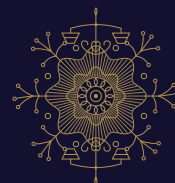


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## AT A GLANCE

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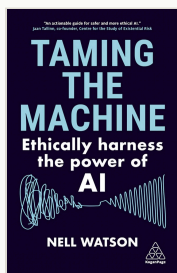
**President**, European Responsible AI Office (EURAIO).

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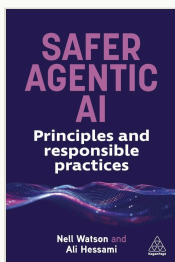
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## THE BOOKS



*Taming the Machine*  
Kogan Page, 2024



*Safer Agentic AI*  
Kogan Page, 2026

## AS FEATURED IN

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