

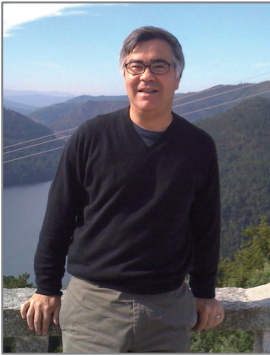


# Rivertowns Books

SPRING / SUMMER 2023



## Several Words from the Publisher



ONE OF MY FIRST JOBS IN PUBLISHING was as an acquisitions editor for AMACOM, the book publishing arm of the non-profit American Management Association. I was editing how-to books on topics like business communication, decision making, and risk management—issues that I, as a one-time English major in love with the poetry of Emily Dickinson and John Donne, considered kinda boring. I shrugged and said to myself, *It's a living*.

Then, on January 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded just after takeoff, killing all seven crew members, including a young school-teacher. It was one of the most traumatic events in U.S. history prior to 9/11.

The subsequent investigation, highlighted by dramatic Congressional testimony by physicist Richard Feynman, showed that the explosion was caused by cold weather that prevented the O-rings designed to prevent fuel leaks from working properly. What's worse, it was revealed that scientists working on the shuttle program had feared just such a calamity. Their concerns were pooh-poohed by NASA executives unwilling to postpone the launch. In other words, this was a human disaster driven by communication failure, flawed decision making, and failed risk management—the same “boring” topics my expert authors wrote about.

*Oh my gosh*, I said to myself. *These books I'm publishing might actually matter!*

At that moment, I decided to manage my publishing career as if the books I was working on might actually matter—to readers and to the world at large.

Happily for me, I've been able to do just that. In the decades since then, as an editor and publisher with John Wiley and Random House, and then as a freelance editor and writer working with all of the Big Five publishers and many smaller houses, I've teamed with authors including CEOs and business gurus, policy makers and social activists, and political leaders and world figures such as former president Jimmy Carter and Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus. Some

of their books have been national and international bestsellers; many more have made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of readers.

I recently launched my own independent imprint, Rivertowns Books, to carry on the same lifetime mission—to publish books that matter. I focus on authors with a significant message and an identifiable market that might nonetheless struggle to find a publisher in today’s increasingly consolidated and competitive media environment. I’ve published books by nonprofit leaders with powerful insights, business experts offering ways to help make our world a better place, and people from diverse backgrounds with personal stories that are eye-opening and inspiring. I’ll even publish an occasional book of poetry that I think may make a difference in a reader’s life.

This catalog highlights the new titles Rivertowns Books is releasing during the first half of 2023, as well as our backlist books, many of which have been honored with fine reviews, awards for excellence, and steady sales. Please join us in our mission of helping to bring books that matter to as wide an audience as possible. And feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, and ideas—I always enjoy hearing from my fellow book lovers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Weber". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Karl" and "Weber" being capitalized and prominent.

Karl Weber, Publisher  
karl@rivertownsbooks.com



## About Rivertowns Books

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

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

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

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

# **Information for Booksellers**

## **Distribution and Sales**

Rivertowns Books are available to booksellers and other retailers at a trade discount and on a fully returnable basis from Ingram. When ordering Rivertowns Books titles, you may need to use the Ingram Extended drop-down menu item on your iPage account. Please contact your Ingram representative or Rivertowns Books and [info@rivertownsbooks.com](mailto:info@rivertownsbooks.com) if you have any questions.

## **Review Copies**

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## **Author Events**

Rivertowns Books authors are available for online or in-person bookstore events such as readings, discussions, and book group meetings. Please contact us concerning your interest.

## **Marketing Materials**

Rivertowns Books can provide booksellers with complimentary marketing materials to support sales of our titles, such as posters, flyers, shelf talkers, and bookmarks. Please contact us concerning your interest.

