

Sam Donaldson Quotes

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The questions don't do the damage. Only the answers do.

~Sam Donaldson

I was a typical farm boy. I liked the farm. I enjoyed the things that you do on a farm, go down to the drainage ditch and fish, and look at the crawfish and pick a little cotton.

~Sam Donaldson

Call me a braggart, call me arrogant. People at ABC (and elsewhere) have called me worse. But when you need the job done on deadline, you'll call me.

~Sam Donaldson

I'd rather work with someone who's good at their job but doesn't like me, than someone who likes me but is a ninny.

~Sam Donaldson

Let's face it: Many on the political right believe this president ought not to be there - they oppose him not for his policies and political view but for who he is, an African American!

~Sam Donaldson

I saw a large, red dried swath that I immediately identified clearly as blood. I covered the war in Vietnam. I saw a lot of it [blood] there.

~Sam Donaldson

And really, the basis, I think, of achieving some success in what I want to do today comes from my mother's push to get me to read and to make something of myself from the standpoint of an education.

~Sam Donaldson

There was a little bit of ham in me. And there's a lot of people say there's a lot of ham in me.

~Sam Donaldson

As I went to college, I went into radio and television. Now I suppose most people think that's one step ahead of basket weaving as a major in college, but it was part of the journalism department.

~Sam Donaldson

So when I cover the president, I try to remember two things: First, if you don't ask, you don't find out; and second, the questions don't do the damage. Only the answers do.

~Sam Donaldson

If you have a setback, and you're not doing well and then you overcome it somehow, it always sticks with you. You know it could happen again.

~Sam Donaldson

If you sent me to cover a pie-baking contest on Mother's Day, I'm going to ask dear old Mom why she used artificial sweetener or stole the apples!

~Sam Donaldson

It was kind of exciting being on the radio. Not everybody was on the radio.

~Sam Donaldson

Well, I was born in El Paso, Texas, it was in the nearest hospital to the family farm.

~Sam Donaldson

But as a young kid, I never did, really have an ambition to be a farmer. I never thought, gee, I would like to farm, and I want to raise these crops. I didn't quite know what I wanted to do.

~Sam Donaldson

News conferences are the only chance the American public has to see

Ronald Reagan use his mind.

~Sam Donaldson

The President's very shrewd

~Sam Donaldson

In 27 years of reporting from Washington, I've never heard a President admit he made a mistake.

~Sam Donaldson

It wasn't until the late '70s that a lot of people knew me.

~Sam Donaldson

My personal opinion is that guns kill people.

~Sam Donaldson

The press . . . traditionally sides with authority and the establishment.

~Sam Donaldson

My mother did all she could to control me, but at age 14 she sent me to a military school.

~Sam Donaldson

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