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Stephen Scott Johnson is a bestselling author, speaker and mentor who helps leaders master presence under pressure. For three decades he has worked with high performers across technology, engineering, health and professional services, including EY, Telstra, the University of Sydney, Sanofi and Newcrest Mining.

Drawing on certifications in breathwork, somatic and shamanic practice, his work explores the state beneath high performance: how pressure shapes the way leaders think, decide and affect the people around them.

His books are *Emergent – Ignite Purpose, Transform Culture, Make Change Stick* (Wiley, 2017) and *Ascendant: How to Reshape Reality From the Inside Out* (2026).

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He spent two decades inside global agency networks leading digital innovation across Asia Pacific, latterly as Regional Head of Digital Innovation for Draft FCB. For over a decade he worked as an engagement strategist for organisations including the United Nations and the Alliance for Climate Protection. He held Senior Lecturer posts at RMIT and Swinburne, and served six years on faculty at Thought Leaders Business School.

Emergent – Ignite Purpose, Transform Culture, Make Change Stick (Wiley, 2017), his breakout title on building movements inside organisations, became a bestseller. For three decades he has studied the systems that claim to explain us: the maps of consciousness, the psycho-spiritual frameworks, the diagrams of fate. He holds certifications in breathwork, somatic and shamanic practice.

Ascendant: How to Reshape Reality From the Inside Out was published in 2026 with a foreword by Peter Cook. He lives in Melbourne.

BOOKS	<i>Emergent – Ignite Purpose, Transform Culture, Make Change Stick</i> (Wiley, 2017) · <i>Ascendant: How to Reshape Reality From the Inside Out</i> (2026)
RECOGNITION	Cannes Lion · AIMIA · Webby. Featured in <i>Fast Company</i> , <i>BRW</i> , <i>Huffington Post</i> and <i>Marketing Mag</i> .
STAGES	Haworth East Asia Kick Off, Bali (2026) · SXSW · ad:tech · Creative Innovation Global · Future of Leadership · London Festival
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