



Name: Ron Suskind

Years: November 20, 1959- Present

Hometown: Kingston, NY

Brief Biography:

Ron Suskind was born in Kingston, NY in 1959. He attended the University of Virginia and then went on to Columbia University where he received a Master's degree from the Graduate School of Journalism. In 1983 he got his big break into journalism as a news assistant and interim reporter for *The New York Times*. He soon began working for their metro desk and covering business topics. He later went on to write for the *St. Petersburg Times* and eventually in 1988, he was named editor of Boston Business magazine. From 1993-2000 he held the position of senior nation affairs writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, where he has been a writer since 1990.

In 1995 Suskind was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing. He was selected based on a story he had written for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Against All Odds: In Rough City School, Top Students Struggle, To Learn -- and Escape*. The article based on Cedric Jennings, an inner-city born student who

went on to escape his troubled upbringing by attending Brown University, ended up becoming the basis for his first book, *A Hope in the Unseen*. He has since gone on to write three additional books; *The Price of Loyalty*, *The One Perfect Doctrine* and *The Way of the World*. His recent books focus on the inner workings of the Bush Administration, discussing everything from the planning behind the war in Iraq to analyzing the way that terrorist threats were evaluated. Ron Suskind often makes television appearances, most frequently on *Frontline*. In addition to writing books he is still writing articles that are published in *Time Magazine*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Esquire* and the *Wall Street Journal*. He is currently living and writing from Washington, D.C. but teaches summer courses at Dartmouth College. He is married to Cornelia Kennedy Suskind and has two sons.

Major Achievements: Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing (2005), several of his books have also been on the New York Times Bestseller list

References:

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