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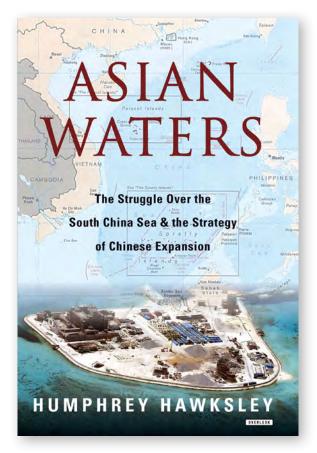
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ASIAN WATERS

The Struggle Over the South China Sea and the Strategy of Chinese Expansion
Humphrey Hawksley



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The first book to comprehensively break down the politics and tensions among the countries of the western Pacific, by a correspondent who has witnessed it all firsthand

n the sphere of future global politics, no region will be as hotly contested as the Asia-Pacific, where great power interests collide amid the mistrust of unresolved conflicts and disputed territory. The lightning rods are remote reefs and islands from which China has created military bases in the 1.5 million square mile expanse of the South China Sea, a crucial world trading route that this rising world power now claims as its own.

In Asian Waters, award-winning foreign correspondent Humphrey Hawksley breaks down the politics and tensions that he has followed throughout this region for years. Reporting on decades of political developments, he has witnessed China's rise to become one of the world's most wealthy and militarized countries, and delivers in Asian Waters the compelling narrative answering burning questions regarding this most volatile region. Will China succeed in seizing and militarizing these waters? Can the United States and China handle the changing balance of power peacefully? Do Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan share enough common purpose to create a NATO-esque multi-lateral alliance? Does China think it can become a superpower while making an enemy of the United States? If so, how does it plan to achieve this? Asian Waters delves into these topics and more as Hawskley presents the most comprehensive and accessible analysis ever of this region.

"A vivid and highly readable guide to one of the great flashpoints of the 21st century." —Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator, *Financial Times*

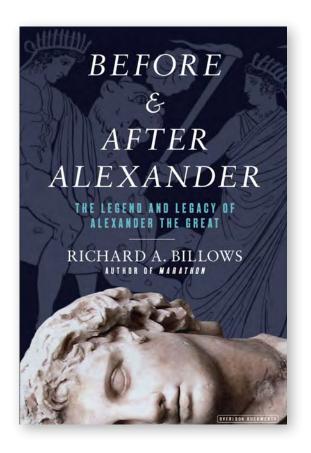


HUMPHREY HAWKSLEY is a BBC foreign correspondent whose face and voice are known to millions. He is the author of numerous titles including *Democracy Kills: What's So Good About the Vote*, the tie-in to the documentary about the pitfalls of the modern-day path to democracy from dictatorship. He has written for the *Guardian, The Times of London, Financial Times, International Herald-Tribune*, and other publications.

BEFORE AND AFTER ALEXANDER

The Legend and Legacy of Alexander the Great

Richard A. Billows



WORLD RIGHTS June 2018 • \$32.50 US ISBN: 978-1-59020-740-6 304 pages • 25 b&w images and 5 maps Ancient History

Rights licensed: Greek (Patakis), Turkey (Salon Yayinlari), UK (Duckworth) By the author of MARATHON (rights sold in 7 territories), an enlightening look at the historical context behind Alexander the Great, his accomplishments, and his legacy

hile historians have studied the Ancient Greek Alexander the Great's achievements at length, author and professor Richard A. Billows delves deeper into the less studied periods before and after Alexander's reign. In the definitive Before and After Alexander, Billows explores the years preceding Alexander, who, without the foundation laid by his father, Philip II of Macedon, would not have had the resources or influence to develop one of the greatest empires in history. As Billows argues, Alexander was groomed from a young age to succeed his father, and by the time Philip was assassinated in 336 BC, his great empire was already well underway.

