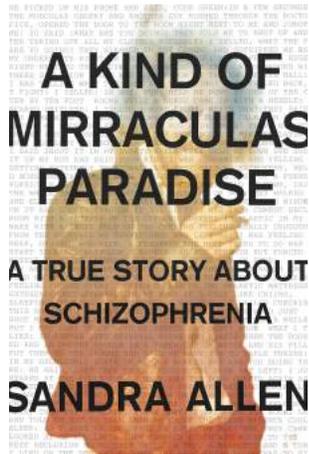
Delivering fast-paced adventure on a global scale as well as sharp-witted satire on our concepts of power and faith, Marvel writer Charles Soule's audacious debut novel takes readers on a rollicking ride where it's impossible to predict what will happen next.

*Charles Soule* is a *New York Times* bestselling author of novels, comics, screenplays and stories of all types. Learn more at [www.charlessoule.com](http://www.charlessoule.com).

- *Sold to:* Goldmann (Germany), Grijalbo (Spain), Editrice Nord (Italy), Editora Record (Brazil), AST (Russia), Euromedia (Czech Republic), Ikar (Slovak Republic)

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non-fiction



**Sandra Allen, *A KIND OF MIRACULAS PARADISE:  
A True Story About Schizophrenia***

*A uniquely powerful and utterly original portrait of a man diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia growing up in Berkeley, California in the 1960s and 70s—and a fascinating exploration of what “memoir” can mean.*

Memoir

**Publisher:** Scribner – January 23, 2018  
**Editor:** Nan Graham / Kathy Belden  
**Agent:** Chris Parris-Lamb  
**Material:** 1<sup>st</sup> pass pages

**North American rights sold to Nan Graham at Scribner in a pre-empt, for six figures.**

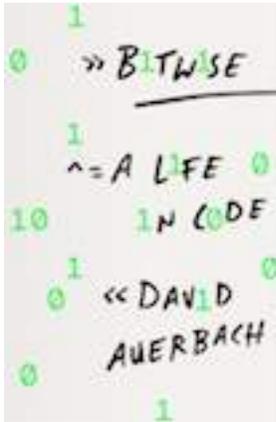
Dazzlingly, daringly written, marrying the thoughtful originality of Maggie Nelson's *The Argonauts* with the revelatory power of *Neurotribes* and *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, this propulsive, stunning book illuminates the experience of living with schizophrenia like never before.

Sandra Allen did not know her uncle Bob very well. As a child, she had been told he was “crazy,” that he had spent time in mental hospitals while growing up in Berkeley in the 60s and 70s. But Bob had lived a hermetic life in a remote part of California for longer than she had been alive, and what little she knew of him came from rare family reunions or odd, infrequent phone calls. Then in 2009 Bob mailed her his autobiography. Typewritten in all caps, a stream of error-riddled sentences over sixty, single-spaced pages, the often incomprehensible manuscript proclaimed to be a “true story” about being “labeled a psychotic paranoid schizophrenic,” and arrived with a plea to help him get his story out to the world.

In *A Kind of Mirraculas Paradise*, Allen translates her uncle’s autobiography, artfully creating a gripping coming-of-age story while sticking faithfully to the facts as he shared them. The result is a heartbreaking and sometimes hilarious portrait of a young man striving for stability in his life as well as his mind, and an utterly unique lens into an experience that, to most people, remains unimaginable.

Sandra Allen received an MFA from the University of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program. A former BuzzFeed features editor, she also co-founded the online literary magazine Wag's Revue. She lives in upstate New York and *A Kind of Mirraculas Paradise: A True Story about Schizophrenia* is her first book. [www.sandraeallen.com](http://www.sandraeallen.com)

- *Sold to:* Hollands Diep (The Netherlands), Belfond (France)



**David Auerbach, BITWISE:  
*A Life in Code***

*An exhilarating crossover between memoir and argument demonstrating how computers and algorithms shape our understanding of the world and who we are.*

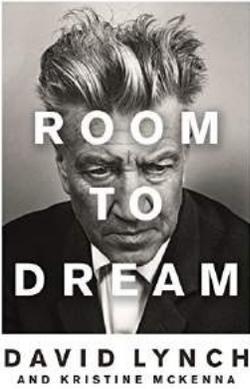
Memoir

**Publisher:** Pantheon – August 14, 2018  
**Editor:** Dan Frank  
**Agent:** Sarah Burnes  
**Material:** Edited manuscript

**A timely look at how algorithms and computers are coarsening human life from a National Magazine Award-nominated writer and software engineer.**

As we engineer ever-more intricate algorithms to translate our experiences and narrow the gap that divides us from the machine, we willingly rub out our nuances and our idiosyncrasies--precisely that which makes us human. *Bitwise* is David Auerbach's thoughtful ode to the computer codes and languages that captured his imagination as a child, and a reflection of how he's both experienced and written the algorithms that have come to taxonomize human speech, knowledge, and behavior — and compel us to do the same. With a philosopher's sense of inquiry and an engineer's eye, Auerbach recounts his childhood spent drawing ferns with the programming language Logo on the Apple IIe, his adventures in early text-based video games, his schooling as an engineer, and his contributions to instant messaging technology developed for Microsoft and then to software built to sift through Google's data stores. His unsettling conclusion — that algorithms are standardizing and coarsening our own lives — is inescapable.

