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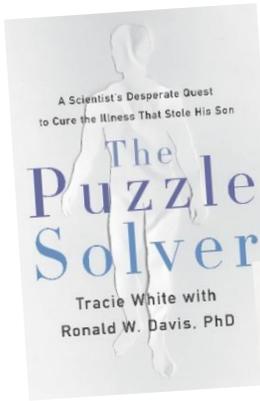
**Tracie White, Ronald W. Davis, PhD, Janet Dafoe, PhD**

In conversation with **Rivka Solomon** and hosted by **Kathy Detwiler**

discussing

### **THE PUZZLE SOLVER**

*A Scientist's Desperate Quest to Cure the Illness That Stole His Son*



\*Presented in partnership with the Massachusetts ME/CFS & FM Association ([www.MassMECFs.org](http://www.MassMECFs.org))

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Whitney Dafoe, a healthy young man, falls ill. While confined to his bed he desperately seeks answers from medical specialist after medical specialist. Although he no longer has the ability to walk, talk or eat, his doctors tell him there is nothing wrong. Fortunately for Whitney, there is good news: His father is Ronald W. Davis, PhD, a world-class geneticist at Stanford University. With great love for his son, and real concern for his son's life, Davis suddenly changes the course of his career in a race against time to cure his son's debilitating condition of ME/CFS (myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome).

### **THE CORONAVIRUS, LONG COVID AND ME/CFS**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Buttonwood will donate 20% of book sales for

*The Puzzle Solver* to the [Open Medicine Foundation](#).

Given the current pandemic, the topic of this book could not be more timely. Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome, or Long COVID, is the lingering post-viral illness many are left with after getting the coronavirus. The National Institute of Health's Dr. Anthony Fauci says that the symptoms COVID "Long Haulers" experience are similar to those of ME/CFS, the debilitating chronic disease which is also often the result of a post-viral illness; many stay sick after getting mononucleosis (from the Epstein Barr Virus) or another infection. They get sick, never fully recover and are diagnosed with ME/CFS. Now, leading ME/CFS doctors and researchers, such as one of the co-authors of *The Puzzle Solver*, are concerned this could lead to tragedy: Millions of Long COVID patients who will not get better, and who may soon be eligible for an ME/CFS diagnosis, just like Whitney.

### **PANELISTS**

**TRACIE WHITE** is an award-winning journalist and a science writer for Stanford University. Her work, which has garnered 23 writing awards, has also appeared in *Salon*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and more. Tracie graduated from UC Berkley and has a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

**RONALD W. DAVIS, PhD**, has been called one of the world's greatest living inventors by the *Atlantic*. He is a professor of Biochemistry and Genetics at Stanford University and director of the Stanford Genome Technology Center. He has won numerous awards for his research, including the Gruber Prize in genetics for his groundbreaking contributions to the field of genomics. He now is devoted to finding a cure for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS).

**JANET DAFOE, PhD**, received her degree from Stanford University and then became a licensed child psychologist, specializing in ADHD, Asperger's, anxiety, and depression, while raising two children with her husband Ronald Davis. When her son Whitney Dafoe became ill with ME/CFS she began to care for him at home and today is an advocate and fundraiser for the ME/CFS community.

**Facilitator: RIVKA SOLOMON** is event coordinator for the Massachusetts ME/CFS & FM Association and a nationally active patient advocate.

**Host: KATHY DETWILER** is the owner of Buttonwood Books and Toys and is the mother and caretaker of a son who has lived with ME/CFS for 19 years.



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