

Kate Adie

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People always seem to assume that we have a full, back-up support team - make-up, costume and a driver - but usually, in a war zone, there's only me and the cameraman.

~Kate Adie

On the Northern Ireland question, for instance, the British and Irish governments prohibit media contact with members of the IRA, but we have always gone ahead, believing in the right to information.

~Kate Adie

I keep telling myself to calm down, to take less of an interest in things and not to get so excited, but I still care a lot about liberty, freedom of speech and expression, and fairness in journalism.

~Kate Adie

Hair is also a problem. I remember once, when I was reporting from Beirut at the height of the civil war, someone wrote in to the BBC complaining about my appearance.

~Kate Adie

I have no time for the endless nostalgia: 'Oh gosh I used to . . . ' Life is too short; I don't have any time for sitting and saying I miss things. What's the point? Go and do something else.'

~Kate Adie

My job is to get to the heart of a story, to find out what's really going on; to get it verified and, then, to get it out to as many people as possible as fast as.

~Kate Adie

I don't want to be involved in endless media gossip.

~Kate Adie

The better the information it has, the better democracy works. Silence

and secrecy are never good for it.

~Kate Adie

I was sent to a nice Church of England girls' school and at that time, after university, a woman was expected to become a teacher, a nurse or a missionary - prior to marriage.

~Kate Adie

I never desired to go into war zones. I never had any thought about it. It sort of just happened as part of the job.

~Kate Adie

I wrote in the book very specifically what I wanted to write about, period, and left it at.

~Kate Adie

Now children as young as nine carry AK47s which can kill 30 people in seconds.

~Kate Adie

Up until about 12 years ago we never, ever, wore flak jacket or helmets but now the nastiness has got worse.

~Kate Adie

If I'm in danger then it's usually my fault and it's up to me to get myself out of it. I am not in it just to get an adrenalin rush. No way!

~Kate Adie

I sailed through my childhood with a complete lack of any drama.

~Kate Adie

I also read modern novels - I have just had to read 60 as I am one of the judges for the Orange Fiction Prize.

~Kate Adie

I was timid and frightened as a child. Yours truly did not shin up mountains or do any other kind of adventurous stuff.

~Kate Adie

No two wars are identical.

~Kate Adie

Beslan, where the Russian authorities stopped live coverage of the school being stormed, was an illustration of the progress we still have to make.

~Kate Adie

War zones are dangerous, protests can be violent, also, natural disasters are difficult to cover, so there are going to be risks.

~Kate Adie

I have nothing to do with the selection of stories. I'm the reporter.

~Kate Adie

In any war, there is a concealment of certain kinds of setbacks because it's propaganda for the enemy.

~Kate Adie

There was no equal pay law when I started working. I was no different to any other woman in any other job at the time.

~Kate Adie

Having had loving people who brought me up, and then I find another set of people. That really is a double blessing.

~Kate Adie

I've never been one to sit around and eat my heart out. Life's too short.

~Kate Adie

I have never been attracted to any kind of violence.

~Kate Adie

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