## New Titles

### FROM OVERSIGHT TO OVERKILL

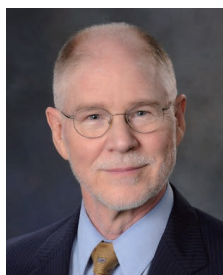
*Inside the Broken System That  
Blocks Medical Breakthroughs  
—And How We Can Fix It*

**SIMON N. WHITNEY**

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

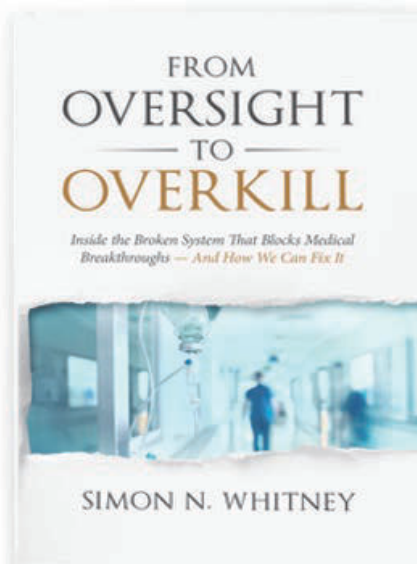
*From Oversight to Overkill* vividly recounts the story behind this crisis, one that remains unknown to the general public. Family physician and ethicist Simon Whitney shows how the IRB system was launched in response to scandals like the notorious Tuskegee syphilis study—and how, in recent decades,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

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



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

years. He lives in Oakland, California.



**Published April 4, 2023**

Paperback: 978-1-953943-22-4 • \$22.95

Hardcover: 978-1-953943-21-7 • \$32.95

Science / Medicine • 6 x 9 • 316 pages

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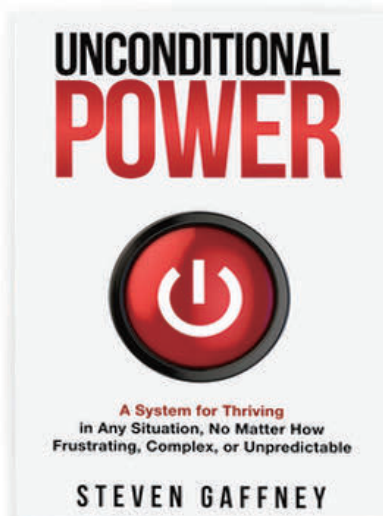
“As **entertaining** as any medical bestseller, enlivened with unforgettable stories and vigorous, witty prose.”—Steven Pinker

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

—Kirkus Reviews

“**Highly readable and persuasive.**”

—Rhode Island Medical Journal



On Sale June 13, 2023

Hardcover: 978-1-953943-08-8 • \$29.95

Self-Help / Business • 6 x 9 • 188 pages

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

“An **inspired reframing** of the concept of ‘power’ as a positive, shareable resource for leaders.” —*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

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

## UNCONDITIONAL POWER

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

**STEVEN GAFFNEY**

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

Building on this new insight, *Unconditional Power* shows how you can have the power to accomplish whatever you want to accomplish, regardless of any problems, challenges, and limitations you may experience. It provides a practical method you can use to flip on your personal Power Switch whenever you need it, including nine simple, proven behaviors you can practice any time you find yourself slipping into a less-powerful mood.

Most important, it describes the steps you can take as a leader to share your unconditional power with the people around you. The result is a Powerful Culture that can lift any organization to consistently higher levels of achievement.



**Steven Gaffney** is a speaker, seminar leader, and author on communication and leadership. His clients include American Express, Marriott, SAIC, British Petroleum, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the American Cancer Society. He lives in Washington, D.C.

## Coming in Fall / Winter 2023



### **Hello Baby: Building a More Nurturing World for Children and Their Families**

Debbie Frisch and Isaac Stone Simonelli

America's underserved communities lack safe spaces for babies to play, learn, and grow—a deprivation that will impact kids for years to come. Debbie Frisch is tackling this problem. She tells the story of how she founded Hello Baby, a family play oasis on Chicago's South

Side, and shows how others can find their own ways to help make our country a place where every child can thrive.



### **Reclaiming Our Democracy, 30th Anniversary Edition: Healing the Break Between People and Government**

Sam Daley-Harris

In a world where apathy and government gridlock breed despair, Sam Daley-Harris offers a powerful, practical message of hope.

Organizations he founded have led the fight against poverty, disease, and climate change. Now, in this classic guide, updated to address current challenges from partisan polarization to fake news, he offers a master class in effective activism to inspire would-be change-makers everywhere.



