

Dan Rather Quotes

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This race is hotter than a Times Square Rolex.

~Dan Rather

Never eat spinach just before going on the air.

~Dan Rather

If all difficulties were known at the outset of a long journey, most of us would never start out at all.

~Dan Rather

A lot of tight Senate races out there. Let's hit those chips with another dash of salsa, Ed Bradley.

~Dan Rather

Courage is being afraid but going on anyhow.

~Dan Rather

[My job is] a very high trapeze act, frequently with no net.

~Dan Rather

I got addicted. News, particularly daily news, is more addictive than crack cocaine, more addictive than heroin, more addictive than cigarettes.

~Dan Rather

Don't taunt the alligator until after you've crossed the creek.

~Dan Rather

A tough lesson in life that one has to learn is that not everybody wishes you well.

~Dan Rather

The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a

sharp stick called 'truth'.

~Dan Rather

A college degree is the key to realizing the American dream, well worth the financial sacrifice because it is supposed to open the door to a world of opportunity.

~Dan Rather

A free and truly independent press - fiercely independent when necessary - is the red beating heart of freedom and democracy.

~Dan Rather

The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you.

~Dan Rather

Be careful. Journalism is more addictive than crack cocaine. Your life can get out of balance.

~Dan Rather

I think you can be an honest person and lie about any number of things.

~Dan Rather

Once the herd starts moving in one direction, it's very hard to turn it, even slightly.

~Dan Rather

And for whatever reason I've loved the news since I can remember. I loved it when I was in elementary school.

~Dan Rather

One of the most important roles of our journalists is to be watchdogs.

~Dan Rather

If you're in Journalism and you're looking for friends, you should get a dog.

~Dan Rather

The Michigan Republican primary apparently is tighter than Willie Nelson's headband.

~Dan Rather

Writing is the rock on which everything is built.

~Dan Rather

If frogs had side pockets, they'd carry hand guns.

~Dan Rather

Only votes talk, everything else walks.

~Dan Rather

(Obama's) a nice person, he's very articulate this is what's been used against him, but he couldn't sell watermelons if it, you gave him the state troopers to flag down the traffic.

~Dan Rather

Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic.

~Dan Rather

I think it's important for the public to know, great reporting starts with a publisher who has guts and an editor who has guts.

~Dan Rather

I don't back down. I don't cave when the pressure gets too great from these partisan political ideological forces.

~Dan Rather

Performing doesn't turn me on. It's an egomaniac business, filled with

prima donnas - including this one.

~Dan Rather

If I didn't have a front-row seat on history, it was at least a seat on the aisle.

~Dan Rather

Despite what many Americans think, most Soviets do not yearn for capitalism or Western-style democracy.

~Dan Rather

They say California's the big burrito; Texas is a big taco right now. We want to follow that through. Florida is a big tamale.

~Dan Rather

Always marry a woman from Texas. No matter how tough things get, she's seen tougher.

~Dan Rather

I have tried to remain a working, cutting-edge journalist and I don't do it the way everybody else does it. And I think that's the difference.

~Dan Rather

Journalism is not a precise science, it's a crude art

~Dan Rather

I've always tried to be fair, even-handed, not an advocate for any group.

~Dan Rather

They may have turned this up, whether you had the Paula Jones case or not. But again maybe not, but again that's like if a frog had side pockets he'd probably wear a handgun.

~Dan Rather

There are more Muslims in North America than Jews Now.

~Dan Rather

Are the Democrats going to dance the mandate Macarena?

~Dan Rather

For years Don Imus was just - boy, he was merciless in his criticism of me. Maybe it was justified, but that didn't mean it didn't hurt.

~Dan Rather

I'd much rather wear out than rust out.

~Dan Rather

I read the book [My Life by Bill Clinton] completely. And I think it compares very favorably with Ulysses S. Grant's gold standard of presidential autobiographies.

~Dan Rather

Journalists should denounce government by public opinion polls.

~Dan Rather

I can say with confidence I know a fair bit about LSD.

~Dan Rather

Texas: 32 electoral votes, another of the so-called big enchiladas or if not an enchilada at least a huge taco.

~Dan Rather

And now the sequence of events in no particular order.

