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BOOKING 2027



NOT HIS FIRST TALK — JUST HIS FIRST INVOICE.

For over two decades Seth has been on stage as a senior executive, leadership trainer, and Rotary president — more than 100 presentations in boardrooms, corporate events, and training rooms. About 25 of those have been this talk, since the book came out. What's new isn't being on stage; it's that audiences can finally book him.

100+

presentations delivered

25+

on this keynote since 2024

1 family

who actually lived it

FEEDBACK ON THE MESSAGE

**YOU MAKE A
LOT OF SENSE.**

"Thank you for such a fascinating program. Having taught senior English for many years, I was intrigued by what you had to say. Years ago, I would have strongly disagreed; today you make a lot of sense. I would love for you to come back sometime."

Myra Helms

Indian Trail Rotary Club · former senior English teacher

"Your parenting insights are remarkable. Thank you for sharing your timely message with us."

Jack Shaw

Matthews Rotary Club

"This is a super cool story and I think about your daughters' paths a lot. I've often wondered how my life would have been different if I'd been booted from the house at 18 and started my sales career five years earlier."

Aaron Fullen

Global CRO · father of 18-year-old twins

"I couldn't help but think of ways to present this material to all sorts of audiences — parents, teenagers, young adults, business leaders, educators, and school administrators. I hope you have opportunities to share this work with such groups."

Magon Bowling

reader & parent of two teens

Two talks: The Pathbreaker Parent (for parents) · The Credential Trap (for HR & leaders)

TALK 1

THE PATHBREAKER PARENT

FOR WORKING PARENTS OF TEENS & TWEENS

How to raise self-directed teenagers in a world that still defaults to college.

The conventional path — good grades, the right credentials, college, a career picked at 18 — was supposed to guarantee a good life. For a generation of teenagers it isn't working: the pressure is up, the outcomes are down, and parents are left wondering whether pushing harder is the answer or the problem.

Drawing on 25 years of hiring and leadership — and his own family's story — Seth gives parents a set of different conversations to have with their tween or teen. Not college-or-failure, but direction over pressure: a practical reframe of success that helps a kid choose a path instead of performing on one.

— WHAT ATTENDEES LEAVE WITH

- 01** A reframe of success that drops the college-or-failure binary.
- 02** The one question that changes everything — from "What do you want to be?" to "What do you want to try first?"
- 03** The "happiness formula" — why expectations, not reality, drive a teen's wellbeing.
- 04** Confidence that a different path is not a parenting failure — proven by a real family story (that included a visit to the principal's office).

FROM THE TALK

**"WE WERE PLAYING
A MUCH LONGER
GAME."**

BEST FOR

Employee wellness · Parent ERGs · Leadership retreats ·
Lunch-and-learns · Schools & PTAs

FORMATS

20-min breakout · 45-min keynote + Q&A · 60-90
min workshop

FOUR WAYS TO BRING IT ON STAGE

The keynote is proven through 25+ deliveries since 2024. The family formats are new for 2027: no one has booked them yet, because no other speaker can offer them. The keynote doesn't change — the family adds to it. If you want the event people still talk about next year, be the first.

SETH SOLO

PROVEN · 25+ TALKS

The keynote: the full framework and family story, delivered solo. Maximum scheduling flexibility, simplest logistics.

SETH & DONNA

NEW FOR 2027

Seth delivers the keynote, then his wife Donna joins for a candid conversation and Q&A about aligning on pathbreaking. Best for parent nights, couples-oriented audiences, and leadership retreats where spouses attend.

SETH & BROOKE

NEW FOR 2027

Seth shares the framework, then sits down with his youngest daughter Brooke — who left college after one semester and built a financially independent, self-directed life. The most emotionally powerful format.



ALL THREE

PREMIERE

Seth, Donna, and Brooke together on stage — reserved for signature events.

The three people in this photo, on your stage.

Brooke, Seth, and Donna — Pathbreaker Parenting book launch

BOOKING PARENT TALKS FOR 2027

Tell Seth about your event and audience and he'll reply personally, usually within a couple of days, with the right talk, format, and availability.

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Investment varies by format, length, and event; Seth will include a quote with your inquiry.

TALK 2

THE CREDENTIAL TRAP

FOR HR & BUSINESS LEADERS · SETH SOLO

Why requiring college degrees is costing you your best talent.

The four-year degree became the default filter for hiring — not because it predicts performance, but because it's convenient. The result is a screen that quietly rejects capable people who took a different path, while the roles you most need to fill stay open.

Drawing on 25 years of hiring and building teams, Seth makes the business case for dropping the degree requirement — and gives leaders concrete, defensible ways to hire for demonstrated ability instead. Delivered solo, for the people who own the org chart.

— WHAT ATTENDEES LEAVE WITH

- 01** Why your degree requirement really exists — convenience, not performance prediction.
- 02** How to replace resume screens with portfolio reviews that show what candidates can actually do.
- 03** The 90-day-deliverable challenge — give every finalist the same real-world test.
- 04** The uncomfortable question: how many superstars have we already passed over?

FROM THE TALK

**“THE CREDENTIAL TOLD ME
NOTHING USEFUL.”**

BEST FOR

CHROs · VPs of HR & Talent · Chief People Officers ·
Executive offsites · HR & talent-acquisition conferences

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