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#### Amazon.com Review

**An Amazon Best Book of the Month, May 2014:** In May of 2013, Edward Snowden, a young systems administrator contracting for the National Security Agency, fled the United States for Hong Kong, carrying with him thousands of classified documents outlining the staggering capabilities of the NSA's surveillance programs--including those designed to collect information within the U.S. There Snowden arranged a meeting with *Guardian* columnist Glenn Greenwald, and so began the most explosive leak of classified material since the Pentagon Papers, over 40 years ago. *No Place to Hide* opens with Greenwald's tense account of his initial cloak-and-dagger encounters with Snowden, then transitions into descriptions of the NSA's vast information-collection apparatus, including a selection of the "Snowden files" with commentary on the alphabet soup of agencies and code names. And--in typical Greenwald style--the book is packed with his opinions on government snooping, its legality, and the impacts on our Constitutional freedoms. Whether you consider Snowden a whistleblower crying foul on government overreach, or a self-aggrandizing traitor who put national security at risk, Greenwald's book is thrilling and enlightening, a bellwether moment in a crucial debate. --*Jon Foro*

#### Review

"Impassioned . . . gripping . . . Greenwald amplifies our understanding of the N.S.A.'s sweeping ambitions . . . and delivers a fierce argument in defense of the right of privacy." ?*Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times*

"Rings with authority . . . vital for anyone interested in civil liberties . . . this book is an antidote to the common public perception that government spooks are only interested in 'bad' people." ?*Chicago Tribune*

"Incisive, slashing . . . Greenwald's pugilistic skills are on full display . . . If you want to get a handle on what was at stake when Snowden downloaded the government's most precious secrets onto a thumb drive, this book is your primer." ?*Slate*

"Provides an excellent overview of the NSA's still-classified activities and lack of legal controls, putting the pieces together in a way that daily journalism cannot." ?*The Economist*

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"A fascinating read that adds much to the debate on national security and privacy." ?*Los Angeles Review of Books*

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“A smart, impassioned indictment of what Greenwald calls ‘fear-driven, obsequious journalism.’” *San Francisco Chronicle*

“A compelling narrative that puts the most explosive revelations about official criminality into vital context . . . The book ends with a beautiful, barn-burning coda in which Greenwald sets out his case for a society free from surveillance. It reads like the transcript of a particularly memorable speech--an ‘I have a dream’ speech; a ‘Blood, sweat, toil and tears’ speech. . . . It’s a speech I hope to hear Greenwald deliver himself someday.”  
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“Eloquent . . . powerful . . . Greenwald makes a persuasive case that this is a battle that has engulfed us all, and one that has not yet ended” *VICE*

#### About the Author

**Glenn Greenwald** is the author, most recently, of *With Liberty and Justice for Some* and *A Tragic Legacy*. A former constitutional lawyer and a columnist for *The Guardian* until October 2013, he earned numerous awards for his commentary and investigative reporting, including the top 2013 investigative journalism award from the Online News Association, the Esso Award for Excellence in Reporting (the Brazilian equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize), and the 2013 Pioneer Award from Electronic Frontier Foundation. He also received the 2013 George Polk Award for National Security Reporting and was named by *Foreign Policy* as one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers. Greenwald's writing has appeared in many newspapers and political news magazines, including *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The American Conservative*. In early 2014, he cofounded a new global media outlet, *The Intercept*.

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