### **Why Books Still Matter: Honoring Joyce Meskis—Essays on the Glorious Past, Embattled Present, and Essential Future of Books**

Edited by Karl Weber

To honor the legendary bookseller who founded Denver's Tattered Cover and became a champion of First Amendment freedoms, a team including some of today's leading publishers, booksellers, authors, and activists offers reflections on the vital role of books in our nation's cultural, civic, social, and economic life.



## Backlist Nonfiction



Published October 11, 2022

Paperback: 978-1-953943-19-4 • \$24.95  
Social Sciences / Economics • 6 x 9  
412 pages  
World rights

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

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“A **must-read** for anyone interested in the field [of microfinance] and its evolving worldwide impact.”

—Andrea Jung, President and CEO of Grameen America

### SMALL LOANS, BIG DREAMS, 2022 Edition

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

ALEX COUNTS

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

First published in 1996, *Small Loans, Big Dreams* is the classic account of the origins and development of microfinance. In this new edition, Alex Counts, a protégé of Yunus, traces the recent history of microfinance and responds to critics who have questioned the value of the Grameen model. *Small Loans, Big Dreams* shows how microfinance continues to play a critical role in reducing the scourge of inequality, enabling underprivileged people to participate creatively in the global economy.



**Alex Counts** founded Grameen Foundation in 1997. Today he is an independent consultant to nonprofit organizations and author of several books, including *Changing the World Without Losing Your*

*Mind: Leadership Lessons from Three Decades of Social Entrepreneurship* (page 13). He lives in Hyattsville, Maryland.

## CLIMATE RESTORATION

*The Only Future That Will  
Sustain the Human Race*

**PETER FIEKOWSKY  
with CAROLE DOUGLIS**

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

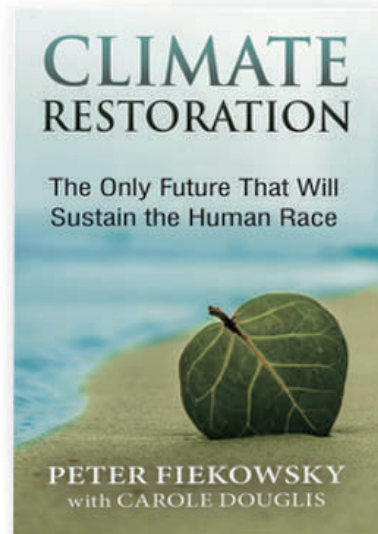
The good news is that scientists and engineers have developed four major technologies for greenhouse gas removal and storage: *Ocean iron fertilization; synthetic limestone manufacture; seaweed permaculture; and methane oxidation.*

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



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

icy makers, faith leaders, activists, and students to further climate restoration. He lives in Los Altos, California.



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Nature / Technology • 6 x 9 • 186 pages

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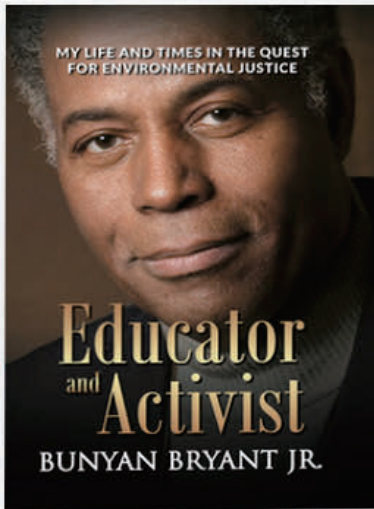
**“Effective and galvanizing . . .**

An invigorating, thought-provoking plan to address climate change.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

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

—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*



**Published April 26, 2022**

Hardcover: 978-1-953943-13-2 • \$34.95  
 Biography / Social Sciences • 6 x 9 • 342 pages  
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**“Readers will be swept up** in the intensity of this remarkable narrative. . . .

A moving account of a lifelong fight to protect minorities from environmental injustice.”

