

## JON RONSON

“...at his best, [Jon] Ronson is one of the finest comic writers working today.” —*The Guardian*

**Fascinated by madness, strange behavior and the human mind, Jon Ronson has spent his life exploring mysterious events and meeting extraordinary people. An award-winning writer and documentary filmmaker, his unique brand of intellect and comic wit has been described by comedian Jon Stewart as “satirical investigation.”**

Jon is a regular contributor to BBC and NPR and is the author of the best-selling *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*, which is frequently cited as having kickstarted the conversation about the perils of social media shaming. The book is used by educators across America to teach compassion and curiosity, as well as to illuminate the damage that results from a reactionary shaming culture. It also inspired an episode of *Black Mirror*, “Hated in the Nation.”

Among Jon's other books are *The Psychopath Test*, *Them: Adventures with Extremists*, *Lost at Sea*, and *The Men Who Stare At Goats*, which was adapted into a film starring George Clooney, Jeff Bridges, and Ewan McGregor. Jon's original screenplays include the critically acclaimed Netflix Original, *Okja*, as well as *Frank*, which was inspired by his time alongside the Frank Sidebottom Band. His books have been translated into more than 30 languages, and his two TED talks have been watched more than 30 million times. One of them – *Strange Answers to The Psychopath Test* – is among the 25 most watched TED talks of all time.

His most recent published work is the acclaimed BBC podcast *Things Fell Apart* – named by the *Observer* as the number one audio show of 2021. Before that came two Audible Original audio series, *The Butterfly Effect* and *The Last Days of August*. Both went straight to number one in the US and UK audiobook charts and were named by multiple critics as two of the best podcasts of recent years.

In the US, Jon is a contributor to *This American Life*, the *New York Times* magazine and *GQ* magazine, and has appeared many times as a guest on shows like *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *The New Yorker Radio Hour*, *Conan*, *Inside Amy Schumer*, and more. In the UK, Jon has written regularly for *The Guardian*, as a columnist and feature writer. His many UK documentaries include *Stanley Kubrick's Boxes*, *The Secret Rulers of the World*, and seven seasons of the multi award winning BBC Radio 4 program *Jon Ronson On...*

He lives in New York.