

# Robert Pierpoint: A Life in Broadcast Journalism



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## **Early Life and Career**

Robert Pierpoint was born in New York City in 1925. He developed a passion for journalism at an early age, and after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he joined CBS News in 1949.

Pierpoint quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a correspondent for the legendary Edward R. Murrow's program "See It Now." He gained recognition for his incisive reporting on the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, and other major news events.

## **Vietnam War Coverage**

Pierpoint's coverage of the Vietnam War earned him widespread acclaim and numerous awards. He was one of the first American journalists to report from the front lines of the conflict, providing viewers with an unfiltered look at the horrors of war.

His reporting from Vietnam challenged the U.S. government's official narrative and helped turn public opinion against the war. His work earned him the respect of both his colleagues and the public, solidifying his reputation as one of the most trusted and respected journalists of his time.

## **Watergate Scandal**

Pierpoint also played a pivotal role in the coverage of the Watergate scandal, which ultimately led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. He was one of the first reporters to break the story and continued to provide in-depth analysis of the developing events.

His reporting on Watergate helped expose the corruption and abuse of power within the Nixon administration, contributing to the downfall of one of the most powerful presidents in American history.

## **CBS Evening News**

In 1979, Pierpoint became a correspondent for the "CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite," the most-watched news program in America at the time. He continued to report on major news events, providing viewers with his trademark insightful analysis and reporting.

Pierpoint's presence on the "CBS Evening News" helped maintain the program's reputation for excellence and credibility. He was a trusted voice in American journalism, informing and engaging millions of viewers for over three decades.

## **Legacy and Impact**

Robert Pierpoint retired from CBS News in 1990, but his legacy continues to shape the network's journalistic values and practices. He was a pioneer in broadcast journalism, pushing the boundaries of reporting and setting new standards for accuracy, fairness, and integrity.

His work has inspired generations of journalists and helped shape the public's understanding of some of the most important events in American history. His contributions to CBS News and the field of broadcast journalism are immeasurable.

Robert Pierpoint passed away in 2017 at the age of 92. He is remembered as one of the greatest journalists of the 20th century and a true icon of CBS

News. His life and work left an enduring mark on American journalism and continue to inspire journalists today.



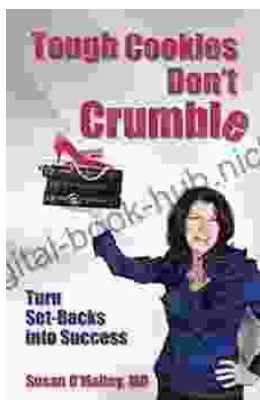
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