*David Auerbach* is a National Magazine Award-nominated writer and software engineer. He previously worked for Google and Microsoft. He has contributed to *The Daily Beast*, *Slate*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Nation*, *n+1*, *Bookforum*, the *MIT Technology Review*, and many other publications. He lives in New York and blogs at [waggish.org](http://waggish.org).



**David Lynch and Kristine McKenna,  
ROOM TO DREAM: A Life**

*The extraordinary, highly anticipated memoir from  
visionary filmmaker David Lynch*

Autobiography/memoir

**Publisher:** Random House (US) / Canongate (UK) - April 10, 2018  
**Editor:** Ben Greenberg  
**Agent:** Chris Parris-Lamb  
**Material:** Manuscript in late 2017

**North American rights to Random House in a major deal • UK & BC rights pre-empted by Canongate for six figures • 16 foreign deals • New *Twin Peaks* series premiered in 2017 • August 2016 BBC Culture poll names *Mulholland Drive* as greatest film of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century • 40 black & white photographs chosen by David Lynch from his personal collection**

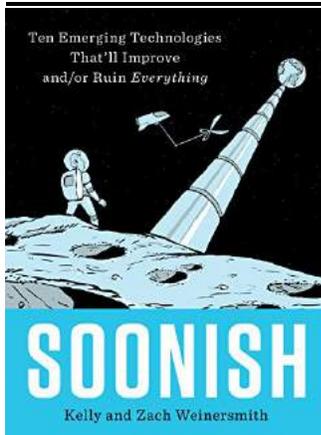
In this memoir, David Lynch, co-creator of *Twin Peaks* and writer and director of groundbreaking films like *Eraserhead*, *The Elephant Man*, *Blue Velvet* and *Mulholland Drive*, opens up about a lifetime of extraordinary creativity, the friendships he has made along the way and the struggles he has faced—sometimes successful, sometimes not—to bring his projects to fruition.

Part-memoir, part-biography, *Room to Dream* interweaves Lynch's own reflections on his life with the story of those times, as told by Kristine McKenna, drawing from extensive and explosive interviews with ninety of Lynch's friends, family members, actors, agents, musicians, and collaborators. Lynch responds to each recollection and reveals the inner story of the life behind the art.

*David Lynch* is the one of the most influential directors of the past 50 years. He has been nominated for three Academy Award nominations, and is the winner of the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival. The French government awarded him the French Legion of Honor.

*Kristine McKenna* is a journalist, critic and art curator, and the author of two collections of interviews: *The Book of Changes* and *Talk to Her*.

- **Sold to:** Canongate (UK & BC), Heyne (Germany), Mondadori (Italy), Gads Forlag (Denmark), LIKE (Finland), Paseka (Czech Republic), Lattes (France), PRH Grupo Editorial (Spain), ROPI (Greece), Record (Brazil), 20/20 Editora (Portugal), Beijing Imaginist (China), OpenHouse (Korea), Eksmo (Russia), China Times (Taiwan), Polaris (Sweden)



## Kelly and Zach Weinersmith, *SOONISH: Ten Emerging Technologies That'll Improve and/or Ruin Everything*

*From a top scientist and the creator of the popular webcomic Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal, a hilariously illustrated investigation into future technologies.*

Popular science

**Publisher:** Penguin Press – October 17, 2017 / Penguin Press (UK) – October 17, 2017  
**Editor:** Ginny Smith-Younce  
**Agent:** Seth Fishman  
**Material:** Final pages

**Shot to #1 on Amazon when pub date was announced on Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal**  
• Eleven foreign deals •

**More than 17,000 pre-orders via Kickstarter and other creative pre-publication marketing**

- "The Weinersmiths deliver a fascinating look at the most provocative and promising research going on today and how it could alter the way we work and live." — **Publishers Weekly, starred review ★**
- Popular-science writing has rarely been so whip-smart, captivating, or hilarious (albeit occasionally terrifying)." — **Booklist, starred review ★**
- "Soonish will make you laugh and—without you even realizing it—give you insight into the most ambitious technological feats of our time. You should read this book, sooner than soonish." — **Alexis Ohanian, cofounder of Reddit**
- "I love this book so much I 3D printed myself a second heart so I could love it more." — **Dr. Phil Plait, astronomer, author, writer of the Bad Astronomy Blog**

In this smart and funny book, celebrated cartoonist Zach Weinersmith and noted researcher Dr. Kelly Weinersmith give us a snapshot of what's coming next—from robot swarms to nuclear fusion powered-toasters to space elevators to robotic construction. By weaving their own research, interviews with the scientists who are making these advances happen, and Zach's trademark comics, the Weinersmiths investigate why these technologies are needed, how they would work, and what is standing in their way.

