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## What Every Professional Needs to Know

I've represented doctors, lawyers, financiers, entrepreneurs, people who party, and those that don't. And everything in between. It can happen to you.

The threshold for being charged with a crime—probable cause—is astonishingly low, “lower than whale \$hit at the bottom of the ocean”.

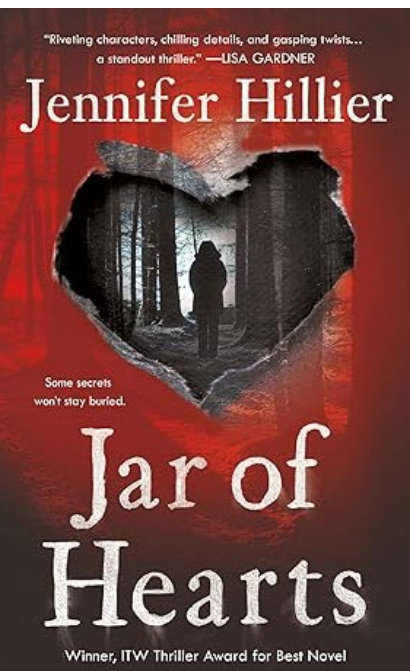
Abide by the obvious precautions: don't drink and drive, don't abuse your spouse, don't look at things on the internet you're not supposed to, pay your taxes, and follow the rules.

But, in life, it's not always that clear. Or more to the point, things aren't black and white. Life is grey. Can you consume any amount of alcohol or drugs and drive? Don't I have a right to defend myself or my children? The act was consensual, now it's my word against hers? I have a brilliant accountant and she found this tax loophole; how am I being charged for this? That's considered bribery?!

### Here are 10 key insights to protect yourself:

- Digital Footprint Awareness:** Assume every digital action is traceable—from emails to credit card swipes. Your digital trail is accessible and the government can access it.
- Silence is Golden:** Speaking can inadvertently incriminate you. Exercise your right to remain silent; politeness doesn't equate to cooperation.
- Law Enforcement's Role:** Assume that the police want to help you but can't. Police are generally good people, but remember that hammer and nail thing? They can't help you, not because they don't want to, but because their job is to investigate crime, not prosecute it.
- Federal Cases Mean Serious Business:** Federal charges likely lead to incarceration; the judge decides your fate.
- State Crimes and Real Jail Threats:** Most crimes fall understate jurisdiction, with serious felonies (involving drugs, violence, or firearms) posing a significant jail risk.
- Specialization Matters:** Top criminal lawyers focus solely on criminal law, ensuring expert guidance.
- The Human Element in Judgements:** Judges and juries carry personal biases and emotions, making them open to persuasion.
- Complexity Lurks in Simplicity:** If a legal situation seems straightforward, look deeper. It's rarely as simple as it appears.
- Solutions Exist for Every Problem:** Never lose hope; there's always a way out.
- Confide Wisely:** The safest confidant in legal matters is your lawyer, protected by attorney-client privilege. Full disclosure to your legal counsel is paramount.

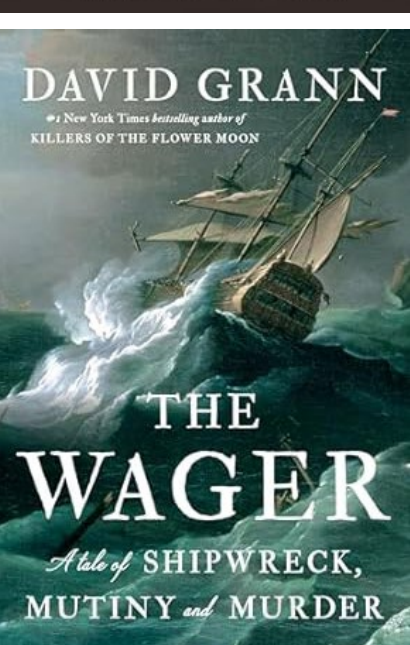
## Recommended Reading



### Jar of Hearts

By: Jennifer Hillier

So often I feel like I'm reading dense and beautifully crafted fiction. But sometimes I just want something trashy and easy to read. Enter “Jar of Hearts.” This was enjoyable and didn't bore me one bit. Perhaps a good one to bring on spring break.

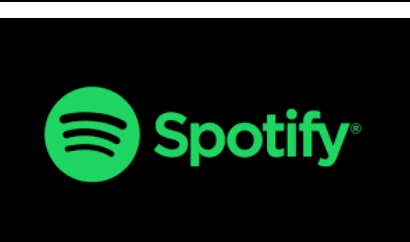


### The Wager

By: David Grann

Everyone loves adventure stories, and this is one of the greatest. Careful, this will keep you up past your bedtime.

## Music



### Wander This World

Turn the volume UP!



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