



Professional Bio: Sean Covell

Sean Covell is Movie Producer, Writer and Keynote Speaker who grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He has produced over one dozen movies and television series, including the iconic independent film, *Napoleon Dynamite*. Covell's films have won multiple awards, generated over one-quarter-billion dollars in revenue, and, most importantly, got nerds prom dates around the globe.

Covell travels the world on various film shoots but maintains close ties to his small-town roots.

In 2015 he founded The 12 Days of Pizza charitable program, which supplies underprivileged families of elementary school-age children consistent meals across the Christmas break. In its first year, the program provided 144 meals to Black Hills area families. Just 3 years later, the program grew to provide over 12,000 meals across the nation and continues to grow every year.

Covell is also a best-selling children's book author. His *Porter the Hoarder* book series is the centerpiece of a literacy project with the United Way that provides 20,000 first graders with a free book each year.

As a keynote and TEDx speaker, Covell has helped thousands of educators and business professionals reframe thinking to “build castles in the clouds and put foundations under them.”

Sean enjoys keynote speaking, teaching at the University of Southern California, and attending film festivals internationally. He hangs his nunchucks in Deadwood, SD.