

Hi there! I'm **Kerry Horton**, a Senior User Researcher passionate about creating **accessible**, **intuitive**, and **delightful** technology that makes a meaningful impact.

Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, I moved to Seattle in 2018 to attend the University of Washington, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in **Human-Centered Design & Engineering (HCI)**. My education combined analytical problem-solving with creativity, preparing me to tackle complex design challenges across industries.

Currently, I'm a Senior User Researcher at **Accenture Federal Services**, where I lead usability research for large-scale projects like optimizing the FAFSA form to ensure it's inclusive and user-friendly for all. Before this, I worked at **McKinsey & Company** in Atlanta, where I contributed to reshaping cybersecurity tools and enhancing user experiences for critical internal systems.

Over the past six years, including three years in the industry, I've honed a versatile skill set, mastering tools like **Figma**, **Dscout**, and **Qualtrics** while diving into a wide range of fields—from healthcare and food to transportation and government. My approach to research is rooted in **empathy**, **inclusivity**, and a drive to **explore new problem spaces**.

Outside of work, you'll find me practicing **power vinyasa yoga**, catching **live music**, **experimenting** with new recipes in the kitchen, or planning my next **adventure**. I also love listening to **podcasts** and **audiobooks**, always eager to learn something new during my downtime.

Let's connect! Feel free to reach out to me via [email](#) or on [LinkedIn](#).

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*A little more about me:
what I've been up to during this past year!*

Books I've been parsing
through

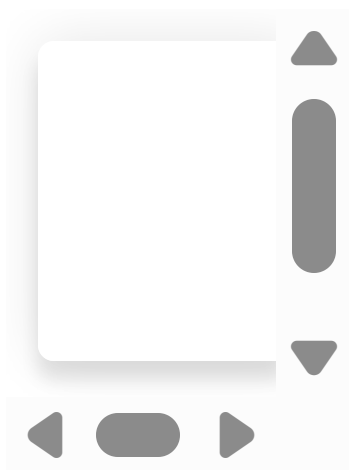
Atomic Habits

*How To Win Friends and
Influence People*

Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat



Podcasts I rotate through :)



The Sunday Read: 'What I

Mar 23 · The Daily

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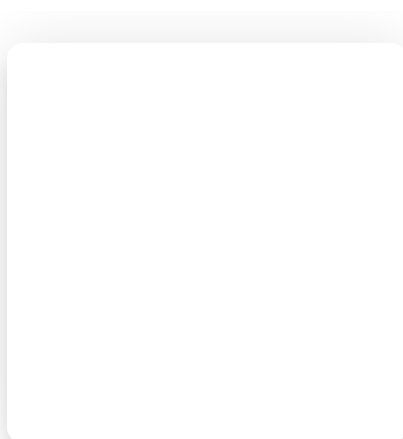
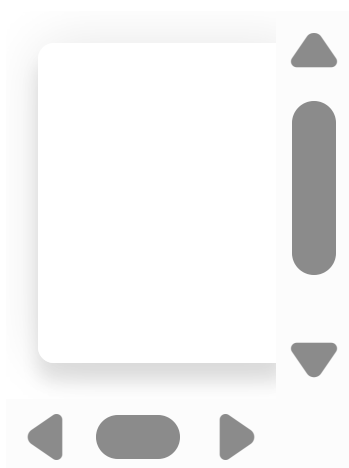


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Mar 21 · Freakonomics Radio

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Food I've been consuming :)

Giant Crinkled Chocolate Chip
Cookies from the [NYT](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/23/food/giant-chocolate-chip-cookies-recipe.html)

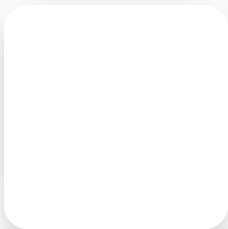


Almond Cake with Cardamom and Pistachios from the [NYT](#)

Green Curry from [Hot Thai Kitchen](#)

Turmeric hummus and lots of chickpea dishes :)

and more food can be found [@firstplatepdx](#) !



On Repeat

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Preview

- 1 I'm Good Luv, Enjoy.
E Aaron May
- 2 Gypsy
Fleetwood Mac
- 3 Right Down the Line
Gerry Rafferty

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Music I've been listening to on repeat recently, whether it's for cycling, cooking, or in my free time :) Some of my favorites are:

Hypotheticals

Something To Talk

About

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Think I'm In Love With You

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