The years following Alexander's death were even more momentous. In this ambitious new work, Billows robustly challenges the notion that this political strife was for lack of a leader as competent as Alexander, pointing out instead that there were too many extremely capable leaders who exploited the power vacuum created by Alexander's death to carve out kingdoms for themselves.

Above all, in *Before and After Alexander* Billows eloquently and convincingly posits a complex view of one of the greatest empires in history, framing it not as the achievement of one man, but as the culmination of several generations of aggressive expansion toward a unified purpose.

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GENDER MEDICINE

The Groundbreaking New Science of Gender- and Sex-Related Diagnosis and Treatment

Marek Glezerman, M.D.

Foreword by Amos Oz

⁶Gender Medicine is cutting edge in that the author challenges the historical and antiquated paradigm that women and men are medically interchangeable... a comprehensive and pleasurable read." —ALYSON J. GREGOR, M.D., DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF SEX & GENDER IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, BROWN UNIVERSITY

GENDER MEDICINE

The Groundbreaking New Science of Gender- and Sex-Related Diagnosis and Treatment

MAREK GLEZERMAN, M.D.



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The first trade book on the revolutionary research into gender-related medical treatment, by the former President of the International Society for Gender Medicine

ver millions of years, male and female bodies developed crucial physiological differences. In *Gender Medicine*, Marek Glezerman, M.D., one of the leading experts on this new area of medicine, reveals countless often-overlooked differences between the sexes that go well beyond the obvious sexual and reproductive variances, including that:

- Women are more resistant to infectious diseases than men, but are more likely to suffer from autoimmune diseases
- Incidences of lung cancer are 170% higher in women than in men for the same number of cigarettes smoked
- Alzheimer's disease is expressed differently in men and women
- Drugs to treat nausea are less effective in women
- Women are more sensitive to antihistimines

The medical establishment largely treats male and female patients as though their needs are identical and medical research is still done predominantly on men, with the results then applied to the treatment of women. This calls for a paradigm change—such a change is the purpose of *Gender Medicine*.



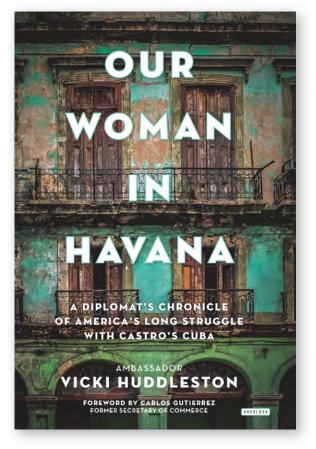
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OUR WOMAN IN HAVANA

A Diplomat's Chronicle of America's Long Struggle with Castro's Cuba

Ambassador Vicki Huddleston

Foreword by Carlos Gutierrez, former US Secretary of Commerce



WORLD RIGHTS March 2018 • \$29.95 US ISBN: 978-1-4683-1579-0 304 pages • 18 color and 5 b&w photographs Politics / International Relations

A diplomat's unprecedented look behind the scenes in the United States' long standoff with communist Cuba

ur Woman in Havana chronicles the past several decades of US-Cuba relations from the bird'seye view of State Department veteran Vicki Huddleston, the United States's top diplomat on the ground in Havana under Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush.

After the US embassy in Havana was shuttered in 1961, relations between the two countries broke off. A thaw came in 1977, with the opening of a de facto embassy in Havana, the US Interests Section, where Huddleston would later serve. In her compelling memoir of a diplomat at work, Huddleston tells gripping stories of face-to-face encounters with Fidel Castro, the tumultuous Elián González custody battle, the changing US use of Guantanamo Naval Base, and initiatives Huddleston undertook in Havana, such as furnishing transistor radios to the Cuban population.

Huddleston recounts missed opportunities for détente and elucidates the myths and misconceptions that have long pervaded US-Cuba relations. As someone uniquely qualified to explain the inner workings of these countries' relations, she examines Obama's diplomatic opening of 2014, the mysterious "sonic" brain injuries suffered by US and Canadian diplomats in Havana, and the rescinding of the diplomatic opening under the Trump administration. With Raúl Castro scheduled to step down in 2018, Huddleston peers into the future of US-Cuba relations, when for the first time in more than six decades no one named Castro will be the island nation's leader.



