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Ethically Challenged: Private Equity Storms U.S. Health Care was published in March 2022. The book won gold medals in The North American Book Awards, the Axiom Business Book Awards, and Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) Benjamin Franklin Awards and a silver medal in the Nautilus Book Awards. In addition, it won a National Indie Excellence Award, and was a finalist in both the American Book Fest Best Book Awards and Montaigne Medal/Eric Hoffer Awards. Her novel, *Wrinkled Rebels*, was published by Vine Leaves Press in July 2024.