David Baldacci currently resides in Virginia, where he was born in 1960. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Virginia Commonwealth University and a law degree from the University of Virginia. He later practiced law for nine years in Washington, DC, as both a trial and corporate attorney.

He has published over 15 novels: Absolute Power; Total Control; The Winner; The Simple Truth; Saving Faith; Wish You Well; Last Man Standing; The Christmas Train; Split Second; Hour Game; The Camel Club; The Collectors; Simple Genius; Stone Cold; The Whole Truth; Divine Justice; True Blue; and Deliver Us From Evil. He has also published a novella for the Dutch entitled Office Hours, written for Holland's Year 2000 "Month of the Thriller." Baldacci’s works have been in numerous magazines, newspapers, journals, and publications worldwide.

Baldacci has authored nine original screenplays as well. His books have been translated into 45 languages, and sold in more than 80 countries. All of his books have been national and international bestsellers, and over 90 million copies are in print worldwide.

In 1997, Castle Rock Entertainment made Absolute Power (Warner Books, 1996) into a major motion picture starring Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman. The novel won Britain's W. H. Smith’s Thumping Good Read Award for fiction in 1997, and was nominated for a literary award in Italy. The book was also selected as a People Magazine "Page Turner of the Week," and won the 1996 Gold Medal Award for Best Mystery/Thriller from the Southern Writers Guild.

The paperback version of Total Control (Warner Books, 1996) was a best-selling favorite of the
Traveling public for over a year. It won the 1997 Gold Medal Award for Best Mystery/Thriller from the Southern Writers Guild.

*The Winner* (Warner Books, 1997) Sales topped those of Baldacci's first two novels, and were no doubt aided by the novel's revelation of how to fix the lottery and win a hundred million dollars! *The Winner* received a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly*, its highest rating.

*The Simple Truth* (Warner Books, 1998) was the first of Baldacci's novels in which part of the plot was based upon an actual event. President Clinton selected *The Simple Truth* as his favorite novel of 1999.

*Saving Faith* (Warner Books, 1999) is a novel about how Washington really works, and it reached number one on both the *New York Times* Best-Seller List and the *Publisher's Weekly* national best-seller list. *Saving Faith* was selected as a *People Magazine* "Page Turner of the Week."

*Wish You Well* (Warner Books, 2000) is strongly linked to Baldacci's maternal family history. In doing the research for this book, he spent countless hours talking with his mother, who spent her first seventeen years on the "high rock" and learned its lifelong lessons. *Wish You Well* received a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly* and was selected as the inaugural book for All America Reads, a national reading program.

*Last Man Standing* (Warner Books, 2001) is an explosive psychological thriller about Web London, a member of the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team, who is desperate to find answers for his secret terrors and relief from his unbearable guilt. *Last Man Standing* reached number one on the *New York Times* Best-Seller List.

*The Christmas Train* (Warner Books, 2002) is filled with memorable characters who have packed their bags for a holiday adventure, and it shows how we do get second chances to fulfill our deepest hopes and dreams during the season of miracles. *The Christmas Train* has quickly
Split Second (Warner Books, 2003) is a compelling, fast-paced political thriller that gives readers an inside look at the work of the Secret Service as it strives to protect America’s leaders. As their worlds close in upon them, former agents Sean King and Michelle Maxwell team up to seek answers to events that, at first glance, seem to be unrelated disasters. Split Second became a New York Times best-seller on its first day of publication.

Hour Game (Warner Books, 2004) teams Sean King and Michelle Maxwell from Split Second in a race to prove a man’s innocence in a domestic burglary. They quickly find themselves caught in a chain of murders that once again rocks the quiet hills of Wrightsburg, Virginia. At every turn, King and Maxwell find themselves trying to put the pieces together as the killer plays the murderous "hour game."

In The Camel Club (Warner/Grand Central, 2005), Baldacci goes beyond the traditional boundaries of fiction, painting a frighteningly vivid portrait of a world that could be our own very soon, and the few people who have a chance to stop the last war the world may ever fight.

In The Collectors (Warner/Grand Central, 2006), Baldacci weaves a brilliant, white-knuckle tale of suspense in which every collector is searching for one missing prize... the one to die for.

Simple Genius (Warner/Grand Central, 2007) brings back the dynamic team of Sean King and Michelle Maxwell from Split Second and Hour Game. While investigating a dead body found in Babbage Town -- a think-tank and high tech research facility just across the York River from the CIA Training Facility in Camp Peary, Virginia -- King & Maxwell find themselves thrown into the midst of a worldwide race to control information, and at any cost -- even murder.

Stone Cold (Warner/Grand Central, 2007) brings back the unusual group of sleuths, the Camel Club, for another mystery involving Jerry Bagger, Annabelle Conroy, Alex Ford, and a deadly assassin whose identity, like Oliver Stone's, remains veiled in mystery.
The Whole Truth (Grand Central, 2008) represents David's first international thriller, one that presents the all-too-real world of perception management into the forefront of global defense contractor activities.

Divine Justice (Grand Central, 2008) is the fourth in the Camel Club series. Oliver Stone finally faces his inner demons and finds himself in rural Virginia where coal mining clashes with small town relationships with deadly results.


David Baldacci's books have been publicly discussed and/or read by everyone from Howard Stern and Don Imus to Newt Gingrich and Rush Limbaugh, from George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton to Charlie Rose and Larry King.

Baldacci has made many television and radio appearances and has been featured in numerous national and international publications

Baldacci contributes to, and is involved in, several philanthropic efforts. His greatest efforts are currently dedicated to his family's own Wish You Well Foundation. The Wish You Well Foundation, established by Michelle and David Baldacci, supports family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Recently the Wish You Well Foundation partnered with Feeding America to launch "Feeding Body & Mind". Through Feeding Body & Mind, hundreds of thousands of new and used books have been collected and distributed through area food banks, helping feed both body and mind.

David Baldacci serves as a national ambassador for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and participates in numerous charities, including the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, the American Cancer Society, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He sits on the boards of the
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Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Virginia Commonwealth University. Baldacci also holds various honorary chairs.