AMBASSADOR VICKI HUDDLESTON served under Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush as Chief of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. She also served as U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar and Mali. Her report for the Brookings Institution about normalizing relations with Cuba was adapted for President Obama's diplomatic opening with Raúl Castro in 2014. She has written opinion pieces in *The New York Times, The Miami Herald, and The Washington Post.*

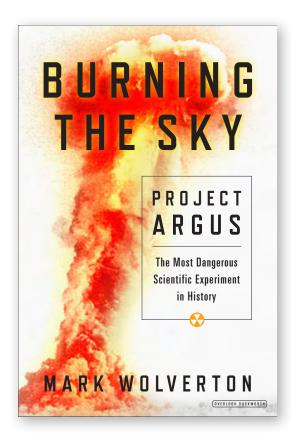
CARLOS GUTIERREZ served as Secretary of Commerce under President George W. Bush from 2005–2009. Secretary Gutierrez is the former CEO of Kellogg Company and is currently Chair of the Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategic advisory firm. He was born in Havana, Cuba and is Chair of the US Chamber of Commerce's US-Cuba Business Council and a member of Republicans for Immigration Reform.

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BURNING THE SKY

Project Argus, The Most Dangerous Scientific Experiment in History

Mark Wolverton



WORLD RIGHTS November 2018 • \$28.95 US ISBN: 978-1-4683-1417-5 272 pages • 12 b&w images History "Last September the United States drew a thin curtain of radiation around the earth ... the feat was regarded by some of its leading participants as the greatest scientific experiment of all time." —*The New York Times*, March 19, 1959

he summer of 1958 was a nerve-racking time. Ever since the Soviet Union proved that it possessed an operational intercontinental ballistic missile with the launch of Sputnik, the world watched anxiously as the two superpowers engaged in a game of nuclear one-upmanship.

In the midst of this rising tension, Nicholas Christofilos, an eccentric Greek-American physicist, brought forth an outlandish, albeit ingenious, idea to defend the US from a Soviet attack: launching atomic bombs from the South Atlantic Ocean to detonate in outer space to fry incoming Soviet ICBMs with an artificial radiation belt. Known as Project Argus, this plan is the most secret and riskiest scientific experiment in history, and classified details of this operation have been long obscured. In Burning the Sky, Mark Wolverton draws from recently declassified sources to chronicle Christofilos's unconventional idea from its inception to execution-when the so-called mad scientist persuaded the military to carry out the most grandiose scientific experiment ever conceived, using the entire Earth's atmosphere as a laboratory. Meticulously researched, fascinating, and controversial, Burning the Sky will remind readers why Project Argus remains frighteningly relevant nearly sixty years later.

PRAISE FOR MARK WOLVERTON

"Wolverton gives us a highly accessible, well-crafted history of a stupendously underappreciated era in space science and exploration." —David DeVorkin, National Air and Space Museum (for The Depths of Space)

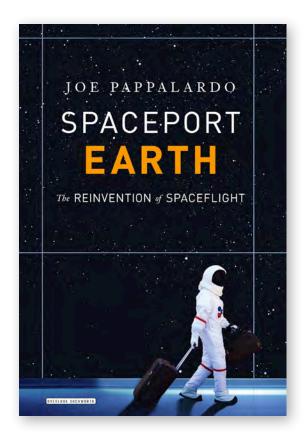


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SPACEPORT EARTH

The Reinvention of Spaceflight

Joe Pappalardo



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Is there a future in orbit? This timely book shows the current state and future of the spaceflight industry—and how this is shaping our future—at a crucial juncture in its history.

he 21st-century space industry is changing drastically as private sector companies, like Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin are building a dizzying array of new spacecraft and rockets, ready to be used not just by governments, but by any paying customer. As a result, spaceports, the literal launching pads of this industry, are sprouting around the globe. The upfront costs of spaceports are measured in the hundreds of millions of dollars, the competition is extreme, and failure is unforgivable—and sometimes fatal.