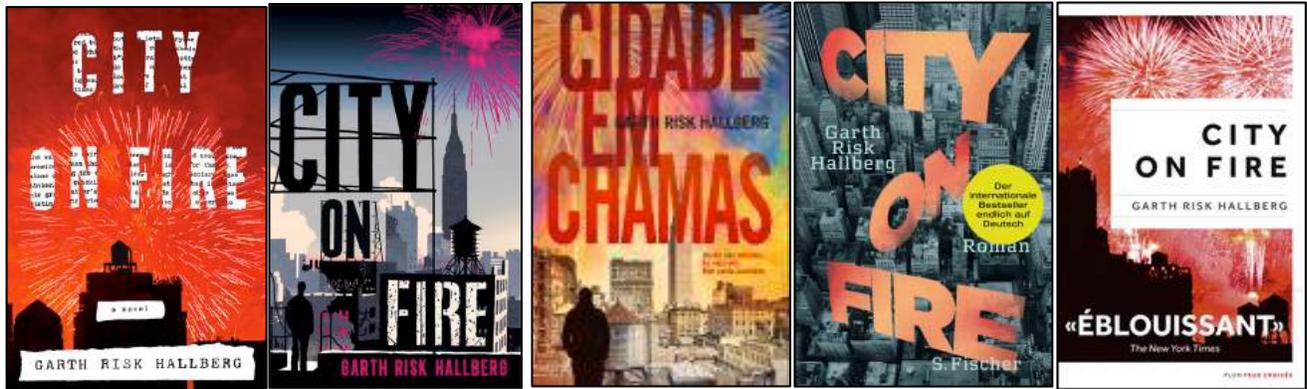
*Dr. Kelly Weinersmith* is Adjunct Faculty in the BioSciences Department at Rice University, where she studies parasites that manipulate the behavior of their hosts. A respected researcher, she cohosts Science...Sort Of, which is one of the top 20 natural science podcasts. Her work has been featured in *The Atlantic*, *Science*, and *Nature*.

*Zach Weinersmith* is the cartoonist behind the popular geek webcomic Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal. His work has been featured in *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Slate*, *Forbes*, *Boingboing*, the *Freakonomics* Blog, the *RadioLab* blog, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Mother Jones*, *CNN*, and more. <http://smbc-comics.com/soonish/>

- **Sold to:** Penguin Press UK (UK & BC), Carl Hanser Verlag (Germany), Hunan Science and Technology Press (China), Sigongsa Co. (Korea), Atticus-Azbooka (Russia), Arab Scientific (Arabic), Intrinseca (Brazil), Commonwealth (Taiwan), Kagaku-Dojin (Japan), Domingo (Turkey), Insignis (Poland)

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Garth Risk Hallberg, CITY ON FIRE

Publisher: Knopf, October 2015

Agent: Chris Parris-Lamb

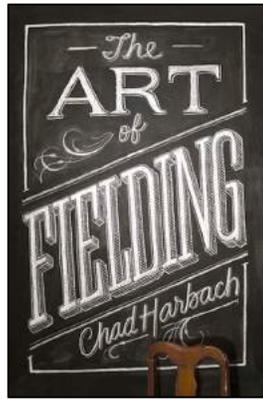
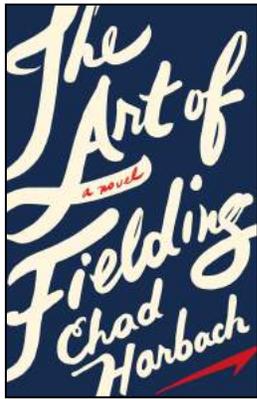
International Bestseller in France, Germany, Denmark, Greece & Italy • *New York Times* Bestseller •

18 foreign sales • Dramatic rights optioned by Scott Rudin in a six-figure pre-empt

- “A novel of head-snapping ambition and heart-stopping power.” —**Michiko Kakutani, *New York Times***
- “A remarkably assured, multivalent tale...At times the novel feels like a meta-fictional tribute to America’s finest doorstop manufacturers, circa 1970 to the present: Price (street-wise cops), Wolfe (top-tier wealth), Franzen (busted families), Wallace (the seductions of drugs and pop culture), and DeLillo (the unseen forces behind everything).” — **Kirkus (starred review) ★**
- “The kind of exuberant, zeitgeisty New York novel, like *Bonfire of the Vanities* or *The Goldfinch*, that you’ll either love, hate, or pretend to have read.” —**Vogue**
- “A soaring debut. ... [a] magisterial epic.” —**Vanity Fair**
- “Garth Risk Hallberg has written the kind of debut novel that only comes around once every 20 years or so—one that everyone who’s read it roots for.” —**Elle magazine**
- “Dickensian, massively entertaining, as close to a great American novel as this century has produced.” —**Stephen King**

Garth Risk Hallberg was born in Louisiana and grew up in North Carolina. His writing has appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *The New York Times*, *Best New American Voices 2008*, and, most frequently, *The Millions*; a novella, *A Field Guide to the North American Family*, was published in 2007. He lives in New York with his wife and children.

