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Maria Konnikova is the author of *The Biggest Bluff*, a *New York Times* bestseller, one of the *Times*' 100 Notable Books of 2020, and a finalist for the Telegraph Best Sports Writing Awards for 2021. While researching *The Biggest Bluff*, Maria became an international poker champion and the winner of over \$300,000 in tournament earnings—and inadvertently turned into a professional poker player. Her previous books are the bestsellers *The Confidence Game*, winner of the 2016 Robert P. Balles Prize in Critical Thinking, and *Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes*, an Anthony and Agatha Award finalist.

Maria is a regularly contributing writer for *The New Yorker* whose writing has won numerous awards, including the 2019 Excellence in Science Journalism Award from the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Her writing has been featured in *Best American Science and Nature Writing* and has been translated into over twenty languages.

Maria also hosts the podcast *The Grift* from Panoply Media, a show that explores con artists and the lives they ruin. Her podcasting work earned her a National Magazine Award nomination in 2019.

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