**John Perkins 1945-**

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| **John Perkins** |
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| **Nationality** | American |
| **Ethnicity** | Caucasian |
| **Alma mater** | [Boston University School of Management](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_University_School_of_Management) |
| **Notable work(s)** | [Confessions of an Economic Hit Man](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confessions_of_an_Economic_Hit_Man) (2004) |
| **Spouse(s)** | Winifred (1981 - present) |
| **Children** | Jessica (b. [April 1982](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_1982)) |
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**John Perkins** (b. January 28, 1945 in [Hanover, New Hampshire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanover%2C_New_Hampshire)) is an economist and author. He was a [Peace Corps](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_Corps) Volunteer in [Ecuador](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecuador) from 1968–1970 and this experience launched him in the world of economics and writing. His best known book is [*Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confessions_of_an_Economic_Hit_Man) (2004), an insider's account of the [exploitation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exploitation) or [neo-colonization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neocolonialism) of [Third World](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_World) countries by what Perkins describes as a [cabal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cabal) of [corporations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corporation), [banks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bank), and the [United States government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_government_of_the_United_States). His 2007 book, *The Secret History of the American Empire*, provides more evidence of the negative impact of [global corporations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Globalization) on the [economies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy) and [ecologies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecology) of [poor countries](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heavily_Indebted_Poor_Countries), as well as offering suggestions for making corporations behave more like [good citizens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_responsibility).

Perkins also wrote an introduction to the 2007 book [*A Game as Old as Empire*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Game_as_Old_as_Empire)*: the Secret World of Economic Hit Men and the Web of Global Corruption* (edited by Steven Hiatt), a collection of accounts from investigators, journalists and other economic hitmen. The book offers further evidence of economic hit men and rebuts some of the criticism that Perkin's book *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* received.

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**Biography**

Perkins attended [Tilton School](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tilton_School) for high school, [Boston University School of Management](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_University_School_of_Management) during the 1960s. He spent the 1970s working for the [Boston](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston) strategic-consulting firm [Chas. T. Main](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chas._T._Main), where he was employed after first being screened by the [National Security Agency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Security_Agency) (NSA) and subsequently hired by [Einar Greve](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Einar_Greve&action=edit&redlink=1)[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-0), a member of the firm (and alleged NSA liaison, a claim which Greve has denied). Perkins was trained early in his career by a beautiful, older woman who was armed with the psychological profile gathered about him by the NSA after many days of pre-employment screening, as one of many "[economic hit men](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economic_hit_men)" advancing the cause of corporate [hegemony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hegemony).

As a former [chief economist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_economist) at Chas. T. Main, Perkins says that he "was an 'economic hit man' for 10 years, helping US [intelligence agencies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_agency) and [multinational](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multinational_corporation) corporations cajole and [blackmail](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackmail) foreign leaders into serving [US foreign policy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_the_United_States) and awarding lucrative contracts to US business.

After several years struggling with his conscience over the role he was playing in crippling foreign economies, he quit his consulting job. In the 1980s Perkins founded and directed a successful independent energy company. In the book *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, Perkins states that he suspects the success of his company was due to 'coincidences' orchestrated by those appreciative of his silence about the work he did as an economic hit man. He then sold the energy company in the late 1980s. Since then he has been heavily involved with [non-profit organizations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-profit_organization) in [Ecuador](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecuador) and around the world. He continues this work today, in addition to his writing. One of his organizations, [Dream Change](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Dream_Change&action=edit&redlink=1), is dedicated to shifting consciousness and promoting [sustainable](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainability) lifestyles for the individual and global community.

Perkins and his role as an economic hitman is the main theme in part II of the movie [Zeitgeist: Addendum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zeitgeist%3A_Addendum), released in October 2008. He also appears in the documentary movie "[Let's make money](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Let%27s_make_money)" (in German) by the [Austrian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria) director [Erwin Wagenhofer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erwin_Wagenhofer), also released October 2008.

**Controversy**

Columnist Sebastian Mallaby of the [*Washington Post*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Post) reacted sharply to Perkins' book[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-mallaby-1): describing him as "a vainglorious peddler of nonsense, and yet his book, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, is a runaway bestseller." Mallaby, who spent 13 years writing for the London [*Economist*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Economist) and wrote a critically well-received biography of [World Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Bank) chief [James Wolfensohn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Wolfensohn)[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-2), holds that Perkins' conception of international finance is "largely a dream" and that his "basic contentions are flat wrong."[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-mallaby-1) Mallaby stated that [Indonesia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia) reduced its [infant mortality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infant_mortality) and [illiteracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illiteracy) rates by two-thirds after economists persuaded its leaders to borrow money in 1970.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-mallaby-1)

Perkins' response is that Mallaby is an apologist for the system of exploitation and argues in his book *Secret History of the American Empire* (2007) that Indonesia is significantly worse off economically and socially than it was in the 1970s.[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-3)[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-4)

Articles in the [*New York Times*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Times) and [*Boston Magazine*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Magazine), as well as a press release issued by the [United States Department of State](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Department_of_State), have referred to a lack of documentary or testimonial evidence to corroborate the claim that the NSA was involved in his hiring to Chas T. Main. In addition, the author of the State Department release claims that the NSA "is a [cryptological](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptography) (codemaking and codebreaking) organization, not an economic organization" and that its missions do not involve "anything remotely resembling placing economists at private companies in order to increase the debt of foreign countries."[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Perkins_%28author%29#cite_note-5)

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Perkins has also written on [indigenous](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_peoples) cultures and [shamanism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shamanism). His books on these subjects include:

* *Psychonavigation: Techniques for Travel Beyond Time*, [ISBN 0-89281-800-X](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special%3ABookSources/089281800X)
* *Shapeshifting: Shamanic Techniques for Global and Personal Transformation*, [ISBN 0-89281-663-5](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special%3ABookSources/0892816635)
* *The World Is As You Dream It*
* *The Stress-Free Habit*
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**External links**

* [Perkins' web site](http://www.JohnPerkins.org)
* [John Perkins Peace Corps Wiki](http://www.peacecorpswiki.org/John_Perkins)
* [John Perkins The Zeitgeist Movement Wiki](http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/wiki/index.php?title=John_Perkins)
* [John Perkins Reveals Why the World Financial Markets Imploded and How to Remake Them](http://www.democracynow.org/2009/11/10/hoodwinked_former_economic_hit_man_john) - video report by [*Democracy Now!*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy_Now%21)

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