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## AUTHOR/INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST

**A**uthor of CHASING COSBY and co-author of VICTIM F; award-winning journalist with a 25+-year record of obtaining exclusive interviews on some of the nation's highest profile stories. Unique talent for earning the trust of those who are reluctant to open up to others.

Accomplished investigative journalist with a history of uncovering wrongdoing by public officials and exposing inadequate laws that lead to legal reforms. First reporter to look into the Bill Cosby drugging and sexual assault scandal deeply in 2005 when others shied away. First reporter in the world to interview Brittany Maynard. Writing own column on Substack called CHASING JUSTICE>

Adept at authoring books, ghostwriting, coauthoring, reporting and writing long-form narrative pieces, investigating wrongdoing and unearthing compelling crime and human-interest stories and opinion writing.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### AUTHOR / INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST/COLUMNIST/INVESTIGATOR

2017-Present

Author of the critically acclaimed book CHASING COSBY (Hachette/Seal Press, April 2019) and host and an executive producer of the Webby-award winning podcast based on the book, which debuted in January 2020. Co-author of VICTIM F (Penguin Random House/Berkley, June 2021). Recently started writing a column for Substack called CHASING JUSTICE. Freelance writer for various publications including *The Daily Beast*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The [London] Sunday Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Cut.com*, *Time.com*, *Fortune.com*, *Essence.com* and *EW.com*.

#### Writer | Gotham Ghostwriters (2018-Present)

Freelance member of leading ghostwriting agency

#### Writer | Kevin Anderson & Associates (2019-Present)

Working on book projects for the agency whose client list includes New York Times #1-bestselling authors, literary agencies, all Big-5 publishers, celebrities and business executives.

#### Investigator | On Point Investigations (2020-Present)

Conducting in-depth interviews for national private investigations firm that handles high-stakes antitrust, fraud, and whistleblower cases.

#### Premium Writer | StoryTerrace (2020-Present)

Writing books for an international company that allows real people to capture their life stories in book form.

### PEOPLE MAGAZINE

2005-2017

#### Senior Writer | Online Heroes Editor

Consistently attained exclusive interviews and pitched, reported and wrote high-profile national crime, human interest and medical stories for the magazine and People.com. Took on editing duties for colleagues and assigned and edited online heroes.

#### STORIES COVERED:

- ♦ **Jeffrey MacDonald**—cover story about Green Beret surgeon's 47-year fight to prove his innocence after conviction for murdering his wife and two children in 1970.
  - Achieved first interview since his refusal to talk to the press in 2004.
- ♦ **Bill Cosby drugging and sexual assault scandal.**

- ◆ **Brittany Maynard**—exclusive first interview with Maynard followed by series of articles about the 29-year-old terminally ill woman who ended her own life legally under Oregon’s Death with Dignity Act.
  - Led to death with dignity legislation being introduced in more than two dozen states.
  - Exclusive story had 16 million views, breaking all previous Time Inc. records and remains the viewed story in the history of the company.
  - Achieved exclusive interview with grieving husband, Dan Diaz, two months later.
- ◆ **Captain Sully Sullenberger’s “Miracle on the Hudson”**—exclusive interview with captain and crew after miraculous landing of Flight 1549 on the Hudson River.
- ◆ **Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme**—exclusive interview with Andrew Madoff, sole surviving son of Bernie Madoff, after discovering his relapse with cancer.
- ◆ **Drew Peterson murder case**—suspected of killing two of his wives and holed up in his home to avoid the media camped outside his front door, Peterson snuck out the back door of his home, jumping over fences to meet for an exclusive interview.
- ◆ **Tyler Clementi cyber bullying case**—first interview with parents of the Rutgers University freshman who jumped to his death from the George Washington Bridge after his roommate used his webcam to broadcast his sexual liaison with another man in their dorm room.

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**PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, Lead Crime Reporter | Washington, DC Correspondent** 1992-2005

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Broke exclusive stories while covering both high-profile crime stories and politics. Mastered the art of developing trust with sources who provided me a high volume of exclusives.

**STORIES COVERED:**

- ◆ **Bill Cosby drugging and sexual assault scandal**—first interview with accusers Tamara Green and Beth Ferrier and other exclusives.
- ◆ **Pennsylvania State Police sex and defective radar gun scandals.**
- ◆ **“Main Line Murderer” Craig Rabinowitz**, who killed his wife to be with a stripper.
- ◆ **Main Line Millionaire Joel Sandler** (convicted of hiring a hit man to kill his wife)—case featured on Dominick Dunne’s “Power, Privilege and Justice” that aired on Court TV (now truTV).
- ◆ **Aimee Willard murder** (star lacrosse and soccer player at George Mason University)—case featured on NBC’s “Unsolved Mysteries.”
- ◆ Investigated cases of possible wrongful arrests and convictions that led the Philadelphia district attorney’s office to drop charges against two men and a federal judge to grant a new trial to a third man.
- ◆ Series of stories regarding a hit and run driver that led to a new law prescribing a mandatory one-year sentence for leaving a crime scene where a death occurred.

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**STATES NEWS SERVICE | Reporter** 1990-1992

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Covered local congressional delegations and issues of local interest in DC for 11 newspapers in PA and MD.

**AWARDS**

- ◆ First Place, Audio Storytelling, Best of the West Journalism contest, CHASING COSBY, 2021
- ◆ Webby Award, Best Crime & Justice Podcast, CHASING COSBY, 2020
- ◆ Hope Award for coverage of long-term missing children.
- ◆ Luce Award, Public Service for Brittany Maynard coverage.
- ◆ Luce Award, Reporting for Newtown tragedy.
- ◆ Winner, Eddie and Ozzie awards, Single Article for Brittany Maynard coverage.

## EDUCATION

**M.A., Criminal Justice** | Temple University

**B.A., Journalism/Political Science** | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill