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Patrick McGee is San Francisco-based contributor to the *Financial Times*, a columnist for *The Free Press*, and on-air expert for CBS News. He spent 10+ years as an *FT* beat reporter, first in Hong Kong to cover Asian business and markets, then in Frankfurt to report on the Volkswagen diesel scandal and emerging crises in German industry, and then to the Bay Area to cover Apple and tech hardware.

Patrick's tech reporting won a San Francisco Press Club Award — best tech article for a newspaper, 2023 — for his deep dive into Apple's HR problems. His *FT* magazine cover article, "Inside Peloton's epic run of bungled calls and bad luck," received an Honorable Mention for SABEW's Best in Business Awards, 2022 (co-authored with Andrew Edgecliffe-Johnson).

His focus over the past decade has been on Apple, digital advertising, robotaxis, electric vehicles, German industry, and connected fitness.

Patrick's book, [Apple in China: The Capture of the World's Greatest Company](#), is a three-decade narrative on Apple's ascent from the brink of bankruptcy to world's most powerful company. The first major history of Apple in the 21st century, the book is based on 200+ interviews with current and former Apple executives and engineers. It tells the story of how tech giant tied its fortunes to America's biggest rival, transforming both company and country.

Apple in China was called "absolutely riveting" by Oxford historian Peter Frankopan and "a once-in-a-generation-read" by author Robert Kaplan. The instant *New York Times* bestseller was recognized by more than 10 publications as one of the best books of 2025.

Previously, Patrick was a bond reporter at *The Wall Street Journal* in New York. He has a Master's in global diplomacy from SOAS, University of London, where he wrote a thesis arguing that America's military budget and strategy were not fit for 21st century threats. He also has degree in religious studies from the University of Toronto. Originally from Calgary, Canada, Patrick resides in the Bay Area.