—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

**“An astute, affecting remembrance** of an eventful life and time.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

**“Essential reading** for anyone interested in fomenting educational and social change through activism and scholarship.” —Lester P. Monts, University of Michigan

## EDUCATOR AND ACTIVIST

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

**BUNYAN BRYANT JR.**

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

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

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



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

a pioneer in the field of environmental justice. He lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

# HUMANITY REIMAGINED

*Where We Go From Here*

**MARTIN FIORE**

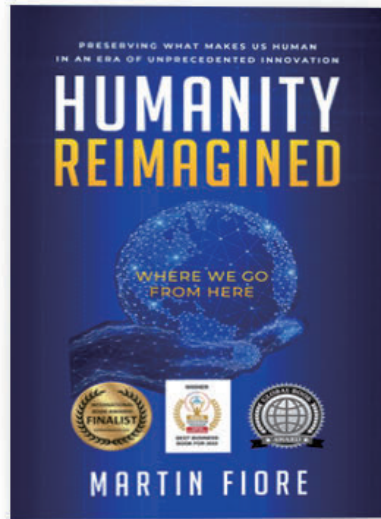
For years, executive Martin Fiore has been advising leaders from a wide range of industries about technological trends that are reshaping the world of business. Now, in *Humanity Reimagined*, Fiore explores how these trends are disrupting industries and creating both threats and opportunities for leaders at all levels.

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



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

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



**Published October 19, 2021**

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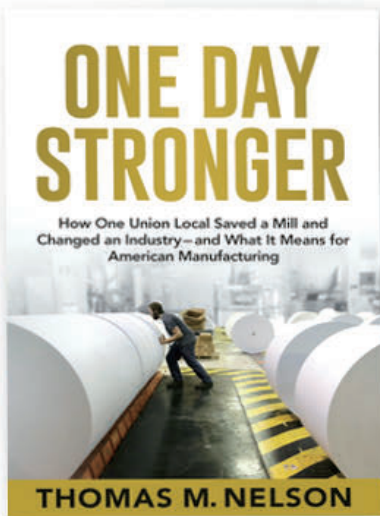
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Business / Technology • 6 x 9 • 270 pages

**GOLD MEDAL WINNER:** BEST BUSINESS BOOK 2022, American Business Awards

**AWARD-WINNING FINALIST** in the Business: Technology category of the 2022 International Book Awards

**SILVER MEDAL WINNER**, Global Book Awards Business, Information category



**Published March 9, 2021**

Paperback: 978-1-7339141-8-5 • \$19.95

Hardcover: 978-1-9539430-0-2 • \$34.95

Social Sciences / Economics • 6 x 9

305 pages

World rights

"An **inspiring** saga of grassroots political cooperation."

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"A **captivating and comprehensive** account."

—*Publishers Weekly BookLife*

"A **riveting** book about the state of corporate America today and one way out of the mess."

—David Dayen, *The American Prospect*

## ONE DAY STRONGER

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

**THOMAS M. NELSON**

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

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

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



**Thomas M. Nelson**

has been County Executive of Outagamie County, Wisconsin since 2011. He served three terms in the state assembly, including one as majority leader.

Nelson holds degrees from Carleton College and the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. He lives in Appleton, Wisconsin.



# CHANGING THE WORLD WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND Revised Edition

*Leadership Lessons from  
Three Decades of  
Social Entrepreneurship*

**ALEX COUNTS**

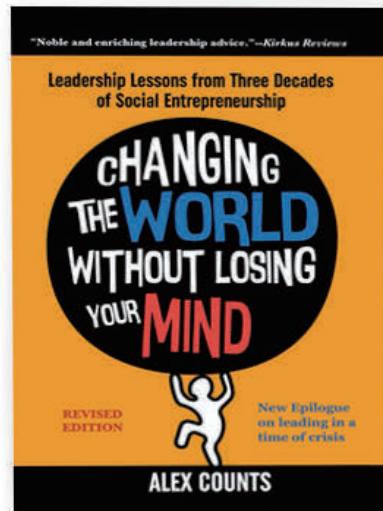
One of today's most acclaimed books on nonprofit leadership, *Changing the World Without Losing Your Mind* is a down-to-earth guide to mission-driven leadership. Drawing on his decades of experience as an acclaimed nonprofit leader, Alex Counts offers practical advice on such vital activities as fundraising,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

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



Hyattsville, Maryland.