- **Sold to:** Jonathan Cape (UK & BC), S. Fischer Verlag (Germany), Mondadori (Italy), Feux Croisés (France), Literatura Random House (World Spanish), Atlas Contact (Netherlands), Lindhardt & Ringhof (Denmark), Cappelen Damm (Norway), Companhia das Letras (Brazil), Modan (Israel), Dom Quixote (Portugal), Kedros (Greece), Nakladatelstvi Prah (Czech Republic), Brombergs Bokforlag (Sweden), Europa Kiado (Hungary), Pegasus Yayinlari (Turkey), Znak (Poland), United Sky (China)



**Chad Harbach, THE ART OF FIELDING**

*Publisher:* Little, Brown, September 2011

*Agent:* Chris Parris-Lamb

**\*\* INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER \*\***

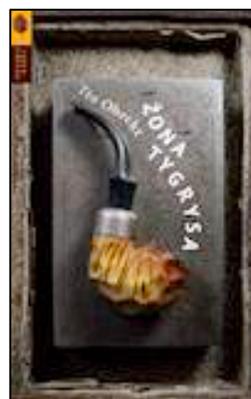
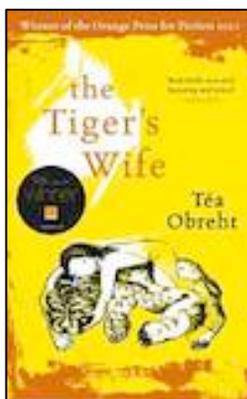
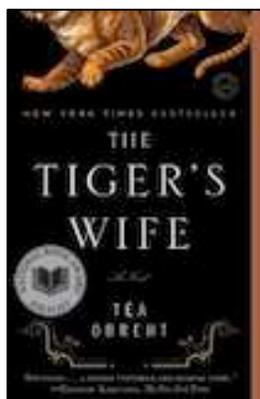
**After weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller List, more than 500,000 US copies sold Amazon's #1 pick of 2011 • UK and Dutch bestseller • Chosen for 30 Best Of lists • Television rights under development with SundanceTV and Todd Field (*In the Bedroom*) producing**

- "A magical, melancholy story about friendship and coming of age that marks the debut of an immensely talented writer." —**Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times***
- "The Novel of the Year" — **GQ**
- Rave reviews in ***The New York Times, Booklist, NPR, The Chicago Tribune, Vogue, The New Yorker, The Sunday Times, The Daily Telegraph*** and many more.
- Quotes from **Jonathan Franzen, John Irving, Jay McInerney, Benjamin Kunkel, Tea Obreht** and more.

At Westish College, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, this is an unforgettable debut.

*Chad Harbach* grew up in Wisconsin and was educated at Harvard and the University of Virginia. He is a cofounder and coeditor of *n+1*.

- **Sold to:** Fourth Estate (UK & BC), De Bezige Bij (the Netherlands), Hayakawa (Japan), Dumont (Germany), Rizzoli (Italy), Lattes (France), Salamandra (World Spanish), Columna Edicions (Catalan), Sigongsa (Korean), Civilização Editora (Portugal), Intrinseca (Brazil), Norstedts (Sweden), Cartaphilus (Hungary), Gyldendal (Norway), Mozaik (Croatia), China Times (Taiwan), Politikens (Denmark), Otava (Finland), Mladinska Knjiga Založba (Slovene), Kinneret (Israel)



**Téa Obreht, THE TIGER'S WIFE**

*Publisher:* Random House, March 2011

*Agent:* Seth Fishman

**International Bestseller  
More than 1.5 million copies in print**

**The youngest of *New Yorker's* Top 20 Under 40 • A National Book Foundation's 5 Under 35 •  
One of *Waterstones'* 11 best debut novels of 2011 • Cover of the *New York Times Book Review* •  
#1 Indie Bestseller • *New York Times* Hardcover & Paperback Bestseller • 2011 Orange Prize Winner**

Set in present day in a Balkan country ravaged by years of conflict, Natalia, a young doctor, receives word of her beloved grandfather's death under strange circumstances. As she searches for the truth behind his death, she stumbles across the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife. An involving mystery, an emotionally riveting family story, and a wondrous evocation of an unfamiliar world, THE TIGER'S WIFE is a brilliant novel.

*Téa Obreht* was born in Belgrade in the former Yugoslavia in 1985 and has lived in the United States since the age of twelve. Her writing has appeared in *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*, and is forthcoming in *The Best American Short Stories* and *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*.

- *Sold to:* Weidenfeld & Nicholson (UK&BC), RHM (Spanish), Kinneret (Israel), Presença (Portugal) Signatuur (the Netherlands), Leya (Brazil), Hyundae Munhak (Korea), Rowohlt (Germany), Rizzoli (Italy), Bonniers (Sweden), Calmann Levy (France), Gyldendal (Denmark), Angle (Catalan), Schibsted (Norway), Siren (Turkey), Algoritam (Croatia), Yilin (China), China Times (Taiwan), Eksmo (Russia), WSOY (Finland), Cartaphilus (Hungary), Laguna (Serbia), Pergament (Bulgaria), Patakis (Greece), Arab Scientific Publishers (Arabic – World), Argo (Czech Republic), Forlagid (Iceland), Baltos Lankos (Lithuania), Drzewo Babel (Poland), Erein (Basque), Mladinska (Slovene), RAO (Romania), Buybook (Bosnia), Matica (Macedonia), Shinchosha (Japan), Fortuna (Slovak), Morava (Albania)

