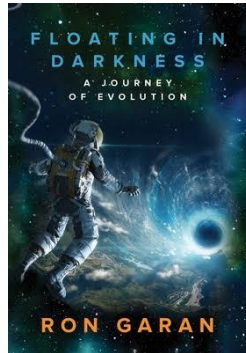


**Decorated NASA Astronaut and Critically Acclaimed Author
Ron Garan Releases
*Floating in Darkness: A Journey of Evolution***



"*Floating in Darkness* gives us the astronaut's perspective in the lyricist's voice—challenging all of us to think about our Earth, our species, our strengths, our failings, our hopes for our world, and our future off of it in a new way."

— Jeffrey Kluger, *Time Magazine* Editor at Large and *Apollo-13* author.

Humanity faces an unprecedented crisis that threatens all life on Earth. **Desert Storm fighter pilot and NASA astronaut Ron Garan** addresses this head-on in [*Floating in Darkness: A Journey of Evolution*](#), the follow up to his **critically acclaimed first book *The Orbital Perspective***. The book, **set for release on May 4, 2021**, in hardcover, is a true story of how **a combat fighter pilot and astronaut's life journey** illuminates a path toward understanding the meaning of life and our place in the universe. *Floating in Darkness* is \$34.95 and is available for pre-order now at [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and [Books a Million](#). To support the lead-up to the book launch, Garan will launch a 5-part [Livestream event series](#) beginning March 10, 2021.

***Review Copies of *Floating in Darkness* are available upon request.**

"Little more than 500 human beings have the grit, the persistence and the talent ever to have flown in space," says Kluger. "A far smaller number have the poetry to tell the tale of that journey. You can either go to space or you can write with true artfulness about it, but you can't do both. That, at least, is the common rule, but Ron Garan is the rare exception to it."

A master storyteller, Garan takes readers on an extraordinary journey through outer space and inner space. He explores the dancing, intersecting orbits of religion, spirituality, and science while grappling with his own role in the violence of combat and the effects of war on all aspects of human life. In the book, readers witness Ron struggling with mortality while also basking in the sheer wonder and beauty of our world and beyond.

According to Emilie Sydney-Smith, CEO of ExO Works, "*Floating in Darkness* is a riveting must-read for navigating our time of fear and upheaval—vividly describing dog-fights, seafloor living, space flights and space walks."

From this perspective, Ron maps out a viable path forward—to solve our crisis we need a giant leap in humanity's evolutionary process. We must transcend individual and collective ego and embrace the true nature of our interdependence with this fragile planet and all life within its biosphere. Ron shows us how to discover our purpose, detoxify our divisive culture, and become a "white blood cell" in a growing immune response to heal our world.

"Ron Garan will make you feel alive and thankful you are on Spaceship Earth," says **Mark Victor Hansen, co-creator of *Chicken Soup for the Soul***. "Ron unlocks the secrets to understanding our complex yet enchanting and delightful universe. This is a must-read for anyone who wants to improve their future and our world."

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ABOUT COL. RON GARAN:

Col. Ron Garan is a highly decorated NASA astronaut, fighter pilot, former Commercial Spaceflight executive, and active social entrepreneur who believes that appropriately designed and targeted social enterprise can solve many of the problems facing our world. Ron spent 178 days in space and traveled more than 71 million miles during 2,842 orbits of our planet. He flew on both the US Space Shuttle and the Russian Soyuz spacecraft, where he accomplished four spacewalks.

Ron also spent eighteen days at the bottom of the ocean during a research mission held in the world's only undersea research lab, Aquarius. Later, Ron was assigned to the US Agency for International Development, leading the Unity Node project. The project's task was to develop a universal, open-source platform, enabling humanitarian organizations to work toward mutual goals.

Ron is celebrated not just for his research in space but also for his humanitarian contribution to life on earth. In 2007, Ron co-founded Manna Energy Limited. As a leading authority on the trends and technologies that impact business development, society, and economic growth, Ron is sought out for his unique perspective and is regularly featured in major media news outlets. Ron is the author of the critically acclaimed book, [The Orbital Perspective](#) as well as host of the Orbital Perspective podcast. He is currently launching two new books *Floating in Darkness* as well as a children's book, *Railroad to the Moon*.

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