



Nashville's Radley Balko Lands Book Deal

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[Radley Balko](#) is a perennial libertarian all-star with a lengthy rap sheet of accolades that would choke a hippo. Speaking of which, the [award-winning](#) journalist just landed a book deal and broke the good news earlier today on his personal blog, [TheAgitator.com](#):

“So I’ve just accepted an offer from [PublicAffairs Books](#) to write a book about the history of modern policing—with a focus on police militarization.”

“As of right now, it will probably come out early next year. Could be slightly earlier, or later, depending on how fast I write and research, the editing process, production logistics that I don’t yet understand, and whether or not the world ends between now and then.”

“But I’m excited to get started! As we approach a publication date, expect me to bug the hell out of you until every reader of this blog has purchased fifteen copies.”

For those not yet familiar with Balko or his body of work, he currently covers civil liberties, the drug war, and the criminal justice system as a senior writer and investigative journalist for [Huffington Post](#). Prior to, he covered the same beat as a senior editor for [Reason](#) magazine and previously as a policy analyst for the [Cato Institute](#) and biweekly columnist for [FoxNews.com](#).

Balko also provides a comprehensive [rundown](#) of his impressive career highlights:

“My work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, and cited and excerpted by the Mississippi State Supreme Court. My reporting helped get a guy off death row and eventually freed, helped win a new trial and acquittal for a 13-year-old murder suspect, and led to the firing of a corrupt medical examiner in Mississippi. My reporting on the overuse of SWAT teams and police militarization has been profiled by the *New York Times*, *National Journal*, National Public Radio, and the *Economist*.”

Being a huge music buff, Balko manages to find time to write about some of life's more entertaining and light-hearted aspects, like music and culture in Nashville, also for *Huffington Post*.

“Agitator tots” (Balko’s affectionate term for readers of his blog) are also treated to some of his favorite musical selections on [Five-Star Fridays](#), a [photo of the day](#) from his collection of amateur photography (don’t be fooled by ‘amateur’), and his unabashed canine loving [dog blogging](#).

If you happen to see Radley Balko out and about town here in Nashville, thank him for his indispensable work, congratulate him on his forthcoming book, buy him a glass of bourbon, and let him into your shows for free!