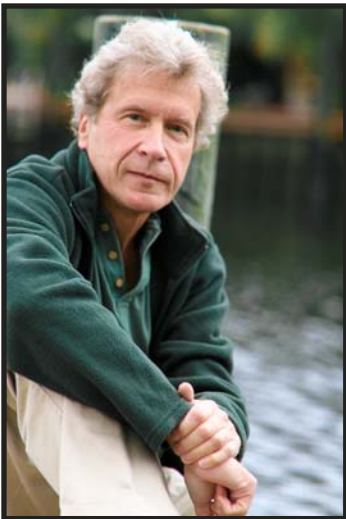


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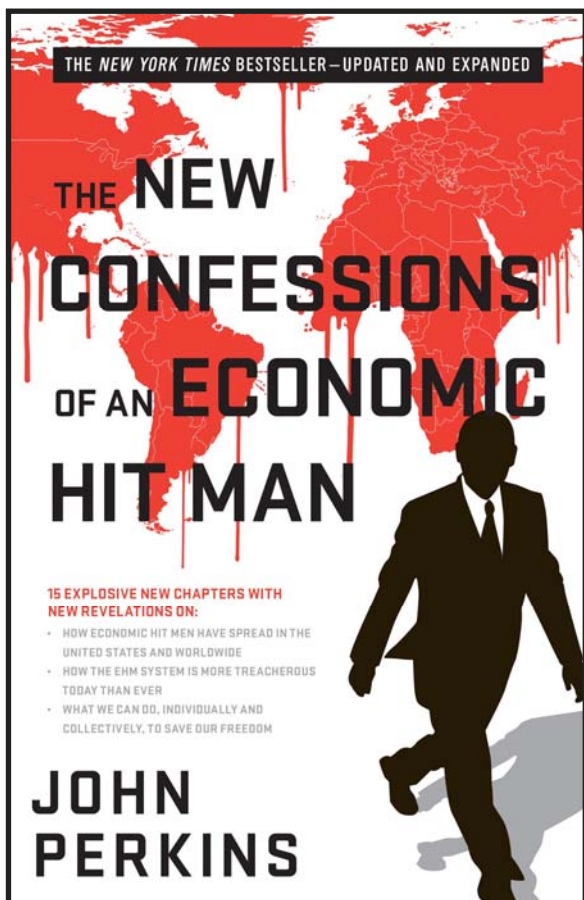
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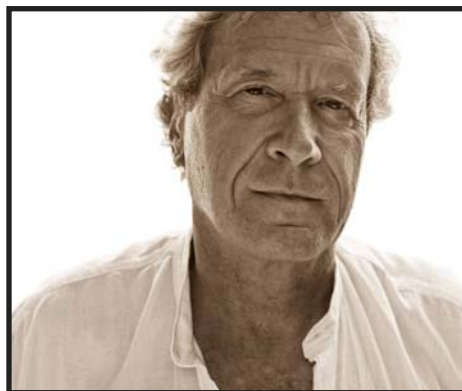
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The New Confessions of an Economic Hit Man (2016), a follow-up to John's classic *New York Times* bestseller, brings the story of economic hit men and jackal assassins up to date and chillingly home to the U.S. It goes on to provide practical strategies to transform the failing global death economy into a regenerative life economy. *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* (more than 70 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, 32 languages), *The Secret History of the American Empire* (*New York Times* bestseller), and *Hoodwinked* were groundbreaking exposés of the clandestine operations that created the current global crises; they set the stage for the revelations and strategies detailed in *The New Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*.

John has lectured at Harvard, Oxford, and more than 50 other universities around the world, is a founder and board member of Dream Change and The Pachamama Alliance, nonprofit organizations devoted to establishing a world future generations will want to inherit, and also is the author of books on indigenous cultures and transformation, including *Shapeshifting*, *The World Is As You Dream It*, *Psychonavigation*, *Spirit of the Shuar*, and *The Stress-Free Habit*. He has been featured on ABC, NBC, CNN, CNBC, NPR, A&E, the History Channel, *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Elle*, *Der Spiegel*, and many other publications, as well as in numerous documentaries including *The End of Poverty?*, *Zeitgeist Addendum*, and *Apology of an Economic Hit Man*. He was awarded the Lennon Ono Grant for Peace in 2012 and the Rainforest Action Network Challenging Business as Usual Award in 2006.



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