THIS IS RAGE

"THIS IS RAGE" PODCAST GETS 65,000+ DOWNLOADS IN 2 WEEKS NEW AUDIO DRAMA FEATURED IN ITUNES "NEW & NOTEWORTHY" FIRST THREE EPISODES AVAILABLE NOW ON <u>ITUNES</u>

New York, NY (August 17, 2016) –"This is Rage," a new audio thriller podcast based on Ken Goldstein's novel, has launched and received over 65,000 iTunes downloads in its first two weeks. Upon its initial launch, this podcast was chosen by iTunes to receive featured placement in iTunes' highly coveted "New & Noteworthy" section. The first three episodes are now available on <u>iTunes</u> and <u>ThisIsRage.com</u>. "This Is Rage" is presented by <u>Story Plant Media</u>.

iTunes reviews currently rate the podcast 5 out of 5 stars and has been receiving rave reviews. "For those of you missing the excitement of radio drama, look no further. This brings the best of Ken Goldstein's thrilling book into a new medium in a very successful way." This "engaging and thought provoking" podcast series is "a riveting well-acted taste of the novel. It really soars, fabulously acted."

"This is a story that puts a microscope on income inequality, the excesses of big business, and social revolution. Readers of the book have been picking up on this in social media, and we thought it was critical that we bring this story to a new medium right now," shares executive producer Lou Aronica.

"This Is Rage" is the story of what happens when you shine a light on the system that allows the rich to become the super-rich and the super-rich to get their own zip codes. When a pair of CEOs is held for ransom by coders-turned-kidnappers, Silicon Valley is thrown into chaos. But two people are unwilling to stay silent: the has-been radio shock-jock Kimo Balthazar and top executive Silvia Normandy. This is their story. This is rage.

Ken Goldstein's book, *This Is Rage: A Novel of Silicon Valley and Other Madness*, can be found at <u>Amazon</u>, <u>Barnes & Noble Online</u>, <u>iBooks</u>, <u>Kobo</u>, <u>IndieBound</u>, and <u>Indigo</u>. Author Ken Goldstein states, "Not a day goes by when I don't hear from a reader that 'This Is Rage' gives voice to their frustrations. With this new presentation of the material, we want to take the conversation to the widest possible audience."

"This Is Rage" is a production of Story Plant Podcasts, adapted by Ken Goldstein and Lou Aronica, directed by Mitchell Maxwell, produced by Monty Hobbs in association with Eighth Day Productions. Post production service was provided by Digital Garden Media. Mitchell Maxwell and Lou Aronica served as Executive Producers.

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ABOUT STORY PLANT MEDIA



The Story Plant was founded in 2008 by two long-term industry professionals, Lou Aronica and Peter Miller. From the start, the company has been dedicated to publishing quality fiction and to developing authors. Their books regularly receive rave reviews, and nearly a third of their novels have appeared in the top 100 of one major bestseller list or another – and often several at once. Story Plant Media is the newly formed media division of The Story Plant with several multimedia projects in development. For more information, please visit <u>www.thestoryplant.com</u>.

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