



## Heather Morris

### Topics

Best Selling and Award Winning Authors, Jewish Interest, Religion and Faith

### Travels From

Australia

### Bio

Since January 2018 when *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* was released in the United Kingdom and Australia, Heather Morris has been travelling and speaking to groups, at events, and at corporate functions. She has spoken at more than one hundred events to various audiences, from twenty elderly people in a nursing home, three hundred at the Holocaust Center in New York, to a thousand eager attendees at the Perth Writers' Festival, and has enjoyed every occasion. Speaking on topics dear to her heart enables her to adapt to the audience in front of her. At schools, she engages the students in an informal chat, inviting them to interrupt her instead of waiting until question time if they want further clarification of something she's said. Heather asks the audience how many of them have read her book and based on the number who haven't, she will judge how much of the story to talk about, or switch to talking about how she got the story and what kind of man Lale (the tattooist) was.

### SPEECHES

**The Tattooist of Auschwitz** The story of Lale Sokolov and his role as the Tattooist in Auschwitz Concentration Camp, and the young girl whose arm he held, stabbed numbers into her skin, and fell in love with.

**Cilka's Journey** The story of a young girl who survived nearly three years in Auschwitz only to be accused of sleeping with the enemy and to be imprisoned for a further ten years in a Siberian Gulag.

**If We Just Listen** Based on her life experiences of listening to people with powerful stories.

**Hope is the Last Thing to Die** Hope can be found; hope can find us. Without knowing it, like love, hope is all around us. How *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* has given hope to many readers at a time it was needed.

**Where to Find Stories** The importance of finding and telling difficult stories and the rewards that can follow.

**Writing Fictionalized Stories of Real Events/People** How, when telling stories based on true events, fictionalizing, creating and weaving the facts with fiction is a powerful tool for making the reader turn the page.

## BOOKS

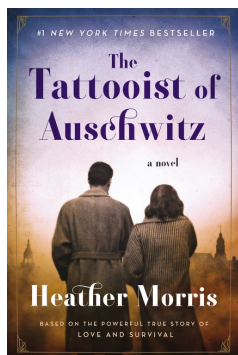


Hardcover

[Cilka's Journey](#) A Novel

St. Martin's Press

From the author of the multi-million copy bestseller *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* comes a new novel based on an incredible true story of love and resilience.



Paperback

[The Tattooist of Auschwitz](#) A Novel

HarperCollins

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.



Victoria "V.E." Schwab

## Topics

Best Selling and Award Winning Authors, Children and Young Adult Authors, Pop Culture and Entertainment

## Travels From

United Kingdom

## Bio

Victoria “V.E.” Schwab is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than a dozen books, including the Shades of Magic series, *Vicious*, *Vengeful*, *This Savage Song*, *Our Dark Duet*, *The Near Witch*, *The Archived*, *City of Ghosts*, *The Steel Prince* and *Tunnel of Bones*. She has been called the “natural successor to Diana Wynne Jones” and her 2018 title, *Vengeful*, was the Goodreads Choice Awards winner for Best 2018 Science Fiction novel. Her upcoming novel, *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* will be released next year. The product of a British mother, a Beverly Hills father and a southern upbringing, Victoria’s critically acclaimed work has been featured in publications including the *New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and the *Washington Post*, translated into more than 20 languages, and optioned for both television and film. At the age of 11, Victoria, a self-professed “non-reader,” received a book that would shape her future career: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*. There she learned the power of words on the page, the potential for disappearing into a story. Years later, Victoria would be introduced to another influential force: Neil Gaiman. These two writers became the pillars on which her own career was built. As Victoria often says, JK Rowling turned her into a reader, but Neil Gaiman made her a writer. Signing her first book deal while still in college, Victoria has since gone on to write more than fifteen books and comics for adults, young adults and middle graders. She received her graduate degree at the University of Edinburgh, earning a Master of Science in Medieval Art History, with a specialty in monsters. Schwab currently resides in Edinburgh, where she is usually tucked in a coffee shop dreaming up monsters.

## SPEECHES

**The Slow Pursuit of Overnight Success**

**In Search of Doors – Access, Gatekeeping, and the Next Generation of Readership**

**The Roles of Magic and Power in Fantastical Works**

## BOOKS



Hardcover

[Vengeful](#) Villains (Volume 2)

Tor Books

A super-powered collision of extraordinary minds and vengeful intentions—#1 New York Times bestselling author V. E. Schwab returns with the thrilling follow-up to *Vicious*.



Paperback

[Vicious](#) Villains (Volume 1)

Tor Books

A masterful tale of ambition, jealousy, and superpowers.



Paperback

[A Conjuring of Light](#) Shades of Magic (Volume 3)

Tor Books

Witness the fate of beloved heroes and notorious foes in the heart-stopping conclusion to V.E. Schwab's New York Times bestselling Shades of Magic trilogy.

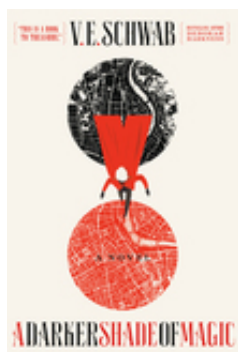


Paperback

[A Gathering of Shadows](#) Shades of Magic (Volume 2)

Tor Books

"Addictive and immersive, *A Gathering of Shadows* cements this series as a must-read."  
—*Entertainment Weekly*, grade A



Paperback

[A Darker Shade of Magic](#) Shades of Magic (Volume 1)

Tor Books

Kell is one of the last Antari—magicians with a rare, coveted ability to travel between parallel Londons; Red, Grey, White, and, once upon a time, Black.

REVIEWS: "Victoria was an enchanting speaker who engaged our audience composed of academics, students, members of the public, and her own fan-base, some of whom travelled a long way to hear her speak in Oxford. Indeed, the level of interest in the event was so high we sold out within a few days and used an audio-only overflow room for the first time in our event's history."

– Gabriel Schenk and Lindsey Cohick, Tolkien Lecture Committee, Pembroke College, Oxford University

"Victoria Schwab was delightful to work with in every way. As the featured speaker for our panel of diversity in fantasy and science fiction, she brought a wealth of insights that my students often brought into our subsequent class discussions. She was also fun, accommodating, and friendly, we'd have her back any time!"

- Lori Campbell-Tanner, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

"When V.E. Schwab came to speak at our bookstore she went above and beyond in her role as a moderator. She pumped up the crowd and got them excited to be there. At the same time, she was fabulous, personable and fun conversationalist with our guest. We were lucky to have her and I highly recommend her as a participant and leader of a panel."

- Nick Trotta, Greenlight Bookstore



Alex Michaelides

## Topics

Best Selling and Award Winning Authors, Inspirational Speakers, Motivational Speakers

## Travels From

London

## Bio

Alex Michaelides is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Silent Patient*. He holds an MA in English Literature from Cambridge University and an MFA in Screenwriting from the American Film Institute. Alex wrote the film *Devil You Know*, starring Rosamund Pike, and co-wrote the film *The Con is On*, starring Uma Thurman, Tim Roth, Sofia Vergara, and Parker Posey. He has been hired to write the screenplay of *The Silent Patient* by Plan B productions.

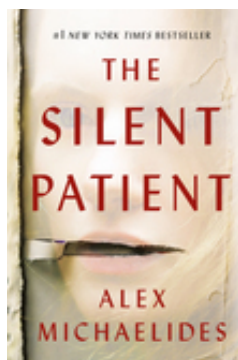
## SPEECHES

***The Silent Patient*** Alex Michaelides talks about his personal experience – his journey as a writer and a person. Alex went back and forth between writing and psychotherapy – he had a lot of personal therapy, as well as studied it at a postgraduate level (although he never graduated) and worked in a secure psychiatric facility for teenagers. Alex had a disillusioning and demoralizing career as a screenwriter, while battling a lot of self-doubt. Ultimately it was the decision to try to have complete creative control over a project and write a novel, that changed everything. *The Silent Patient* has sold in 44 countries, a



record for a debut author, and went in the *New York Times* at number one, a first for a British debut novelist. For Alex, it's very much about transcending self-doubt and negative critical thoughts, and persevering, while staying true to who you are, really. It's about authenticity and perseverance. And that transforms your life. So it's an inspirational, motivational speech.

## BOOKS



Hardcover

[The Silent Patient](#)

Celadon Books

*The Silent Patient* is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive.



**Jennifer Finney Boylan**

## Topics

Culture and Society, Diversity and Inclusion, LGBTQIA+, Women's Interests

## Travels From

Maine, New York

## Bio

Jennifer Finney Boylan is the inaugural Anna Quindlen Writer in Residence and Professor of English at Barnard College of Columbia University. She is the author of 16 books, including *She's Not There*, the first bestselling work by a transgender American. Her column appears on the op/ed page of the *New York Times* on alternate Wednesdays. The former chair of the board of the LGBTQ advocacy nonprofit GLAAD, she was a cast member of *I Am Cait*, as well as a consultant for *Transparent*. Her new book, *Good Boy*, is a memoir of her pre-transition life as a boy and a young man, as reflected in the seven dogs she owned during seven stages of her life. Jenny has appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* four times; she has twice been a guest on the *Today Show* and on *Larry King Live*. A frequent guest on news shows, she is also the subject of a documentary on the History Channel. She has spoken at hundreds of colleges and universities over the last twenty years, including Yale, Cornell, Harvard, Wesleyan, Amherst, Brandeis, Duke, Vanderbilt, many University of California campuses, and Grinnell. She has also spoken widely to corporate clients, including the Richmond Human Resources Management Council, the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania; Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, the National Space and Aeronautics Administration, and the District Attorney's Office of New York City.

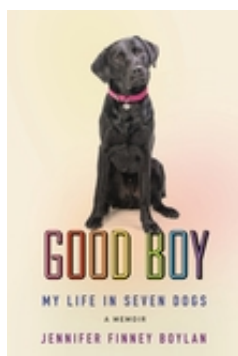
## SPEECHES

**She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders** Jennifer Boylan is the author of the first bestselling work by a transgender American. A professor at Barnard College of Columbia University, former chair of the board of GLAAD, and a Contributing Opinion Writer for the *New York Times*, Jenny Boylan is "the sunny face of the transgender movement." In this talk, she discusses the diversity of transgender identities and provides strategies to provide understanding and support. This talk is not just about LGBTQ people; it's about all of us, and all the ways in which embracing diversity enables us to live richer lives.

**Gender and Resistance** Jennifer Boylan, author, activist, and professor, examines the current moment in the struggle for equality—for LGBTQ people; for disabled people; for anyone who seems "different" in our current culture. The former chair of the board of GLAAD, Boylan has witnessed firsthand two decades of progress and struggle for the queer rights movement. With humor, compassion, and fierceness, Boylan gives her listeners understanding, inspiration, and solace.

**A Twist in Your Plot: On Revision and Invention** Jennifer Boylan, bestselling writer and transgender activist, has been a professional writer for 30 years. Author of 16 books, she discusses how revision is not only a vital strategy for writers of fiction and nonfiction; it's also a method for living your best life. With humor, compassion, and wisdom, Boylan encourages her listeners to create and re-invent themselves so that they may become "their own best draft."

## BOOKS



Hardcover

[Good Boy](#) My Life in Seven Dogs

Celadon Books

From bestselling author of *She's Not There*, *New York Times* opinion columnist, and human rights

activist Jennifer Finney Boylan, *Good Boy: My Life in Seven Dogs*, a memoir of the transformative power of loving dogs.



**Bo Eason**

## Topics

Inspirational Speakers, Motivational Speakers, Sports

## Travels From

California

## Bio

Former NFL All-Pro. Actor. Playwright. Motivational Speaker. Leadership Trainer. Author. Bo Eason started his career in the NFL as a top pick for the Houston Oilers. Continuing on with the San Francisco 49ers, during his 5-year career Bo competed beside and against some of the greatest players of his generation. In 2001, Bo wrote and performed his one-man play, *Runt of the Litter*, which he performed on Broadway to rave reviews. *The New York Times* called it, “One of the most powerful plays in the last decade.” Bo toured with the play in over 50 cities and it is now being adapted as a major motion picture. In his quest for excellence on the stage, Bo trained with some of the world’s most brilliant performance

and movement coaches, Larry Moss and Jean-Louis Rodrigue. Now in his third act, he speaks to and trains some of the most successful people in the world—athletes, artists, entrepreneurs, C-suite execs—on how to communicate for maximum impact and success. He has consulted for clients like Advisors Excel, Morgan Stanley, Dimensional Fund Advisors, Mass Mutual, Guardian, and Merrill Lynch. His training programs on leveraging the power of personal story have transformed the way speakers communicate. Your story is unique from any other. Bo will show you how to leverage your achievements and your failures in a way that captivates and connects you with your audience every time. His book, *There's No Plan B for Your A-Game, Be the Best in the World at What You Do*, will be published in September 2019 by St. Martin's Press.

## SPEECHES

**Executing Your Greatness through Story** In his internationally acclaimed keynote, Bo reveals his three critical steps to storytelling while demonstrating how deeper and more intimate connections with clients ultimately generate more business. Bo will share his journey from runt of the litter to the NFL to Broadway to corporate boardrooms, as he shows your team how to use their story to create greater personal and professional results. Once you learn to express yourself, you begin to play a bigger game.

