Nate Silver

Founder, FiveThirtyEight
Bestselling Author, *The Signal and the Noise* and *On the Edge*

*Understanding and navigating risk in business and in life*

**Biography**

Nate Silver is today’s leading statistician, best known for his innovative and highly accurate models for political polling. He first gained national attention during the 2008 presidential election when he correctly predicted the results of the primaries and the presidential winner in 49 states. In 2012, he called 50 of 50 states.

**Topics & Books**

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A pioneer in the field of data journalism, Nate founded the award-winning website FiveThirtyEight and served as its editor-in-chief until 2023. Born out of frustration with the lack of sophistication in popular polling metrics, FiveThirtyEight began as a personal blog for political polling aggregation and analysis. The accuracy of Silver’s election predictions earned him national renown and as the site grew, it pointed its data-driven approach to other topics such as sports, science, and popular culture, becoming the go-to source for reputable and accessible statistical analysis of any issue. He now publishes his insights and statistical assessments of cultural phenomena to over 68,000 subscribers on his Silver Bulletin Substack.


His next book, *On the Edge: How Successful Gamblers and Risk-Takers Think*, has been named one of the most-anticipated books of 2024 by *Financial Times, The Guardian*, and *The Sunday Times*. Inspired by his experiences as a professional poker player, the book takes us behind the scenes of casinos, venture capital firms, crypto networks, and into the minds of professional risk-takers to help us better understand navigating uncertainty in the 21st century. To accompany the book, Silver launched the Risky Business podcast, applying his renowned analytical framework to everything from politics and poker to better decision-making in one’s personal life.

Silver has written for ESPN, *Sports Illustrated*, *Slate, New York Sun*, and *New York Times*. His work has been featured in such publications as *New York Times, Newsweek, Huffington Post*, and *Vanity Fair*. He has been named one of *Fast Company’s* 100 Most Creative People in Business, *TIME’s* 100 Most Influential People, and *Rolling Stone’s* 100 Agents of Change.