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She is also the author of *Imaginary Weapons: A Journey Through the Pentagon's Scientific Underworld* (Nations Books, 2006), and co-author of *A Nuclear Family Vacation: Travels in the World of Atomic Weaponry* (Bloomsbury, 2008).

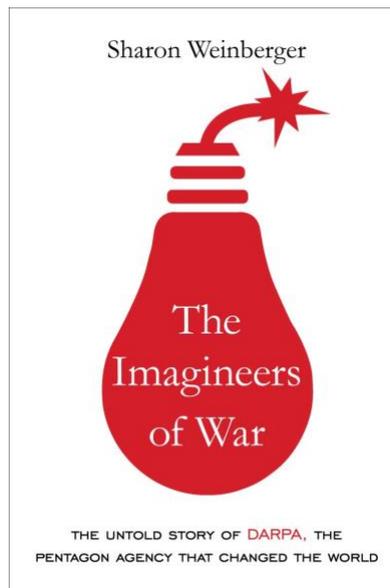
## BIO

Sharon Weinberger is *The Wall Street Journal's* national security and foreign policy editor. Previously, she was the Washington, D.C. bureau chief for *Yahoo News*. Prior to that she was an executive editor at *Foreign Policy* magazine, and earlier, the national security editor at *The Intercept*. Her third book, published in 2017 by Knopf, is *The Imagineers of War: The Untold Story of DARPA, the Pentagon Agency That Changed the World*. She has held fellowships at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, MIT's Knight Science Journalism program, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the International Reporting Project at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She has written on military science and technology for the *New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *the Washington Post*, *the Financial Times*, *Wired* magazine, *Nature*, *BBC*, *Discover*, and *Slate*, among other publications.

## RELEVANT WORK

*The Imagineers of War: The Untold Story of DARPA, the Pentagon Agency That Changed the World*

The definitive history of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Pentagon agency that has quietly shaped war and technology for nearly sixty years.



Founded in 1958 in response to the launch of Sputnik, the agency's original mission was to create "the unimagined weapons of the future." Over the decades, DARPA has been responsible for countless inventions and technologies that extend well beyond military technology. Sharon Weinberger gives us a riveting account of DARPA's successes and failures, its remarkable innovations, and its wild-eyed schemes. We see how the threat of nuclear Armageddon sparked investment in computer networking, leading to the Internet, as well as to a proposal to power a missile-destroying particle beam by draining the Great Lakes. We learn how DARPA was responsible during the Vietnam War for both Agent Orange and the development of the world's first armed drones, and how after 9/11 the agency sparked a national controversy over surveillance with its data-

mining research. And we see how DARPA's success with self-driving cars was followed by disappointing contributions to the Afghanistan and Iraq wars