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### Sylvain Neuvel, *The Themis Files*

**Publisher:** Del Rey (US) – April 2017 / Michael Joseph (UK) – April 2017

**Agent:** Seth Fishman

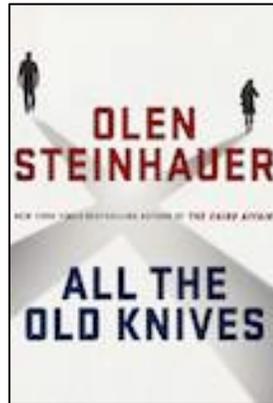
**North American rights sold at auction in a strong six-figure deal • More than 60,000 copies sold of SLEEPING GIANTS • 20 foreign publishers for the series • WAKING GODS will complete the trilogy**

- "A brazen fusion of science fiction and apocalyptic thriller ... Pure, unadulterated literary escapism featuring giant killer robots and the looming end of humankind. In a word: unputdownable." –*Kirkus* (starred review) ★

As a child, Rose Franklin made an astonishing discovery: a giant metallic hand, buried deep within the earth. As an adult, she's dedicated her brilliant scientific career to solving the mystery that began that fateful day: Why was a titanic robot of unknown origin buried in pieces around the world? Years of investigation have produced intriguing answers—and even more perplexing questions. But the truth is closer now than ever before when a second robot, more massive than the first, materializes and lashes out with deadly force.

*Sylvain Neuvel* is the author of *Sleeping Giants* and *Waking Gods*. He is a linguist and translator based in Montreal. He is at work on an R2-D2 replica and his next novel. [www.neuvel.net](http://www.neuvel.net)

- **Sold to:** Michael Joseph (UK & BC), Heyne (Germany), Le Livre de Poche (France), Companhia das Letras (Brazil), Stella Maris (Spain), Pegasus (Turkey), Euromedia (Czech), Moonye (Korea), Muza (Poland), Art Grup Editorial (Romania), LIKE Publishing (Finland), Beijing Huaxia (China), Karakter (Netherlands), Agave (Hungary), Tokyo Sogensha (Japan)
- **Option publishers:** Editorial Presenca (Portugal), WeLearn (Thailand), Paikese Kirjastus (Estonia), Eksmo (Russia), Ikar (Slovak)



**Olen Steinhauer, ALL THE OLD KNIVES**

*Publisher:* Minotaur, March 2015

*Agent:* Stephanie Cabot

***New York Times* Bestseller!**

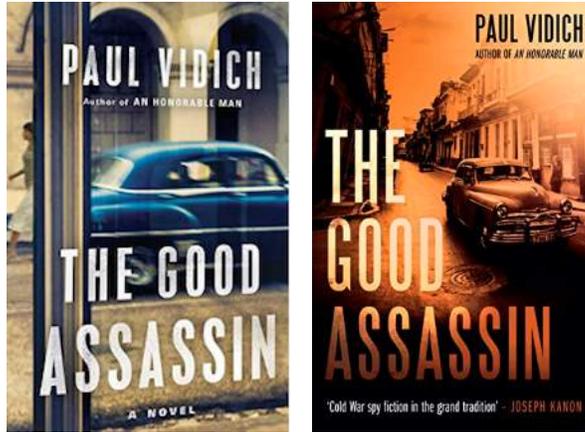
**Film rights pre-empted in a six-figure deal with Olen Steinhauer attached to write the screenplay and Neil Burger (*Divergent*) to direct • Foreign sales in twelve territories • Amazon Best Book of the Month**

- "A sneaky little gem." —*The New York Times*
- "A splendid tour-de-force." —*Washington Post*
- "Steinhauer is a very fine writer and an excellent observer of human nature, shrewd about the pleasures and perils of spying."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) ★
- "Masterfully plotted and suspenseful stand-alone." —*Kirkus* (starred review) ★
- "Takes Hitchcockian suspense to new heights."—*Library Journal* (starred review) ★
- "Delivers intrigue, suspense, and a heart-stopping finale." —*Booklist* (starred review) ★

In the idyllic town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, two ex-lovers meet for dinner. Celia, once a CIA spy, now a wife with a family, and Henry, still mired in the shadowy world of espionage in Vienna. As they relive their memories of a disastrous terrorist hijacking years ago, the motive behind this meeting remains obscured: is it to rekindle a lost romance or reignite a conspiracy? Often compared by critics to Graham Greene, Steinhauer is one of the most versatile and acclaimed writers of a generation.

*Olen Steinhauer*, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Cairo Affair* and *The Tourist*, and seven other novels, is also a two-time Edgar Award finalist. [www.olensteinhauer.com](http://www.olensteinhauer.com).

