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I save lives and teach others to do the same. I am an author, expedition medic, geologist, and educator. I've traveled to all seven continents including the hottest, the coldest, and highest places on the planet, lived with indigenous cultures, traveled by foot, ski, camel, Cessna, dugout canoe to report on and capture the human spirit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 2018 WWW.SUSANPURVIS.COM

AUTHOR OF GO FIND: MY JOURNEY TO FIND THE LOST—AND MYSELF BY BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING

Go Find is a best-selling (ranked #4 in books/memoirs. Michelle Obama's Becoming ranked #1) memoir in 2019 and won the Silver Nautilus Award for Memoir- Large Publisher, April 2019. I am the narrator of my audiobook. Voted best travel memoir to read by National Geographic. Author's website www.Susanpurvis.com

1998 – CURRENT WWW.CBOUTDOORS.COM

OWNER, LEAD INSTRUCTOR, CRESTED BUTTE OUTDOORS INTERNATIONAL

Education organization teaching wilderness medicine, avalanche, K-9 search and rescue, and custom high-altitude course in the US, Canada, Nepal, and Africa.

Teaching for 20 years to over 1200 students worldwide.

Expedition Wilderness Medicine Specialist for private, film (BBC and Discovery) and television (National Geographic) crews to Antarctica Peninsula, Holtanna Glacier-Antarctica, and Ethiopia.

PRODUCED TWO SHORT VIDEO CLIPS DURING EXPEDITION TO QUEEN MAUD LAND, HOLTANNA GLACIER, ANTARCTICA. 2014.

- **Wilderness Medicine Specialist and Presenter:** Lion Television. Desert Survival expert for science expedition to the hottest place on earth—Danakil Depression, Ethiopia. Aired on *BBC World* and *Discovery* television programs. Explorers Club Member.
- **Wilderness Medicine Specialist:** Consultant for sourcing programs for *National Geographic*, and *TruTV*.
Presenter and Talent: *Snowbound*. Aired Colorado Public Television. [Snowbound](#)
- **Talent:** *Incredible Purina Avalanche Dog Challenge*. Aired PAX Television. 2003.
- **Documentary Film Maker:** Filmed, produced, and narrated *Amazonas: An Ancient Web of Water and Woods*. 1990. [Amazonas](#)

1988 – 2006

PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST

Gold Exploration in Latin America including in USA, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Tobago. Functional in conversational Spanish. Co-managed exploration office.

1995-2006

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Medic at Orthopedic/ Urgent Care Clinic for 11 years at Crested Butte Ski Clinic. Montana EMT. Wilderness First Responder.

EDUCATION

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B.A. GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA

GRANTS: FILM AND WRITING

- Montana Institute of the Arts Film School, July, 2019.
- St. Eugene Writers Conference: 3-days Cranbrook, Canada, Screenwriting, 2019.
- [Film Workshop Residency](#) 10-day Banff Mountain Filmmakers Workshop. 2017.
- [Banff Writing Residency](#): 21-day Banff Mountain and Wilderness Writing. 2016.
- Playwright Workshop: 3-days. Taught by Lavonne Mueller. 2015.

PHILANTHROPY

- I am the founder, curriculum director of my non-for-profit school, Wilderness Medicine as a Second Language. Since 2005, I have offered free high-altitude education courses to local guides working on Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa and to the Mt. Everest Region of Nepal.
- Since 1995, I have been a volunteer search and rescue dog handler. In my tenure with my dog Tasha (1995-2008), we were called to 65 missions in high country of Colorado. We certified in water, wilderness, human remains, and avalanche disciplines.

HONORS

- Nautilus Silver Medal Book Award for Go Find in Memoir-Large Publisher, April 2019.
- Apple Books Bestsellers January 2019, #4 Category of Memoir (Michelle Obama #1)

- [Congressional Record](#). Proceedings and Debates of the 108th Congress. Paying Tribute to Susan Purvis and Tasha, the Search Dog—Hon. Scott McInnis of Colorado. House of Representatives, June 19, 2003.

