

# AUTHOR MEDIA KIT

Michael Villa | Author of *Pints and Power: Where History, Heart and the Pint Converge*

**Covered on AP News, NBC, CBS & ABC Affiliates**

*Michael Villa is a cultural storyteller and debut author exploring Irish identity, pub culture, and the ritual of belonging through the lens of Guinness and the pubs where communities gather.*

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# About Michael Villa

Michael Villa is a debut author and father of four from Worcester, Massachusetts. What began as a personal journey to understand why a single pint of Guinness in Cork stirred something deeper became a years-long exploration of Irish identity, pub culture, and the power of ritual. He is a business owner, backyard BBQ enthusiast, and amateur oil painter who discovered that writing about belonging could help others find their own.

Drawing inspiration from travels across Ireland, research at the Guinness Archives in Dublin, and dozens of interviews with bartenders, musicians, emigrants, and everyday patrons, Villa crafts a narrative that blends memoir with cultural history. His work explores how a pint of Guinness became more than a drink—it became a vessel for memory, continuity, and community across generations and continents.

## 📖 Behind the Book

*Pints and Power: Where History, Heart and the Pint Converge* is a cultural memoir that examines how Guinness serves as a symbol of identity, ritual, and belonging. Through personal narrative, historical reflection, and conversations with those who pour and share the pint, Villa reveals the quiet power carried in familiar traditions and the spaces where people gather.

## MICHAEL VILLA COVERED ON



## AP NEWS

# Media Coverage & Recognition

## AP News

National press release:  
"Pints And Power Explores  
Irish Identity And Belonging  
Through The Ritual Of A  
Shared Pint"

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## National Coverage

Featured across major news  
networks, introducing  
readers to this cultural  
memoir that examines how  
a pint of Guinness carries  
significance beyond the  
drink itself.

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# Interview Topics & Talking Points

Let's Talk About...

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## Identity & Belonging

How Villa, not Irish by birth, explores identity shaped through family history, memory, and shared experience—offering a perspective that resonates with readers navigating inherited or adopted cultural identities.

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## The Pub as Cultural Crossroads

Examining the role pubs have long played as places of refuge, storytelling, and communal identity—spaces where collective memory is preserved through silence, music, and atmosphere.

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## Guinness as Cultural Artifact

How the iconic stout came to represent continuity, memory, and connection within Irish culture and its global diaspora—more than nostalgia, but a symbol tied to repeated, shared moments.

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## Research & Reporting

Behind-the-scenes insights from Villa's visit to the Guinness Archives in Dublin and his on-site reporting within Irish and Irish-American pub settings, including interviews with bartenders, musicians, and emigrants.

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## Migration & Resilience

How the memoir traces patterns of Irish emigration and the role Guinness played in creating familiar spaces abroad—examining how diaspora communities maintained identity through ritual and place.

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## Community Through Ritual

Villa's exploration of how community is formed not through grand gestures but through small, repeated moments—the perfect pour, the shared silence, the familiar glass that holds stories across time.

**Available for podcasts, radio, TV, print interviews, and event appearances.** Michael is an engaging speaker who connects with audiences interested in Irish culture, identity, belonging, and the spaces where people gather to share stories.

# Booking & Media Requests



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*Schedule a 15-minute intro call to discuss coverage, guest features, or speaking opportunities.*

## 📖 Book Availability

**Pints and Power: Where History, Heart and the Pint Converge** is now available in paperback, hardcover, and Kindle formats. Published by First Pour Press, November 8, 2025.

[Order at pintsandpower.com](https://pintsandpower.com) | [Amazon](https://amazon.com)

# Impact & Recognition

235+

Media Outlets

Featured across major news networks introducing this cultural memoir exploring identity, ritual, and belonging through the lens of Guinness

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Chapters

Including prologue, epilogue, dozens of true stories, recovery resources, and full references tracing the symbolic weight of the pour

## What Readers Are Discovering

"A pint of Guinness has weight—for reasons that have nothing to do with alcohol. From Ireland to the diaspora, from joy to loss, from silence to song, this book reveals why Guinness remains more than a drink—and why the moments around it still matter."

**For readers drawn to Ireland, cultural memoir, and the spaces where people gather,** *Pints and Power* offers an exploration of how community is formed through ritual, place, and connection—revealing the story beneath the foam and why sometimes belonging isn't claimed, but poured.