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About the Author

Thomas L. Friedman is an internationally renowned author, reporter, and columnist—the recipient of three Pulitzer Prizes and the author of six bestselling books, among them *From Beirut to Jerusalem* and *The World Is Flat*.

He was born in Minneapolis in 1953, and grew up in the middle-class Minneapolis suburb of St. Louis Park. He graduated from Brandeis University in 1975 with a degree in Mediterranean studies, attended St. Antony's College, Oxford, on a Marshall Scholarship, and received an M.Phil. degree in modern Middle East studies from Oxford. After three years with United Press International, he joined *The New York Times*, where he has worked ever since as a reporter, correspondent, bureau chief, and columnist. At the *Times*, he has won three Pulitzer Prizes: in 1983 for international reporting (from Lebanon), in 1988 for international reporting (from Israel), and in 2002 for his columns after the September 11th attacks.

Friedman's first book, *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, won the National Book Award in 1989. His second book, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization* (1999), won the Overseas Press Club Award for best book on foreign policy in 2000. In 2002 FSG published a collection of his Pulitzer Prize-winning columns, along with a diary he kept after 9/11, as *Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11*. His fourth book, *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* (2005) became a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and received the inaugural Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award in November 2005. A revised and expanded edition was published in hardcover in 2006 and in 2007. *The World Is Flat* has sold more than 4 million copies in thirty-seven languages.

In 2008 he brought out *Hot, Flat, and Crowded*, which was published in a revised edition a year later. His sixth book, *That Used to Be Us: How American Fell Behind in the World We Invented and How We Can Come Back*, co-written with Michael Mandelbaum, was published in 2011.

Thomas L. Friedman lives in Bethesda, Maryland, with his family.

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