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Julie Hauserman
Journalist, Author

Julie Hauserman has been writing about Florida’s environment and politics for over three decades. Her most recent book is about a National Geographic explorer – and Florida man – who spent his life swimming inside the planet. The biography, Drawn to the Deep: The Remarkable Underwater Explorations of Wes Skiles, won a 2019 National Outdoors Book Award for biography.

She has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, once for her stories about pollution in Florida’s Fenholloway River, and once for her stories about arsenic leaking out of pressure-treated lumber all over America. She won the Scripps Howard National Journalism Awards’ top environmental prize for her work on the arsenic stories. Hauserman was a Capitol bureau reporter for the St. Petersburg Times in Tallahassee and has been a commentator for National Public Radio’s Weekend Edition-Sunday and Minnesota Public Radio’s The Splendid Table. Her essays are featured in several Florida anthologies, including The Wild Heart of Florida, The Book of the Everglades, and Between Two Rivers. She lives in Tallahassee.

Programs Available

The Man Who Swam Inside the Planet
Julie Hauserman, award-winning Florida journalist and author of Drawn to the Deep, the Remarkable Underwater Explorations of Wes Skiles (University Press of Florida 2018), gives a striking slide show of photos taken inside Earth and a description of expeditions. She tells the story of Wes Skiles, a Florida man and National Geographic explorer who became one of the top photographers in the world while working in a place with no natural light – the planet’s aquifers.

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