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Elizabeth Gonzalez James is the author of the novel *The Bullet Swallower*, *Mona at Sea*, as well as the chapbook, *Five Conversations About Peter Sellers*. Her stories and essays have appeared in *The Idaho Review*, *Southern Humanities Review*, *The Rumpus*, *StorySouth*, *PANK*, and elsewhere, and have received numerous Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net nominations. Originally from South Texas, Elizabeth now lives with her family in Massachusetts. *The Bullet Swallower* was *one of *CrimeReads's* Best Historical Fiction of 2024, and A Most Anticipated Book of 2024 by *Goodreads*, *CrimeReads*, *The Millions*, *StyleCaster*, *The EveryGirl*, *Sunset*, *Book Riot*, and *HipLatina*.

Joseph Finder is the *New York Times* bestselling author of fifteen previous suspense novels, including his latest best-seller, *The Oligarch's Daughter*, *Judgment*, *The Switch*, *The Fixer And Suspicion*. He introduced "private spy" Nick Heller in *Vanished*, an instant bestseller, and the continuing series includes *Buried Secrets*, *Guilty Minds And House On Fire*. Joe's novels *High Crimes* and *Paranoia* have been adapted as major motion pictures. *Guilty Minds* and *Company Man* won the Barry Award for Best Thriller. An international bestseller, *Killer Instinct* won the International Thriller Writers' Thriller Award for Best Novel. *Buried Secrets* won the Strand Critics Award for Best Novel. A founding member of the International Thriller Writers, Joe is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. He is a graduate of Yale College and the Harvard Russian Research Center, and lives in Boston.

Casey Sherman is a *New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe* and *USA Today* #1 Bestselling Author of 20 books including his latest best-seller, *Blood in the Water*, *The Finest Hours* (now a major *Walt Disney Studio* motion picture starring Chris Pine & Casey Affleck), and *Patriots Day* (now an acclaimed motion picture from *CBS Films* starring Mark Wahlberg and Kevin Bacon). Sherman's 2023 true crime bestseller *Helltown*, is now in development as a limited television series for *Amazon Studio*. Sherman will serve as Executive Producer on the project, which is slated to star Oscar Isaac (*Dune*), with director Edward Berger (*Netflix* – “*All is Quiet on the Western Front*”), and produced by *Team Downey* (*Robert Downey, Jr.* & *Susan Downey* - *HBO's* “*Perry Mason*”). Sherman's other books include James Patterson's *The Last Days of John Lennon*, which spent more than 23 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, *12: The Inside Story of Tom Brady's Fight for Redemption*, and *Hunting Whitey: The Inside Story of The Capture & Killing of America's Most Wanted Crime Boss*. Sherman has appeared on more than 100 television and radio programs and is a contributing writer for *TIME Magazine*, *Esquire*, *The Washington Post*, *The Daily Beast*, *Boston Magazine* and the *Boston Herald*.

William Martin is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over a dozen novels, an award-winning *PBS* documentary on the life of George Washington, and a cult-classic horror film, too. In novels like *Back Bay*, *City of Dreams*, *The Lost Constitution*, *The Lincoln Letter*, and *Bound for Gold*, he has told stories of the great and the anonymous of American history, and he's taken readers from the deck of the *Mayflower* to 9/11. His work has earned him many accolades and honors, including the 2005 *New England Book Award*, the 2015 *Samuel Eliot Morison Award*, and the 2019 *Robert B. Parker Award*. He and his wife live near Boston, where he serves on the boards of several cultural and historical institutions, and he has three grown children.

Christy Cashman is an American author, actress, and producer who has appeared in more than twenty films, including *Kettle of Fish*, *The Love Guide*, *American Hustle*, *Joy*, *The Descendants*, *Ted 2*, *The Women*, *The Golden Boys*, and *The Forger*. She has also written two children's books set in Ireland: *The Not-So-Average Monkey of Kilkea Castle* and *Petri's Next Things*. *The Truth About Horses* is her first novel. Christy lives with her husband, Jay; two sons, Jay Michael and Quinn; their three dogs, Ben, Dan, and Violet; and three horses, Calvin, Butterscotch, and Victor. When Christy is not writing or working on production projects, she is most likely riding her horses or spending time with her dogs. The family divides their time between Kilkea Castle in Ireland and their homes in Chatham and Boston, Massachusetts. Winner of the 2024 *IBPA Benjamin Franklin Gold Award* for General Fiction and *Silver Awards* for Best New Voice and Teen Fiction.



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Meg Montagnino-Jarrett is the Director of the Massachusetts Film Office. She has over thirty years of experience in feature and independent film, video, commercials, and television production in the New York and Boston markets. She has worked in roles including coordinator, accounting, fixer, locations, producer, line producer, executive producer, and development for 20th Century Fox, Miramax, HBO, Netflix, BBC, RAI, and NEON (formerly Drafthouse). Her corporate work includes Cramer Productions, Ocean Spray, Fidelity, EMC, State Street, Motorola, and Harvard University, among others.

Angela Perri is the founder and co-owner of Boston Casting, Inc. With 40+ years of casting experience in the Boston area, Angela is a member of the Casting Society of America and an original member of the Massachusetts Production Coalition. Angela owns Boston Casting, Rhode Island Casting, Tri-State Casting and Digital Casting. Angela has cast thousands of national, regional, and local productions from feature films and television series to commercials, web videos, and reality television. Angela's most recent projects include *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*, *The Perfect Couple*, *Good Burger 2*, *The Holdovers*, *American Fiction*, the three-time Oscar winner, *CODA*, and the Whitney Houston biopic, *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*. Angela is the winner of three Artios Awards for Best Casting for *The Holdovers* (2024), *CODA* (2022) and *Knives Out* (2020), and has six Artios Award nominations for *Julia*, *Joy*, *Ted*, *American Hustle*, *The Fighter* and *The Proposal*.

Gary Tanguay is a legendary Boston sports personality (NBC Boston, WEEI) turned successful Hollywood actor known for his roles in the hit films & TV shows including *The Chair Company*, *Don't Look Up*, *Chappaquiddick*, *Knives Out*, *I Care A Lot*, and *Bleed for This*. He's also appeared on stage in *Hunting Whitey* starring Neal McDonough (*Tulsa King*).



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