- *Sold to:* Picador (UK & BC), Blessing (Germany), Ambo/Anthos (Netherlands), Presses de la Cité (France), Piemme (Italy), Record (Brazil), Iwanami Shoten (Japan), Bertrand (Portugal), Czarna Owca (Poland), RH Korea (Korea), Euromedia (Czech Republic), WeLearn (Thai)



### Paul Vidich, **THE GOOD ASSASSIN**

*Publisher:* Emily Bestler Books (US) – April 2017 / No Exit Press (UK) – April 2017  
*Agent:* Will Roberts

- "Paul Vidich's likable and reluctant spy, George Mueller, will keep readers guessing in this eerily real Cuba of 1958. *The Good Assassin* is a keen historical adventure from the best noir tradition."--**Elizabeth Kostova, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Historian***
- "A simmering, old-fashioned literary spy tale. ... [It] evokes F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, from the opening epigraph to the denouement. The high quality of the author's prose makes this a worthy homage."--***Publishers Weekly***

Former CIA Agent George Mueller arrives in Havana in August 1958—the last months before the fall of Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista—to look into the activities of Toby Graham, a CIA officer suspected of harboring sympathies for the rebel forces fighting the unpopular Batista regime. Mueller knew Graham as an undergraduate and later they were colleagues in Berlin fighting the Soviet NKVD. Under the guise of their long acquaintance Mueller is recruited to vet rumors that Graham is putting weapons, covertly provided by the CIA to Batista, into the hands of Castro's forces. Public exposure of the CIA weapons mission, and the activity of one rogue agent, threaten to embarrass the agency.

Mueller uncovers a world of deceit as the FBI, CIA, and State Department compete to influence the outcome of the revolution in the face of the brutal dictatorship's imminent collapse. Graham, meanwhile, is troubled by the hypocrisy of a bankrupt US foreign policy, and has fallen in love with a married American woman, Liz Malone.

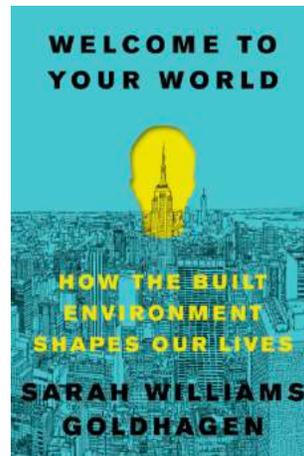
*Paul Vidich* has had a distinguished career in music and media. Most recently, he served as Special Advisor to AOL, Inc. and was Executive Vice President at the Warner Music Group, in charge of technology and global strategy. He serves on the Board of Directors of Poets & Writers and The New School for Social Research. A founder and publisher of the Storyville App, Vidich is also an award-winning author of short fiction. He is the author of *An Honorable Man*.

- *Sold to:* No Exit Press (UK & BC)

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non-fiction



**Sarah Williams Goldhagen, WELCOME TO YOUR WORLD:  
*How the Built Environment Shapes Our Lives***

*Publisher:* HarperCollins – April 11, 2017

*Agent:* Chris Parris-Lamb

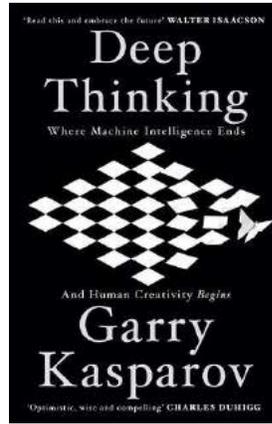
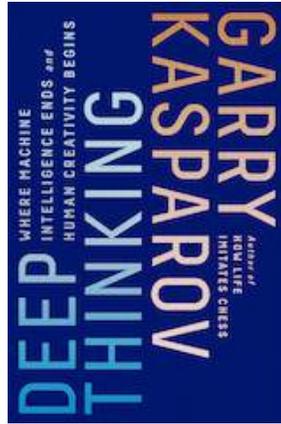
**Erudite and beautifully illustrated with more than 150 color photographs •  
Deal in China for six figures**

- "From archaic monuments to icons of contemporary architecture, Goldhagen gives us new insights on how form affects the human mind."--**Ricky Burdett, Professor of Urban Studies, London School of Economics**

Taking us on a fascinating journey through some of the world's best and worst landscapes, buildings, and cityscapes, one of the nation's chief architecture critics draws from recent research in cognitive neuroscience and psychology to demonstrate how people's experiences of the places they build are central to their well-being, their physical health, their communal and social lives, and even their very sense of themselves. From this foundation, Sarah Williams Goldhagen presents a powerful case that societies must use this knowledge to rethink what and how they build: the world needs better-designed, healthier environments that address the complex range of human individual and social needs.

*Sarah Williams Goldhagen* taught at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design for ten years, and was the *New Republic's* architecture critic until recently. Currently a contributing editor at *Architectural Record*, she is an award-winning writer who has written for many national and international publications. She lives in New York City.