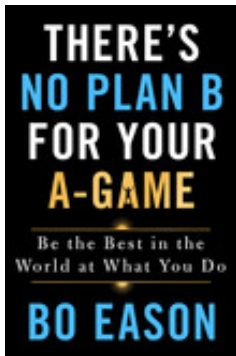
**Stepping into the Power of Your Story** Stepping into the Power of Your Story (breakout seminar) In this intense session, Bo breaks down his 20,000 hours of stage experience into understandable components your team can easily apply. Bo will coach your team on how to: • Unearth their signature personal story • Present their personal story for maximum impact • Apply their personal story in all areas, from closing new clients to inspiring top performance

**Battling to be The Best** How do you keep fighting to be #1 in a world that has reduced itself to participation trophies? In this electric presentation, Bo goes full throttle into why achieving greatness is not only your responsibility, but your birthright. He shares how declaring the vision you have for your life, designing an environment that supports it and giving everything you've got has landed him at the top of every mountain he's attempted to climb.

**There's No Plan B for Your A-Game** In *There's No Plan B for Your A-Game*, Bo Eason reveals what the BEST athletes, entrepreneurs, and executives in the world do different. He shares the 4 critical steps that every executive and team member MUST master in order to become #1. Can your people really become the best in the world at what they do? Bo, a former NFL All-Pro, playwright, and acclaimed motivational speaker, believes greatness is our birthright and he shows your team members how to achieve it in his new book.

## BOOKS

[There's No Plan B for Your A-Game](#) Be the Best in



HARDCOVER

the World at What You Do

St. Martin's Press

*There's No Plan B for Your A-Game* explains how to develop the character, integrity, and commitment it takes to become the best. Bo Eason focuses on a winning four-step process that helps you attain the skill, maintain the effort, and persist through challenges.

REVIEWS: "When we look at the impact we've been able to make in supporting our financial advisors, the thing that we track and are always excited about is how we help those advisors grow. What can we do to support and improve their practice in a way that helps them grow? This year our advisors are on pace to do over \$500 million more in production than they did last year and Bo is a big part of that growth."

- Cody Foster, Founder, Advisors Excel

"We often bring in speakers to inspire our team. But Bo was totally unexpected. He wasn't just another gifted athlete telling great stories. Bo's presentation was electrifying and he actually gave the team some valuable tools they could use with clients the very next day. I'd recommend him to any group that wants to increase motivation and productivity."

- Bill Proper, President, 3 Mark Financial, and Co-Founder of Peloton Global

"We have been producing major conventions in the health and fitness space for over 30 years and Bo Eason was the best keynote speaker we have ever had...bar none! He wowed an audience that didn't know who he was and wasn't interested in football but his story and style still knocked their socks off!"

- Peter Davis, Co-founder & CEO of IDEA Health & Fitness Association



**George M. Johnson**

## Topics

Activism and Social Justice, Best Selling and Award Winning Authors, Culture and Society, Health and Wellness, Journalism, LGBTQIA+

## Travels From

New York

## Bio

George M. Johnson is an award-winning black queer writer, author, and speaker located in the New York City area. George was awarded the 2019 Salute to Excellence Award by the National Association of Black Journalists for his article “When Racism Anchors Your Health” in *Vice* magazine. ? George is a columnist for *Afropunk* and has written for major and niche media outlets like *Teen Vogue*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *NBC*, *The Root*, *BuzzFeed*, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *THEM*, and *The Griot*. He writes on topics ranging from race, gender, sex, HIV, intersectionality, politics, culture, health and pop culture, and is never afraid to "go there" and ask the tough questions. George has also been seen on *Politics Nation with Al Sharpton* on MSNBC, BuzzFeed’s *AM2DM*, *The Grapevine*, and *PBS Nightly News*. He has given keynotes at Dartmouth and Virginia State University Lavender Graduation. George also moderates and speaks on many panels throughout the year, including major clients like Gilead Pharmaceuticals, Human Rights Campaign, Proctor and Gamble, and various colleges and universities. His debut young adult memoir, *All Boys Aren’t Blue*, will be released April 2020, discussing his adolescence growing up as a young Black Queer boy in New Jersey through a series of powerful essays.

On social media, he has an impressive presence, with nearly 50,000 engaged Twitter followers. He is

also a proud HBCU alum twice over and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. George is an HIV and LGBTQ activist, serving as Chair of the Black Leadership AIDS Crisis Coalition for Black Gay Men for AIDS Healthcare Foundation, and being called upon to discuss various issues facing the LGBTQ community from civil rights leaders to politicians.

## SPEECHES

**LGBTQ Issues and Politics** Discusses LGBTQ policy and law on a macro level and how these decisions play out in community based on different intersections of race and identity.