PUBLIC SPEAKING- KEYNOTE <https://susanpurvis.com/book-tour/>

- Fresh Coast Film Festival, Michigan, October 2019, Keynote.
- Flathead River Writers Conference, Montana. September 14th, 2019. Speaker.
- Tattered Cover Book Store, Colorado. September 2019. Speaker.
- Human Society Book Event, Iowa. September 2019. Keynote speaker.
- Montana Women Writers Monthly Meeting, June, 2019. Keynote speaker.
- Jackson Hole Book Trader, June, 2019 Book signing and lecture.
- St. Eugene Writers Conference, Canada. May 11, 2019. Keynote speaker.
- Country Bookshelf Bookstore, Montana. May 22, 2019. Keynote speaker.
- Authors of the Flathead Lecture Series, 2019, Speaker.
- Women Write Wilderness, Flathead Valley Community College, April 2019 Keynote.
- Fact or Fiction Bookstore, Montana Feb 2019. Speaker.
- Montana Public Radio, The Write Question, Montana. Feb 2019. Radio Interview.
- Greater Arkansas River Nature Association, Colorado. Feb 2019. Keynote.
- Crested Butte Heritage Museum, Colorado. Feb 2019. Keynote.
- Book Bar, Colorado. Jan 2019. Speaker.
- Outdoor Retailer Show. Colorado. Jan 2019 Speaker.
- Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana, Jan 2019 Speaker
- Fernie Alpine Resort, Canada. Jan 2019. Speaker.
- Whitefish Library and Flathead Valley Community Library, Montana Jan 2019. Speaker.
- Rotary, Montana, Dec. 2018. Keynote.
- Northern Michigan University, November-Dec. 2018. Keynote.
- Banff International Film and Book Festival, Nov. 2018. Women’s Memoir Panel.
- Mountain and Plains Independent Booksellers Association Show, Oct 2018. Colorado. Speaker
- Explorers Club, Colorado. Oct 2018. Speaker.
- Weller Book Works, Utah. Oct 2018. Speaker.
- Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association (PNBA) Tradeshow Sept 2018. Book signing.
- Flathead River Writers Conference, Sept 2018. Book Signing.
- Library Journal Day of Dialog, NYC. June 2018. Panel partipant. Book signing.
- Book Expo America, NYC, NY. June 2018. Book signing.

RADIO INTEVIEWS-TELEVISION

- “The Write Question - Susan Purvis - #370 by KUFM Montana Public Radio - March 2019”

- “The Audiobook Speakeasy - Ep. 45 Susan Purvis Interview March-11-2019”
- “Donna Seebo Show - Susan Purvis Interview Jan-14-2019”
- Womens-eye-radio-adventurer-susan-purvis-on-finding-the-lost-with-trusty-team
- Kido-Boise-Kevin-Miller, Go Find Book Interview.
- wilk-scranton-webster Go Find Book Interview.
- kabc-los-Angeles-Doug Go Find Book Interview.
- whas-louisville-Ieland Go Find Book Interview.
- kabc-la-alex-stone-cadaver-dogs-search-for-ca-wildfire-victimsm3
- Whitefish Community Radio interviews Susan Purvis owner of Crested Butte Outdoors
- Owner of Crested Butte Outdoors interviews with Jordan White of Two Bear Air

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BOOK AND WRITING REVIEWS

- *Montanan*, The Magazine of the University of Montana, Spring 2019. Feature and cover photo.
- *406 Magazine*, Winter, 2019. Feature and cover photo.
- December 2018 National Geographic Endorses Go Find as top travel reads
- “Sue Purvis has written a brave and profound book about the eternally compelling topic of human survival. No one can truly understand the wilderness without going deeply within themselves, and perhaps vice versa. Purvis has done both and come back with truths that we all can learn from.”
—Sebastian Junger, American journalist, author and filmmaker.
- GO FIND made the top 10 new fall book read list Bend Magazine
- GO FIND featured in Netgalley’s September librarian newsletter books to read. Shipped to 21,382 US and Canada librarians.

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VIDEO-FILM <https://susanpurvis.com/videos/>

- Television. Andrew LaCombe (WLUC TV6) interviews Susan Purvis, a Marquette MI native and author, about her new book Go Find.
- Book Trailer. GO FIND - a memoir by Susan Purvis. Published by Blackstone Publishing
- Film. Snow Bound" by Colorado Public Television, 2005 Featuring Susan Purvis and Tasha.
- Crested Butte Public Television 2003 Interview with Susan Purvis. The Incredible Purina Avalanche Dog Challenge, Susan Purvis and Tasha.
- Documentary Film. Amazonas: An Ancient Web of Water and Woods. By Susan Purvis.