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In 1991, Garrett Socol helped launch the network E! Entertainment Television. The cult classics "Talk Soup" and "The Gossip Show" were his creations. He also produced a long list of other series and specials including "The 101 Most Awesome Moments in Entertainment" and "40 Celebrity Weddings and a Funeral."

As a playwright, "The Shadow of Greatness" premiered at the Berkshire Theatre Festival in a production that starred Richard Chamberlain. His second play, "Bicoastal Woman," enjoyed a successful run at LA's Pasadena Playhouse.

In 2008, he left television and began writing fiction. His short stories were published in several dozen literary journals including The Barcelona Review, Necessary Fiction, Word Riot, PANK, 3:AM Magazine and McSweeney's Internet Tendency. His collection of short stories, GATHERED HERE TOGETHER, was published by Ampersand Books. His novella FAME & MADNESS IN AMERICA was published by Casperian Books. His novel TOOTH DECAY, a quirky tale of obsessive love and murder in a small town dental office, was published by Folded Word Press in November 2015. He recommends brushing and flossing *daily*.