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SUPERBLOOM

HOW TECHNOLOGIES OF CONNECTION TEAR US APART

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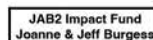
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From the telegraph and telephone in the 1800s to the internet and social media in our own day, the public has welcomed new communication systems. Whenever people gain more power to share information, the assumption goes, society prospers. **Nicholas Carr's** new book *Superbloom: How Technologies of Connection Tear Us Apart* tells a startlingly different story. As communication becomes more mechanized and efficient, it breeds confusion more than understanding, strife more than harmony. Media technologies all too often bring out the worst in us.

A celebrated commentator on the human consequences of technology, Carr reorients the conversation around modern communication, challenging some of our most cherished beliefs about self-expression, free speech, and media democratization. He reveals how messaging apps strip nuance from conversation, how “digital crowding” erodes empathy and triggers aggression, how online political debates narrow our minds and distort our perceptions, and how advances in AI are further blurring the already hazy line between fantasy and reality. Even as Carr shows how tech companies and their tools of connection have failed us, he forces us to confront inconvenient truths about our own nature. The human psyche, it turns out, is profoundly ill-suited to the “superbloom” of information that technology has unleashed.

Carr is the author of *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, and four other acclaimed books. A former executive editor of the *Harvard Business Review*, he writes for the *Atlantic*, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Carr will be in conversation with **Christine Rosen**, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where she focuses on American history, society and culture, technology and culture, and feminism. Concurrently she is a columnist for *Commentary* magazine and one of the cohosts of *The Commentary Magazine Podcast*. She is also a fellow at the University of Virginia’s Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture and a senior editor in an advisory position at the *New Atlantis*.

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