Aerospace journalist Joe Pappalardo has witnessed rocket launches around the world, visiting every working spaceport in the United States. In his comprehensive book *Spaceport Earth*, Pappalardo describes the rise of private companies and how they are reshaping the way the world is using space for industry and science. *Spaceport Earth* is a travelogue through modern space history as it is being made, offering space enthusiasts, futurists, and technology buffs a close perspective of rockets and launch sites, while chronicling the stories of industrial titans, engineers, government officials, billionaires, schemers, and politicians who are redefining what it means for humans to be a spacefaring species.

"Spaceport Earth tackles the ever-changing, 21st-century space industry and what privately funded projects like Elon Musk's SpaceX mean for the future of space travel." —Foreign Policy

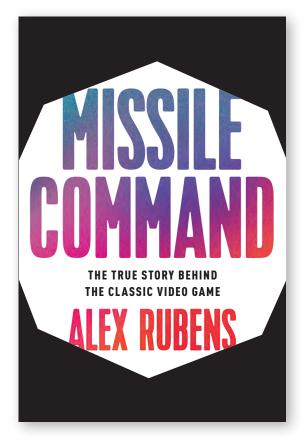


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MISSILE COMMAND

The True Story Behind the Classic Video Game

Alex Rubens



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The first history of Atari's *Missle Command*, and its unforeseen effect on its creators and the culture

Before Call of Duty, World of Warcraft, and even Super Mario Bros., the video game industry exploded in the late 1970s with the advent of the video arcade. Leading the charge was Atari Inc., the creator of, among others, the iconic game Missile Command. The first game to double as a commentary on culture, Missile Command put the players' fingers on "the button," making them responsible for the fate of civilization in a no-win scenario, all for the price of a quarter. The game was marvel of modern culture, helping usher in both the age of the video game and the video game lifestyle. Its groundbreaking implications inspired a fanatical culture that persists to this day.

As fascinating as the cultural reaction to *Missile Command* were the programmers behind it. As earnings from their games entered the millions, game creators were celebrated as geniuses in their time; once dismissed as nerds and fanatics, they were now being interviewed for major publications, and partied like Wall Street traders.

Through research and interviews with major figures in the industry, including Theurer and Atari founder Nolan Bushnell, tech insider Alex Rubens pieces together events from the game's troubled development, the terrifying influences of the Cold War, and its larger role in the wild silicon frontier of the gaming industry.

A deep exploration of the unseen and overlooked complexities and challenges of the video game industry, *Missile Command: The True Story Behind the Classic Video Game* will delight and inform gamers and pop culture readers nostalgic for the '80s.

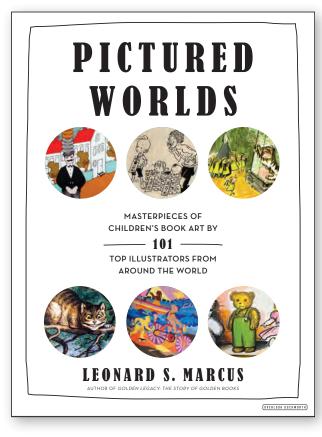


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PICTURED WORLDS

Masterpieces of Children's Book Art by 101 Top Illustrators from Around the World

Leonard S. Marcus



WORLD RIGHTS November 2019 • \$75.00 US ISBN: 978-1-59020-243-2 416 pages • Over 400 color images Children's / Reference

The lavishly illustrated landmark volume of 101 of the world's most influential children's book artists and their works

n Pictured Worlds: Masterpieces of Children's Book Art by 101 Top Illustrators from Around the World, Leonard S. Marcus, one of the world's leading historians of children's books and award-winning author of numerous books including Golden Legacy: The Story of Golden Books, has written the definitive reference work on children's book art and artists. The 101 selected artists have made extraordinary contributions to the field, and were chosen with the goal of including the most noted and influential illustrators, as well as taking in less familiar works whose impact may be known only in part of the world or at a particular time in history. More than 400 stunning pieces of art showcase the work of illustrators from around the world, including Great Britain, the United States, Italy, Sweden, Japan, China, Russia, the Czech Republic, France, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Argentina, and more.

