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## **American Roulette Gives a Voice to America's Gun Violence Crisis**

*Acclaimed novel now issued as a free audiobook*

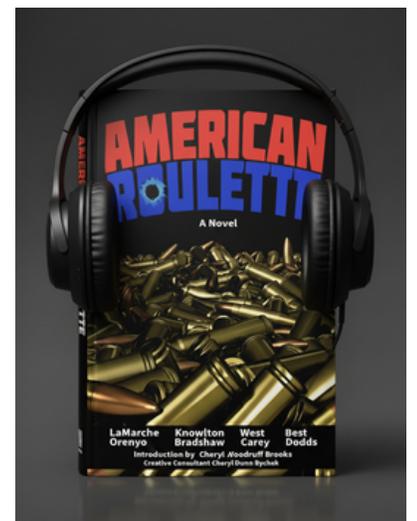
**CARLISLE, Pa. (October 21, 2025)** – Since the 2017 Las Vegas massacre—the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history—more than 300,000 Americans have died by firearm. Against this grim backdrop, the authors of the acclaimed thriller American Roulette announced the release of a free audiobook version of their novel, now available for download at [americanroulettebook.com](http://americanroulettebook.com) or on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

Because many Americans shy away from discussions about the victims of gun violence, a group of eclectic authors collaborated to create a work of fiction to encourage more dialogue about the increasing scourge of gun violence in America.

American Roulette takes readers—and now listeners—on a suspenseful journey through the lives of eight diverse characters whose paths intersect at the site of a mall mass shooting. The novel transcends the boundaries of genre, offering readers a powerful exploration of gun violence, its aftermath, and the sobering challenge it poses to our nation.

Activist Fred Guttenberg says, "My daughter Jaime was murdered in the Parkland school shooting. Over the course of the past five years, I have been on a mission to help people truly understand the reality of gun violence. This book, American Roulette, does just that."

According to the Gun Violence Archive, in 2025 alone there have already been 503 mass shootings across the United States, resulting in thousands of injuries and deaths. Gun violence is now the leading cause of death among children in America, with U.S. children 80% more likely to die from firearms than their peers in other developed nations. Overall, more than 40,000 Americans die each year from gun-related injuries, including homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings, leaving countless families and communities devastated.



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The audiobook of *American Roulette* was brought to life by John Greenman, a veteran broadcaster who spent more than three decades in television news and public affairs with NBC affiliates and Maine Public Television; Katie Greenman, an educator and longtime children's librarian with a passion for storytelling; and Alan Grover, a career journalist, broadcaster, documentarian, and musician.

"Our creative team is pleased to make this audiobook available free of charge," said Matthew Best, one of the authors. "We are especially grateful to have such talented narrators bring our characters to life—their voices add depth and humanity to the story in a way that makes it even more powerful. Our hope is that by removing barriers to access, more people will engage with the story, reflect on the real-world toll of gun violence, and join the conversation about how we can prevent further firearm tragedies in our country."

*American Roulette* was created by ten authors—Pat LaMarche, Sherry Knowlton, J.M. West, Matthew Best, Robert Bradshaw, Phyllis Orenyo, Andy Carey, and James Dodds—with an introduction by Cheryl Woodruff Brooks and creative consultation by Cheryl Dunn Bychek. Each author crafted a protagonist whose life is forever changed by violence, weaving a tapestry of stories that culminates in a powerful reflection on tragedy, resilience, and choice.

Published by Milford House, an imprint of Sunbury Press, *American Roulette* was originally released October 24, 2023, and is available in print and e-book formats at bookstores and online retailers.

The authors of *American Roulette* donate every cent of their print royalties from the book to gun violence prevention. The new free audiobook version has been made available through the additional generosity of the book's print publisher Milford House, an imprint of [Sunbury Press](#); its voice artists, John Greenman, Katie Greenman, and Alan Grover (who also donated their time and talent); and [the Charles Bruce Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) arts and culture nonprofit.

For more information about *American Roulette*, the authors and reviews visit [here](#).

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