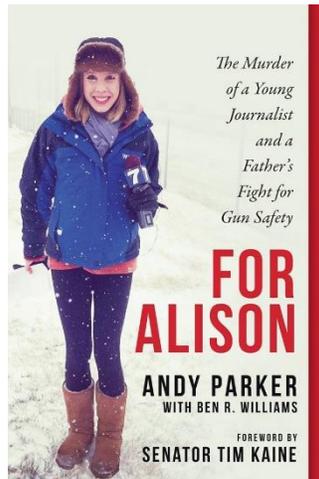




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The Murder of a Young Journalist and a Father's Fight for Gun Safety

**By Andy Parker with Ben R. Williams
Foreword by Senator Tim Kaine**

On the morning of August 26, 2015, a horrific event unfolded on a live television newscast. Twenty-four-year-old reporter Alison Parker, and twenty-seven-year-old photojournalist Adam Ward, were murdered and their interviewee, Vicki Gardner, was shot, but survived. Their killer not only planned the act, but strapped a GoPro to his head, filmed it, and posted it to social media. Receiving that news would change any parent and Alison's father Andy Parker, was certainly no different.

Reeling from his daughter's death and with facts of the tragedy still coming to light, Andy agrees to a television interview. Emotional and exhausted he makes a vow, "I am going to do something, whatever it takes, to get gun legislation, to shame people, to shame legislators into doing something about closing loopholes and background checks and making sure crazy people don't get guns." True to his word, Andy Parker became a national advocate for commonsense gun safety legislation.

***FOR ALISON: The Murder of a Young Journalist and a Father's Fight for Gun Safety* (Apollo Publishers\March 5, 2019\ \$26.99)** by Andy Parker with Ben R. Williams is not only about that fateful

day. It's about how one individual can advocate for, and advance, a cause in his state and in our nation. It's about how an unimaginable loss can catapult a family into the spotlight and them turning that attention into a crusade for gun reform. And it's about Alison, an intelligent, ambitious, young woman from a tight knit family whose star was on the rise.

Andy Parker has worked to develop commonsense gun legislation with activists such as the Giffords organization, the Brady Campaign, Everytown for Gun Safety, and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. He's appeared on all the major television networks and been interviewed by numerous other publications. He and his wife Barbara run the For Alison Foundation, which creates opportunities for children in southern Virginia to experience the arts.

Andy writes, "This is a book about an ordinary man who lost his daughter to gun violence and is mad as hell about it." For more information visit: www.andysfight.com.

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Andy Parker is the father of Alison Parker, a journalist killed on live television, and a national gun reform advocate who has appeared on all major news networks—CNN, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, NBC, and Fox News—on programs such as *CBS Sunday Morning*, *Face the Nation*, *Anderson Cooper 360*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell*, and many more; he has written op-eds for a variety of publications, such as *Washington Post*, *New York Daily News*, *Medium*, *CNN.com*, *Huffington Post*, and *Newsweek*; and has been interviewed for publications ranging from the *New York Times* to *Time* magazine. Andy has worked to develop commonsense gun legislation with activists such as the Giffords organization, the Brady Campaign, Everytown for Gun Safety, and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. Together with his wife, Barbara, Parker runs the For Alison Foundation, which creates opportunities for children in southern Virginia to experience the arts. Previously, Parker was a Broadway actor, a politician, and the owner of an executive recruiting firm. He lives in Martinsville, VA.

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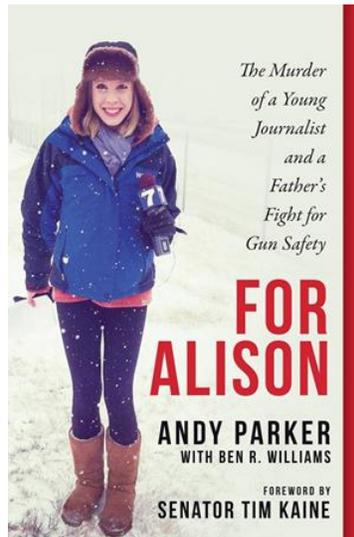
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“This book sends a powerful and inspiring message on the importance of the fight to end gun violence. The strength Andy has shown in turning a tragedy into a force for good in order to make this country and the world a safer place should be an example for us all.”

—**Senator Mark Warner**, US Senator from Virginia

“Andy Parker has written a beautiful and important book that grabs your heart with the first sentence and never lets go. I couldn't stop turning the pages with Andy Parker's humanity guiding me through this story as if I was sitting at his kitchen table just listening.”

—**Lawrence O'Donnell**, Host of *The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell*

“Andy Parker suffered the unimaginable loss of his daughter to gun violence. His exemplary activism in gun safety is a testament and a tribute to his great love for her.”

—**Julianne Moore**, Actress and Chair of the Creative Council of Everytown for Gun Safety

“A tragic, revealing, and important book that every American needs to read. I thank the Parkers for their courage to take on the gun lobby and fight for justice.”

—**Terry McAuliffe**, Former Governor of Virginia

“Fast paced and riveting, Andy Parker is a gifted storyteller. More importantly, he's an angry father who has written a brilliant book that tells the brutal truth.”

—**Donna Dees**, Founder of the Million Mom March

“In this no-holds-barred account, Andy makes you feel the pain, the anger, and the longing of a parent who has lost his whole world then uses his considerable gifts as a storyteller to make the reader want to jump up and do something to stop gun violence. This book is an uncensored call to action that cannot be ignored.”

—**Joshua Horwitz**, Executive Director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence

“Andy and [his wife] Barbara have been touched by the tragedy that every parent fears, and though their hearts remain heavy, they have resolved to make our country a safer, more peaceful place. Andy's enduring love for his daughter, Alison, shines through in his words and his work.”

—**Mark Herring**, Attorney General of Virginia

“This is a book meant for *all* of us—a wakeup call to a nation devastated on a daily basis by senseless gun violence—as seen through the eyes of a parent who became a member of the club that no one wants to join. Andy's courageous struggle to 'make something meaningful out of a meaningless death' is a call to action on gun violence prevention.”

—**Levar M. Stoney**, Mayor of Richmond, Virginia