



Keynote Speaker

Ron Suskind

Journalist & Author

Ron Suskind is a Pulitzer-winning journalist, best-selling author, and the founder of Sidekicks.

Ron's latest bestseller, *Life, Animated* (2014), chronicles his family's twenty-year journey raising and connecting to their autistic son. The Suskinds are also the subject of an award-winning documentary feature of the same name (2016). Their story has driven activism and research about the compensatory strengths of those with autism and others who are "differently-abled" due to distinctive neurology or sociocultural backgrounds. Ron's company, Sidekicks, is leading efforts to build a next generation of augmentative technologies to lift and support these communities.

Ron's other works include *Confidence Men* (2011), *The Way of the World* (2008), *The One Percent Doctrine* (2006), *The Price of Loyalty* (2004), and *A Hope in the Unseen* (1998). Ron often appears on network television and has been a contributor for *The New York Times Magazine* and *Esquire*. Ron was *The Wall Street Journal's* senior national affairs reporter from 1993 until his departure in 2000 and won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing.

He currently lives in Cambridge, MA, with his wife, Cornelia Kennedy Suskind, and lectures about narrative and justice at Harvard Law School.