Each artist's entry includes a biography, description of their work and technique, and the history of their road to publication, alongside full-color reproductions of their illustrations and working sketches. This comprehensive book includes such works as Květa Pacovská's *Eins, Fünf, Viele* (*One, Five, Many*), Ivan Bilibin's *The Golden Cockerel*, Gustaf Tenggren's *The Poky Little Puppy*, and Walter Wick's *I Spy*, and such beloved characters as Corduroy, Struwwelpeter, Curious George, Madeline, and Moomin.

At once a visual celebration of illustrated children's books from around the world and an essential reference work by an esteemed expert, *Pictured Worlds* encapsulates, in the author's words, "the special nature of the illustrated children's book as a cultural enterprise that is at once an endlessly surprising art form and a ladder between generations."

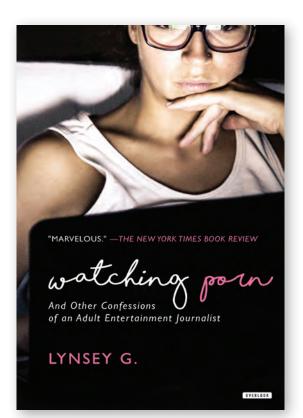


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WATCHING PORN

And Other Confessions of an Adult Entertainment Journalist

Lynsey G.



WORLD RIGHTS June 2017 | \$29.95 US ISBN: 978-1-4683-1203-4 320 pages • 18 b&w photographs Memoir

One feminist's candid account of her unexpected adventure in the world of porn journalism, and her discovery of an industry more nuanced than she ever imagined

ynsey G. never imagined that she would ever work in porn, but at twenty-four years old, with a degree in English literature and an empty bank account, she found herself reviewing the film *East Coast ASSault* for an adult magazine in New York City. One interview later and it was official: she was a porn journalist. The job was supposed to be temporary— just a paycheck until she could spark her legitimate writing career—but she loved it and spent nearly a decade describing the various subtleties of money shots and the effectiveness of sex toys. As both a porn consumer and a porn critic, she was not quite an insider, not quite an outsider, but came to know the industry intimately.

Lynsey found it so fascinating that she co-founded WHACK! Magazine, creating a platform to voice her thoughts and observations of the adult film world, as well as educate the rest of us about what really goes on behind the scenes. As she delved deeper into the prolific and controversial world of porn, Lynsey learned that one of the most diverse and nebulous—and profitable—industries on the planet isn't quite as different from the rest of the world as she thought.

Tantalizing, eye-opening, and witty, *Watching Porn* is a provocative book about an average girl's foray into the porn industry and the people who make it what it is, both in front of and behind the camera.

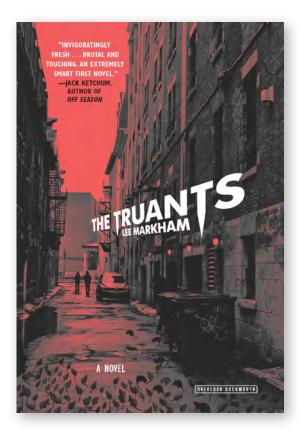
"G. positions her book in part as cultural analysis of pornography's complicated but inextricable relationship to social movements like feminist and queer visibility . . . Marvelous." —Meghan Daum, *The New York Times Book Review*



LYNSEY G. has been writing about the intersection of pornography, feminism, and sexuality since 2007 as a reviewer, interviewer, critic, and blogger for multiple adult magazines and websites. She's also published journalism, poetry, narrative nonfiction, and fiction in *Bitch Magazine, McSweeney's Internet Tendency, Nerve. com, Luna Luna Magazine, Stirring: A Literary Journal, The Doctor T.J. Eckleburg Review*, and elsewhere.