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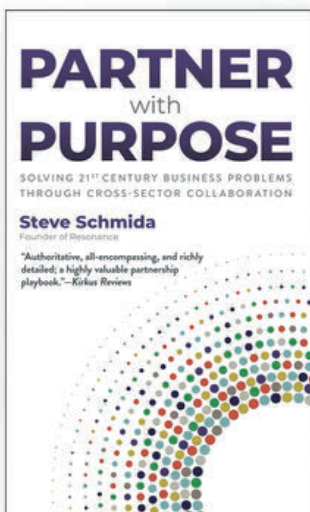
**Published May 18, 2021**

Paperback: 978-1-953943-03-3 • \$19.95  
Business / Self-Help • 6 x 9 • 328 pages  
World rights

**"Noble and enriching leadership advice."**  
—*Kirkus Reviews*

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

"Remarkably candid, self-reflective, generous, and practical, this book is part memoir, part self-help. **You'll love this book**, and you'll laugh out loud as you read it!"—Susan Davis, Co-Author, *Social Entrepreneurship: What Everyone Needs to Know*



**Published June, 2020**

Paperback: 978-0-9790080-6-1 • \$16.95  
 Hardcover: 978-0-9790080-8-5 • \$29.95  
 Business / Economics • 5.5 x 8.5 • 272 pages  
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**“Authoritative, all-encompassing, and richly detailed;** a highly valuable partnership playbook.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

**“Takeaway: This highly practical guide will light the way** for business owners and corporate executives seeking cross-sector partnerships.”  
 —*Publishers Weekly BookLife*  
*(Editor’s Pick)*

**“An indispensable guide** for corporate intrapreneurs.”—Simon Winter, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture

## PARTNER WITH PURPOSE

*Solving 21st Century Business Problems Through Cross-Sector Collaboration*

**STEVE SCHMIDA**

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

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

It explains how to recognize when a cross-sector partnership is the right tool, how to find potential partners from beyond the for-profit sphere, and how to develop viable solutions to the wicked problem you face. Along the way, you’ll discover a host of powerful tools that can help you organize, govern, and monitor the effectiveness of your partnership initiative.

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



**Steve Schmida** is the Founder and Chief Innovation Officer of Resonance, an award-winning global development and corporate sustainability consulting firm with more than 100 consultants and offices in Vermont,

Washington, D.C., Seattle, and Manila. He lives in Essex Junction, Vermont.

## WHEN CAREGIVING CALLS

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

**AARON BLIGHT**

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

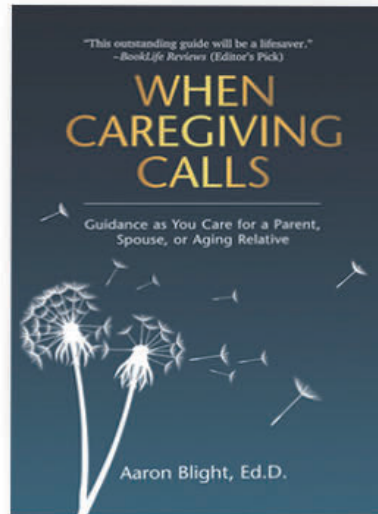
Expert Aaron Blight has lived the caregiving experience many ways—as a family caregiver, as the owner of a home care company, and as a researcher, lecturer, and consultant. In this book, he explores the daily realities of caregiving and offers candid, practical advice to help family caregivers cope with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

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



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

Leader by the International Forum on Advancements in Healthcare. He lives in Berryville, Virginia.



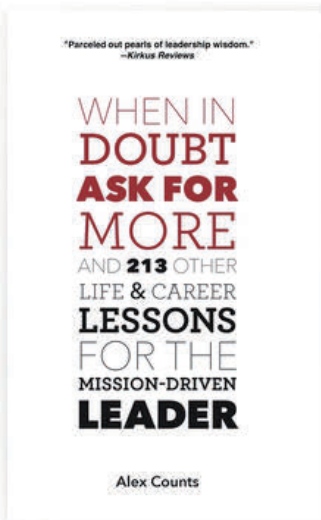
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Paperback: 978-1-7339141-4-7 • \$16.95  
Health / Family • 5.5 x 8.5 • 238 pages  
World rights

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

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

**"No family caregiver should be without this book."***—Robert Mastrogiovanni, President, Well Spouse Association*



**Published March 13, 2020**

Paperback: 978-0-9790080-7-8 • \$16.95  
Business / Self-Help • 5 x 8 • 254 pages  
World rights

"Each tiny lesson is a self-contained, salient observation that shines a light on a specific aspect of leadership. . . .