- *Sold to:* Beijing Huazhang (China), Dasan (Korea), AST (Russia)



**Garry Kasparov, DEEP THINKING:  
*Where Machine Intelligence Ends and Human Creativity Begins***

**Publisher:** Public Affairs (US) – May 2, 2017 / John Murray (UK & BC) – June 1, 2017  
**Agent:** Chris Parris-Lamb

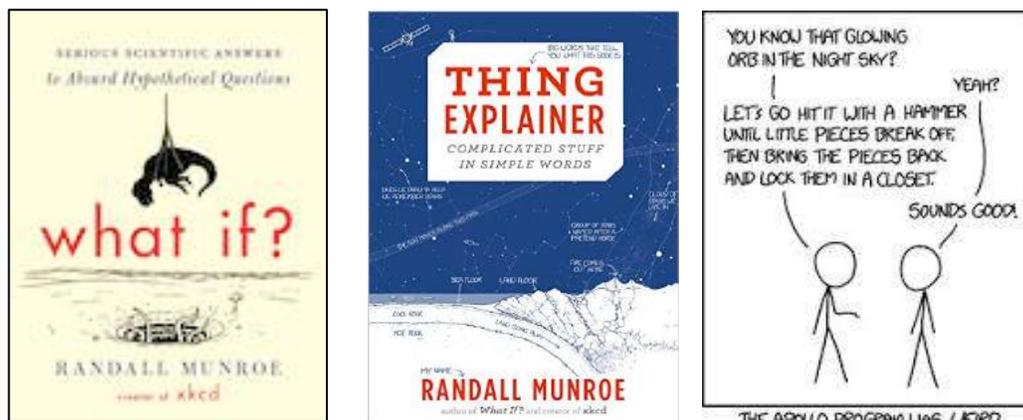
**North American rights to Public Affairs in a six-figure deal •  
Sold out events during Spring 2017 UK tour • Sunday Times Bestseller •  
May 2017 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kasparov's loss to IBM supercomputer Deep Blue**

- "Thoughtful reading for anyone interested in human and machine cognition and a must for chess fans."  
—**Kirkus Reviews (starred review) ★**
- The raw emotion of that encounter in New York bursts out of the pages of Kasparov's gripping story. This reads at times like a fast-paced psychological thriller. Chess fans will be engrossed by Kasparov's tale but the book deserves a far broader readership." —**Financial Times**
- A gripping account of an intellectual battle like no other. —**Daily Telegraph**
- "The great Garry Kasparov takes on the key economic issue of our time: how we can thrive as humans in a world of thinking machines." — **Walter Isaacson, bestselling author of *The Innovators***
- "Garry Kasparov's perspectives on artificial intelligence are borne of personal experience - and despite that, are optimistic, wise and compelling." — **Charles Duhigg, bestselling author of *Smarter Faster Better***

In May 1997, the world watched as Garry Kasparov, the greatest chess player in the world, was defeated for the first time by the IBM supercomputer Deep Blue. Machine intelligence had arrived at the point where it could best human intellect. In DEEP THINKING, Kasparov tells his side of the story for the first time—but more than that, he makes a unique contribution to the story of artificial intelligence, taking part in an urgent debate with philosophers worried about human values, programmers creating self-learning neural networks, and engineers of cutting-edge robotics. He surveys the questions facing a world that is becoming increasingly reliant on AI, making a reasoned and urgent case for why we should embrace it.

*Garry Kasparov* is a business speaker, global human rights activist, author, and former world chess champion. A frequent contributor to the *Wall Street Journal*, he is the author of two books, *How Life Imitates Chess* and *Winter is Coming*, each of which has been translated into more than a dozen languages.

- **Sold to:** John Murray (UK & BC), Alpina (Russia), Across Publishing (Korea), China Renmin (China), Nikkei Business (Japan), Pegasus (Turkey), PT Elexmedia (Indonesia), Insignis (Poland), Faces (Taiwan), Fandango Libri (Italy)



## Randall Munroe (creator of xkcd)

### WHAT IF? *Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions*

*Publisher:* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, September 2014

*Agent:* Seth Fishman

**#1 New York Times Bestseller • #1 Bestseller on Amazon • #1 Non-fiction book in the UK • #2 bestseller on *Der Spiegel* list in Germany • More than 1,000,000 copies in print worldwide**

Millions of people visit xkcd.com each week to read Munroe’s iconic webcomic. His stick-figure drawings about science, technology, language, and love have an enormous, dedicated following, as do his deeply researched answers to his fans’ strangest questions. Responses are masterpieces of clarity and wit, explaining everything from the relativistic effects of a baseball pitched at near the speed of light to the horrible ways you could die while building a periodic table out of all the actual elements.