**HIV Prevention and Treatment** Discusses the history of the HIV epidemic, personal story telling of his own diagnosis, and how the epidemic has changed with the use of TASP (Treatment as Prevention) and PrEP at race and identity intersections.

**Toxic Masculinity** Discusses how toxic masculinity plays a role in misogyny, homophobia and violence in the Black community.

**Black Queerness** Discusses Black LGBTQ issues and how race plays a role in the double/triple oppression of people who are Black and Queer.

**Stigma and Cultural Competency in healthcare** Discusses how healthcare distrust has created barriers and stigmas to Black Americans navigating the healthcare system and how healthcare providers need cultural awareness to change this.

## BOOKS



## HARDCOVER

[All Boys Aren't Blue](#) A Memoir-Manifesto

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)



In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia.



**Dr. Taz Bhatia**

### **Topics**

Food & Wine, Health and Wellness, Lifestyle, Women's Interests

### **Travels From**

Georgia

### **Bio**

Dr. Taz Bhatia is a board-certified integrative medicine physician and founder of CentreSpringMD in Atlanta who gained national recognition as a best-selling author of the books *What Doctors Eat*, *The 21 Day Belly Fix*, and the *New York Times*-reviewed *Super Woman Rx*. Dr. Taz has spoken about the future of women's health at several events, including In Goop Health, Google Talks and a TEDx event in New York City discussing "The Science of the Female Brain" and linking the genetics of empowerment to the health of women today. Her integration of Eastern medical wisdom with modern science, along with

her unique Power Type discovery, has led to featured segments on *The Today Show*, *Dr. Oz*, *Live with Kelly & Ryan* and eventually her own PBS special *Super Woman Rx with Dr. Taz*, the first PBS special to individualize a woman's health needs through power typing. She also wrote a chapter in Gwyneth Paltrow's new clean eating book, *The Clean Plate*, all about detoxing. She is the host of Radio MD's *The Dr. Taz Show: Super Woman Wellness* podcast, which garners 50,000 monthly downloads. Dubbed "a superwoman in her own right," Dr. Taz is committed to empowering women to radically transform their lives through personalized lifestyle, diet, exercise, self-care and relationship strategies to help them rediscover their own "superpowers."

## SPEECHES

**The Modern Epidemic - Super Woman Syndrome: The Costs and Benefits of Being a Woman Today** Modern womanhood often means juggling multiple roles—businesswoman, mother, spouse, homemaker and more—all while being expected to look perfectly composed. In other words, it means being superhuman! Overwhelmed and exhausted, many women find themselves falling into unhealthy eating habits, with no time for exercise or self-care. Dr. Taz addresses these challenges and unveils the key to beating this syndrome: powertyping. Powertyping reveals the secrets for lasting health, finding your perfect weight and increasing energy and passion.

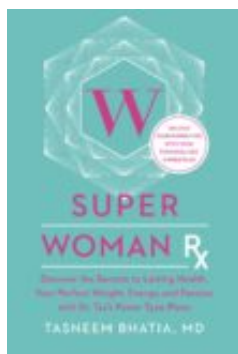
**The Science of Empowerment** At a time when the paradigm of femininity and female power is being redefined, linking the genetics of empowerment to the health of women today is crucial! Dr. Taz reveals the science behind women's empowerment by sharing insights on the female brain, psyche, hormones and DNA. By understanding what's behind decisions and actions, the next generation of change-makers can learn how to build self-confidence, improve self-image, boost will power and cultivate self-awareness - the prescription to transform the world.

**Journey to Joy: Finding Your Power and Charting Your Path** The path to happiness isn't one size fits all. You need to have a plan so you can continue down the path with enthusiasm and longevity instead of crashing and burning periodically. Dr. Taz is on a mission is to empower men and women to find their super powers, restore their health and wellbeing, and embrace their purpose and gifts.

**East West Medicine and the Future of Health** Merging all systems of medicine is the future of medicine. It is how medicine should be. Dr. Taz has merged and integrated the BEST ideas from Eastern and Western medicine to create effective treatment and lifestyle plans. After 25 years of education in multiple systems of medicine and experience in treating over 10,000 patients, Dr. Taz shares everything you need to know to reach peak energy, balance, health, and happiness.

## BOOKS

[Super Woman Rx](#) Unlock the Secrets to Lasting



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Health, Your Perfect Weight, Energy, and Passion  
with Dr. Taz's Power Type Plans

Rodale Books

Dr. Taz sets out to treat “super woman syndrome” by offering five prescriptive plans based on a woman’s unique blueprint, or Power Type, whether you’re a Boss Lady, a Savvy Chick, an Earth Mama, a Gypsy Girl, or a Nightingale.