THE TRUANTS

A Novel



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A fresh twist on the vampire mythos, *The Truants* is a dystopian novel of startling intensity, narrated by immortal old-ones.

ontorting the conventional vampire narrative into a gritty tale of immortality, blood lust, and rage contaminating London's inner-city youth like a virus, *The Truants* tells the story of the last of the old-ones creatures afflicted with a condition not unlike vampirism: ancient, bloodthirsty, and unable to withstand sunlight. The sole remaining old-one has decided to end his life. But as he awaits sunrise and his impending demise, he is held up at knifepoint and stabbed before the sun rises. The assailant pockets the knife and disappears, the blood of the old-one seared into its sharpened edge.

As the knife trades hands, drawing blood again and again, the old-one's congealed blood comingles with that of its victims. The old-one is resurrected through their con¬sciousness and divided, spreading through the infected and creating a horde of bloodthirsty youth. Determined to die, the old-one must reclaim the knife to regain control of his soul, and he enlists his pack of vampiric hosts to achieve his goal, wreaking havoc on the inner city along the way. But someone is out to stop him . . .

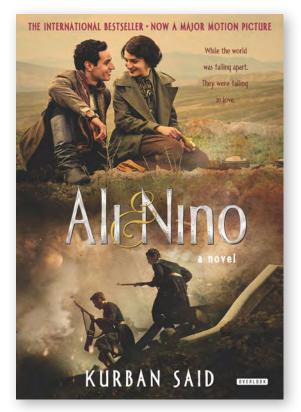
"A relentlessly brutal, nihilistic read, told in stripped-down, staccato prose, *The Truants* uses the metaphor of the vampire to portray society's true victims and shines a despairingly honest light on areas not usually illuminated by genre fiction." —*The Guardian*



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ALI AND NINO

A Novel Kurban Said



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Also available from Kurban Said: THE GIRL FROM THE GOLDEN HORN (see rights guide backlist) One of the most romantic epics of all time—now a major film adapted by Christopher Hampton, Academy Award-winning screenwriter of *Dangerous Liaisons* and *Atonement*

A sweeping tale of love challenged by war, as romantic and gripping as Gone with the Wind or Dr. Zhivago, it portrays, against a glamorously exotic backdrop, the enduring love between childhood friends divided by separate cultures. Ali and Nino grow up together in carefree innocence in Baku, on the Caspian Sea. Here, where East and West collide, they are inevitably drawn into the events of World War I and the Russian Revolution. Torn apart by the turmoil of the divided society around them, Ali joins the defense of Azerbaijan from the onslaught of the Red Army and Nino flees to the safety of Paris with their child, unsure whether they will ever see each other again. This is an unforgettable story of blood feud, adventure, and personal heroism—and a love that endures the upheaval of cultures.

ABOUT THE FILM

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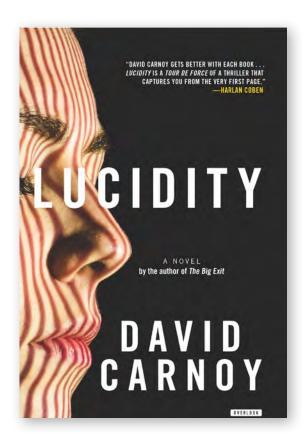
Adam Bakri (Omar) María Valverde (Exodus: Gods and Kings) Mandy Patinkin (Homeland, The Princess Bride) Connie Nielson (Nymphomaniac, Gladiator)

DIRECTED BY: Academy Award-winner Asif Kapadia (Amy)

WRITTEN BY: Academy Award winner Christopher Hampton (Dangerous Liaisons, Atonement)