### THING EXPLAINER: *Complicated Stuff in Simple Words*

*Publisher:* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, November 2015

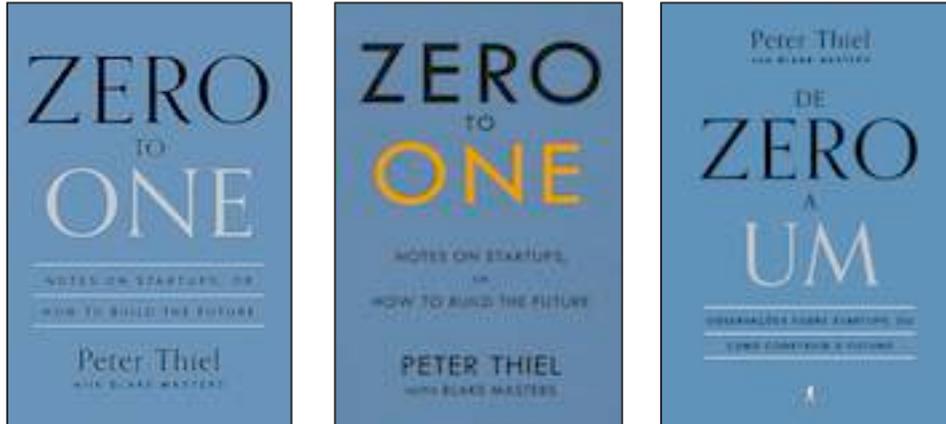
*Agent:* Seth Fishman

**#1 New York Times bestseller • North American rights sold in a seven-figure deal**

Have you ever tried to learn more about some incredible thing, only to be frustrated by incomprehensible jargon? In *Thing Explainer*, Randall uses line drawings and only the thousand (or, rather, “ten hundred”) most common words to provide simple explanations for some of the most interesting stuff both on earth and beyond. “Brilliant...a wonderful guide for curious minds.”—**Bill Gates**

*Randall Munroe*, a former NASA roboticist, is the creator of the webcomic xkcd and the author of *xkcd: volume 0*. The International Astronomical Union recently named an asteroid after him; asteroid 4942 Munroe is big enough to cause a mass extinction if it ever hits a planet like Earth.

- *Xkcd publishers:* John Murray Press (UK & BC), Knaus (Germany), Bompiani (Italy), Companhia das Letras (Brazil), Unieboek (Netherlands), Flammarion (France), Aguilar (Spain), Prah (Czech Republic), AST (Russia), Sigongsa (Korea), Hayakawa (Japan), Klidarithmos (Greece), Athenaeum (Hungary), Czarna Owca (Poland), United Sky (China), Commonwealth (Taiwan), Pegasus (Turkey), Saída de Emergência (Portugal), WSOY (Finland), WeLearn (Thailand), Heliks (Serbia), Modan (Israel), Volante (Sweden), Font Forlag (Norway), Ikar (Slovak Republic), Nha Nam (Vietnam), Loxodonta (Denmark), Aripaev (Estonia), PT Gramedia (Indonesia), Publica (Romania), Fokus (Croatia), Vivat (Ukraine), Al-Ahlia (Arabic)



**Peter Thiel with Blake Masters, ZERO TO ONE: *Notes on Startups, or How to Build the Future***

*Publisher:* Crown Business, September 16, 2014

*Agent:* Chris Parris-Lamb

**#1 *New York Times* bestseller • Sold to Crown Business for seven figures in a heated auction • Sales in 34 foreign territories • Huge bestseller in China**

- "This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world."  
—**Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook**
- "Peter Thiel has built multiple breakthrough companies, and *Zero to One* shows how."  
—**Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla**
- "The first and last business book anyone needs to read; a one in a world of zeroes." —**Neal Stephenson, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Cryptonomicon***

**Every moment in business happens only once.** The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Mark Zuckerberg won't create a social network. If you are copying these guys, you aren't learning from them. **Progress comes from monopoly, not competition.** Competition destroys profits for individuals, companies, and society as a whole.

**Zero to One** is about how to build companies that create new things. What valuable company is nobody building?

*Peter Thiel*, an entrepreneur and investor, co-founded PayPal and the data analytics firm Palantir Technologies. He made the first outside investment in Facebook, funded companies like SpaceX and LinkedIn, and started the Thiel Foundation, which nurtures tomorrow's tech visionaries. *Blake Masters* co-founded Judicata, a technology startup that builds tools for legal research and analysis.

- *Sold to:* Virgin Books (UK & BC), Campus Verlag (Germany), Lattes (France), RCS Libri (Italy), Ediciones Deusto (World Spanish), Objetiva (Brazil), Atlas-Contact (The Netherlands), China CITIC (China), NHK (Japan), Commonwealth Magazine Publishing (Taiwan), Korea Economic Daily (Korea), Alpina (Russia), Modan (Israel), WeLearn (Thailand), Aripaev (Estonia), Lua de Papel (Portugal), Gabo (Hungary), Tre (Vietnam), Jan Melvil (Czech Republic), Kastaniotis (Greece), MT Biznes (Poland), Publica (Romania), PT Gramedia (Indonesia), iSquare Publishing (Mongolia), Pegasus (Turkey), Nash Format (Ukraine), Jarir Bookstore (Arabic), Citadella (Slovak Republic), Vecernji List (Croatia), Eugrimas (Lithuania), Buzuku (Albania), Knigomania (Bulgaria), Palitra (Georgia), Laguna (Serbia)



**Daniel Whiteson and Jorge Cham, NO IDEA:  
A Guide to the Unknown Universe**

**Publisher:** Riverhead (US) – May 9, 2017 / John Murray (UK & BC) – May 16, 2017  
**Agent:** Seth Fishman

**North American rights sold to Riverhead in a pre-empt for mid six-figures • 20 foreign deals  
 • Black and white illustrations**

- "Cham and Whiteson mesh comics, lighthearted infographics, and lively explanations to painlessly introduce curious readers to complex concepts in easily digestible chapters. This fun guide is just the ticket for science fans of any age." –**Publisher's Weekly (Starred Review) ★**
- "This witty book reveals the humbling vastness of our ignorance about the universe, along with charming insights into what we do actually understand." -- **Carl Rovelli, author of *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics and Reality Is Not What It Seems***

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