

# Tom Brokaw

Legendary Newsmen, NBC News and *New York Times* Best-Selling Author

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Tom Brokaw has spent his entire distinguished journalism career with NBC News beginning in 1966 in the Los Angeles bureau where he covered Ronald Reagan's first run for public office, the rise of the Sixties counter culture, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and the 1968 presidential campaign.

From Los Angeles, Brokaw went to Washington as the White House correspondent during Watergate and as the principal back up for John Chancellor as anchor of *NBC Nightly News*. Next stop: New York and *TODAY* followed by his appointment as anchor and managing editor of *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*.

He took over *Meet the Press* for the 2008 campaign when his close friend and colleague Tim Russert died.

In addition to his daily news gathering responsibilities, Brokaw reported on more than thirty documentaries covering subjects ranging from AIDS, Los Angeles gangs, race, education, medicine, immigration and global warming.

He has an impressive list of firsts, including the first interview with Mikhail Gorbachev; the first network report on human rights abuses in Tibet accompanied by an exclusive interview with the Dali Lama; the only American network anchor to report from Berlin the night the Berlin wall came down.

In 1998, Brokaw published his first book, *The Greatest Generation*, one of the most popular non-fiction books of the 20th century. He followed that with five other books, including *BOOM! Voices Of The Sixties*, *The Time Of Our Lives*.

He is also a popular essayist for publications ranging from *The New York Times* to *Rolling Stone* and a wide assortment of other periodicals and newspapers.

Brokaw has won every major award in his craft, including Peabody, Duponts, Emmys and lifetime achievement recognition. In 2014, President Barack Obama awarded Brokaw with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Brokaw's latest book is *A Lucky Life Interrupted*(Random House, 2015). In this powerful memoir of a year of dramatic change, the best-selling author and former NBC anchorman chronicles a year spent battling cancer and reflecting on his long, lucky life.

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