~Dan Rather

As long as I have my health, I want to be reporting somewhere.

~Dan Rather

Turn the lights down, the party just got wilder.

~Dan Rather

I'm a believer in what your record is. I am what my record is - some of it good, some of it bad, some of it hard to tell.

~Dan Rather

I know that this story is true.

~Dan Rather

If you liked this broadcast, we hope you'll watch it again tomorrow night and maybe tell your neighbors about it.

~Dan Rather

It's the ratings, stupid, don't you know? They've got us putting more fuzz and wuzz on the air, cop-show stuff.

~Dan Rather

We are the "can do" country. We adjust to situations better than any people in the history of the world... We adjust to change.

~Dan Rather

Ratings don't last. Good journalism does.

~Dan Rather

Journalism is less addictive than communism.

~Dan Rather

When the going gets weird, anchormen punt.

~Dan Rather

Start-ups like UniversityNow, a network of low-cost, online colleges, allows students to work at their own pace and pay a few hundred dollars a month for a degree.

~Dan Rather

These guys [the Catholic church] make Enron look like altar boys.

~Dan Rather

Very big business is in bed with very big government in Washington, and has more to do with what the average person sees, hears and reads than most people know.

~Dan Rather

Catholic dioceses typically spent hundreds of thousands of dollars recklessly, then filed for bankruptcy. The goal was to avoid the money going to the hands of victims of predator priests.

~Dan Rather

Americans are once again looking outward

~Dan Rather

Stay with CBS now for more news, including: Is there a pall over the mall as holiday shoppers think small?

~Dan Rather

To the pilot of a deep sea submersible, upon finding out what would happen if the craft sprung a leak while submerged. I'll trust you to make sure that doesn't happen.

~Dan Rather

You'd better do what you feel good about doing. If we [try] to figure out what it is the audience wants and then try to deliver it to them, we're lost souls on the ghost ship forever.

~Dan Rather

Anyone who says network news cannot be profitable doesn't know what he is talking about. But anyone who says it must "always," make

money is misguided and irresponsible.

~Dan Rather

I still love following and thinking about politics. I enjoy recommending important journalism I read or see from other sources.

~Dan Rather

I had just turned 10-years-old when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and plunged America into World War II.

~Dan Rather

In dealing with the press, do yourself a favor, stick with one of three responses: (a) I know and I can tell you; (b) I know and I can't tell you; (c) I don't know.

~Dan Rather

It's the old shell game.

~Dan Rather

It's the American way: if you don't vote, you don't get to whine.

~Dan Rather

My cousin just died. He was only 19. He got stung by a bee - the natural enemy of a tightrope walker.

~Dan Rather

One finds oneself saying: 'I know the right question, but ... this is not exactly the right time to ask it.'

~Dan Rather

I'm part of nobody's world except Brezhnev's.

~Dan Rather

The reelection of Bill Clinton is as secure as a double-knot tied in wet

rawhide.

~Dan Rather

Those of you watching and listening, get a cup of coffee or a spot of tea and join us back here in just a few moments.

~Dan Rather

We may see Michael Jackson's baby before we know the final outcome of this race for the House of Representatives tonight.

~Dan Rather

I was really lucky to work at CBS news. I was blessed to be able to live my dream in many ways at CBS news.

~Dan Rather

I don't pretend to be a digital savant or even a digital apprentice.

~Dan Rather

I've never believed in measuring one's worth by the size of his or her bank account. I prefer to look at distance traveled.

~Dan Rather

The Republican convention opens in New York to re-nominate George W. Bush and showcase the party's, quote, 'moderate side.' Will voters buy it?

~Dan Rather

What separated Ed Murrow from the rest of the pack was courage.

~Dan Rather

There is no doubt that the way journalism worked when I was growing up and getting started has changed forever.

~Dan Rather

The great lesson my mother and father gave me was almost invisible. It was a strong sense of being rooted.

~Dan Rather

Fear rules almost every newsroom in the country.

~Dan Rather

I'm proud to say I've never been anybody's lapdog.

~Dan Rather

College is like a woman: you work so hard to get in, and nine months later you wish you'd never come. We used to say if a frog had side pockets, he'd carry a handgun.

~Dan Rather

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