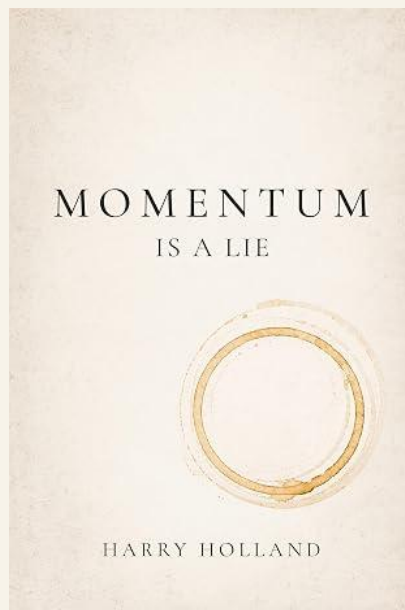




Momentum Is A Lie

Blurb

Momentum Is a Lie - a literary fiction debut about ambition, family, and the price of mistaking motion for meaning.

Will Chaffee did everything right. Right school, right career, right company - Sawbuck, a fintech startup worth two billion dollars on paper, with Will's face on every magazine cover that mattered. He is thirty-four years old and precisely on schedule.

Then the momentum that built his life begins to unravel it. A betrayal buried in the company's origin. A woman named Alex, who offered him the true version of himself - twice - while he reached for his phone instead. A father whose silences taught him more than his words ever did. And a prison cell outside Lima, where a man named Mateo has already found the one thing Will's fortune cannot buy.

Beneath the startup story runs an older one: four generations of the Chaffee family and the same inheritance - not money, but momentum. A great-grandfather who built a business from nothing in the Connecticut mills. A grandfather who took it global and was the largest presence in every room he entered. A father who couldn't hold it and lost it in front of the one man whose verdict he'd spent his whole life building toward. And a son who watched all of it and learned exactly the wrong lesson: keep moving.

Around Will gathers a cast that sees him more clearly than he sees himself. Ian, the brilliant co-founder whose mother ran a laundromat in Crown Heights and whose idea started everything. Gloria, who says the one sentence Will isn't ready to hear. Q, the board chair who sends verses instead of advice. Blake, who offers Will the future everyone expects him to want. And Mateo, a cellmate with nothing left but a

photograph, a worn Bible, and a name he gave to the thing he loves most - who turns out to be the wealthiest man in the book.

Momentum Is a Lie is the story of a founder who builds something worth having and loses something worth more. It moves from Manhattan boardrooms and Greenwich dinner tables to a weathered cottage on Nantucket and the mountains of Peru - a novel about startup culture and old money, fathers and sons, faith and stillness, and the question that arrives for every driven person eventually: what if the track and the destination were never the same thing?

Written by an author who spent nearly four decades inside American finance - banking, private wealth, and the corner office - this is fiction built from rooms the author actually sat in: the pitch meetings, the term sheets, the dinners where everything is performance. Readers of Wall Street and startup narratives will recognize the world; readers of literary family fiction will recognize the cost.

For readers of literary fiction about business and ambition, stories of success and meaning, father-and-son novels, and books that ask what a life is actually for. Book clubs will find questions on every page that follow them home.

The most dangerous thing about momentum is that it feels exactly like purpose.

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