PRODUCED BY: Kris Thykier (Woman in Gold, The Debt, Stardust)

A Thriller David Carnoy



WORLD RIGHTS February 2017 | \$29.95 US ISBN: 978-1-4683-1087-0 288 pages Fiction / Thriller

Dreams and deception collide in David Carnoy's page-turning tale of murder, manipulation, and mistaken identity.

fter his "gripping, suspenseful, totally believable—and shockingly good" (Harlan Coben) debut *Knife Music* and chilling follow-up *The Big Exit*, Carnoy's Detective Hank Madden returns in this bicoastal suspense novel that pits dreams against reality, where nothing can be taken at face value.

Twenty years after the unsolved case of Stacey Walker's disappearance went cold, retired police detective Hank Madden is conscripted to find her body and track down her missing husband, her presumed murderer. Four months later, editor Max Fremmer's client Candace Epstein is pushed in front of a car near Central Park. As he digs into her background to clear his name, Fremmer grows suspicious of Candace's connection to a nefarious institute for lucid dreaming on the Upper West Side and its staff of crooked characters.

As similarities arise between the cases on each coast, Detective Madden and Fremmer forge an unlikely partnership to expose what misconduct lurks beneath the façade of the Lucidity Center and unravel the secret that links their investigations.

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"A spellbinding third thriller . . . Carnoy's sharp sense of humor and clever plotting make this novel a standout."

-Publishers Weekly (starred review)



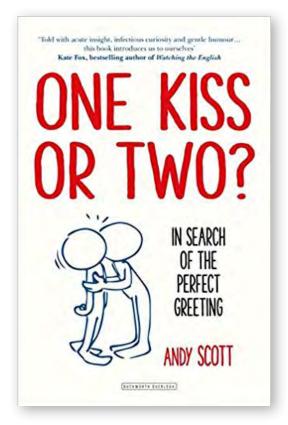
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ONE KISS OR TWO

In Search of the Perfect Greeting

Andy Scott



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You can order coffee in six languages, but how do you fare when it comes to the nebulous practice of greeting?

very encounter begins with a greeting. Be it a quick "Hello!" or the somewhat longer and gracious "Sula manchwanta galunga omugobe!" shaking hands or shaking, well, rather more private parts of our anatomy, we have been doing it many times daily for thousands of years. It should be the most straightforward thing in the world, but this apparently simple act is fraught with complications, leading to awkward misunderstandings and occasionally even outright violence.

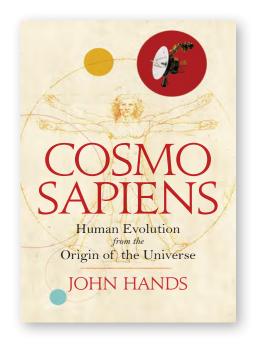
Why is that? Why are greetings so important? Can we ever find the perfect way of saying hello? In the illuminating and entertaining *One Kiss or Two*? Andy Scott a well-travelled former diplomat, and no stranger to fumbled first contacts himself goes down the rabbit hole to take a closer look at what greetings are all about. In looking at how they have developed, he discovers a kaleidoscopic world of etiquette, bodylanguage, evolution, neuroscience, anthropology and history.

Through in-depth research and his personal experiences, and with the help of experts ranging from the world-famous primatologist Jane Goodall to the UK s etiquette coach par excellence William Hanson, Scott takes us on a captivating journey through a subject far richer than we might have expected. By the end of it, we are able to make more sense of what lies behind greetings and what it means to be human.

"Andy Scott has written an utterly charming and fascinating book. I will never be able to look at a handshake or a hug the same way again."
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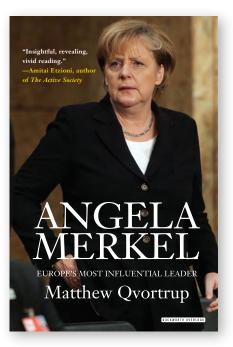
Europe's Most Influential Leader

Matt Qvortrup

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