**Parceled out pearls of leadership wisdom.**"—*Kirkus Reviews*

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

## WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR MORE

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

**ALEX COUNTS**

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

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

Those working in the nonprofit world—employees and leaders in nongovernmental organizations, charities, foundations, government agencies, faith-based organizations, political and social advocacy groups, and more—will find that Alex Counts's sage advice can help them get through the day feeling more in control while making a greater impact on the world they seek to serve.



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## WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

*Pushing the Politics of Change*

**EWART F. BROWN**

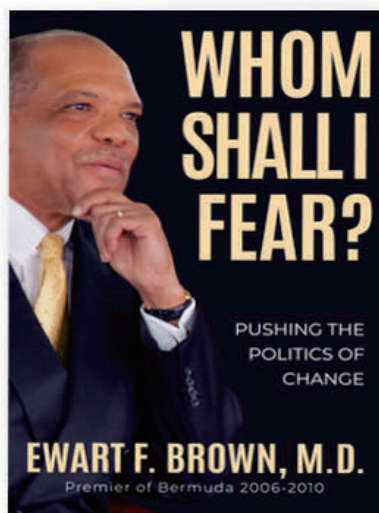
Outspoken, accomplished, and controversial, physician and political leader Ewart F. Brown has been a longtime champion of racial equality, human rights, and economic and social justice. In this event-filled memoir, the former Premier of Bermuda shares the experiences that shaped him as a physician-politician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

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



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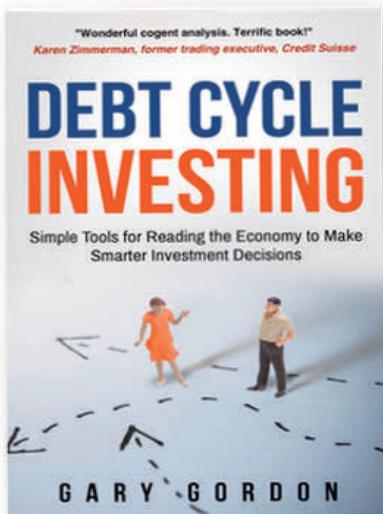
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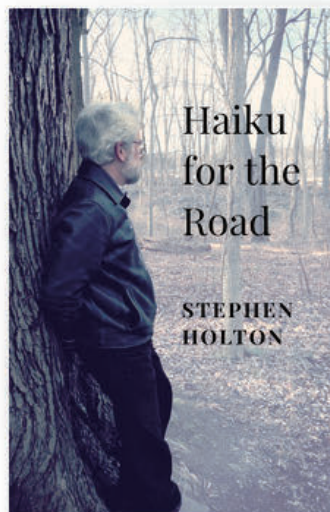
In the heart of an  
incarcerated nation  
God comes with healing.

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

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



The son of a U.S. diplomat, **Stephen Holton** grew up in six different countries. In 1989, Holton was ordained to the Episcopal priest-hood, and also was married to his wife Charlotte. In 2013, Holton earned a Master’s degree in sacred theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Today, Holton’s work draws on partnerships among friends of many faiths. He lives in White Plains, New York.



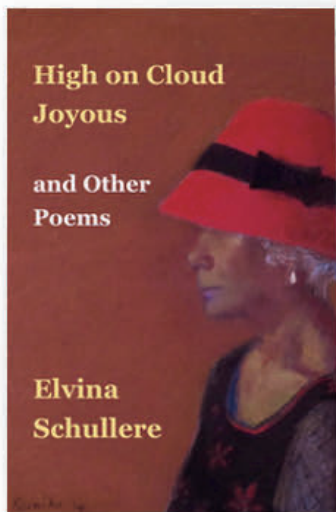
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Among the beds of lavender periwinkle  
Umbrellaed by a carambola tree, still  
young.

A butterfly flutters by, an ant invades my  
paper,  
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**Elvina D. W. Schullere** was born on May 28, 1929, in Woodbrook, Port-of-Spain, the capital of Trinidad, then a British colony. She attended private schools in Trinidad. In 1948, she moved to New York City. Schullere attended Wadleigh High School in Harlem, the first all-girls' public high school in New York, earning a place in the honor society Arista. She was also selected by Arista to paint a portrait of the school's principal, and another of her art projects was displayed at the Museum of Modern Art.

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

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

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





