

## William Alexander

William Alexander was 53 years old when his first book, *The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden*, was published to critical acclaim, earning him, other honors, a Quill Book Awards nomination for debut author of the year and an invitation to the National Book Festival. Bill's second book, *52 Loaves: One Man's Relentless Pursuit of Truth, Meaning, and a Perfect Crust*, deals with his struggles to bake the perfect loaf of peasant bread and his family's struggles to deal with Bill.

Bill is the director of technology at a psychiatric research institute. Previously he worked for several years as a math teacher. Bill graduated from the State University of New York at Albany in 1974 with a degree in English Literature and also holds a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Born in Roslyn, Long Island, Bill (now 57) lives in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley in the small town ("the Town that Time Forgot") chronicled in *The \$64 Tomato*, where his wife, Anne, is a physician. His children, Zach and Kate, are now living on the West Coast and away at college, respectively.

In addition to his full-length works, he is an occasional contributor to the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* op-ed pages.

He designed and programmed the [WilliamAlexander.com](http://WilliamAlexander.com) website.