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Ron Suskind is a unique talent: a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist, best-selling author, teacher, essayist and one of the best speakers in the country. He is among our most honored journalists, having written several of America's most important works of nonfiction. Yet, he also is placed among our most gifted performers, blending monologue with reported reality, pathos with humor. With a gift for conveying the most complex stories in the most compelling ways, Suskind has spent his career chronicling our social and political landscape. His groundbreaking book, *Life, Animated* (April 2014), lifts a curtain on the Suskind family's 20-year struggle with their youngest son, Owen, and his diagnosis of regressive autism. This story is not only about the neurological disorder; at its core, it is about human redemption. Audiences will absolutely be inspired by the beautiful illustration of a new kind of family, as the question of imagination having the ability to save a person's life is answered. Suskind, who has traveled the globe for thirty years writing prize-winning articles and books about discarded and disenfranchised, discovers the most "left behind" person he has yet met lives in his own home – a boy who is neurologically incapable of connecting with the world. The themes of love, support and perseverance are highlighted to give new meanings to faith and caregiving. His previous books include New York Times bestsellers: *Confidence Men, Wall Street, Washington, and the Education of a President* (2011); *The Way of the World* (2008); and *The One Percent Doctrine, Deep Inside America's Pursuit of its Enemies* (2006). From 1990 to 2000, Suskind was a reporter and senior national affairs writer for the Wall Street Journal; 1988 until 1993, he taught advanced journalism at Harvard University and is currently the Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics.