

Sir Harold Evans

1928-2020

Newspaper editor whose 70-year career set the gold standard for investigative journalism



■ **Jun 28, 1928:** Born in Manchester, England. Takes his first job as a journalist at the age of 16

■ **1961:** Appointed editor of Teesside-based daily **The Northern Echo**. Campaign on cervical cancer leads to national programme of cervical screening tests

THALIDOMIDE THE STORY THEY SUPPRESSED



exposes plight of British children who suffer birth defects from thalidomide. Campaign results in £3.25 million compensation for victims

■ **1967:** Reveals that UK diplomat **Kim Philby** had been Soviet double agent while serving in MI6 section of British intelligence

■ **1981:** Marries **Tina Brown**. Editor of **The Times** after takeover by **Rupert Murdoch**. Resigns in 1982 citing differences over editorial independence

■ **1967-81:** Editor of **The Sunday Times**. Evans' **Insight Team** of investigative journalists

■ **1984:** Moves to United States, teaches at Duke University

■ **1990:** Named president and publisher of **Random House**. Publishes books by authors including Henry Kissinger, Maya Angelou and Colin Powell. Later serves as editorial director of **U.S. News and World Report**, **New York Daily News**, and **Atlantic**. Most recently, editor-at-large for **Reuters**

■ **1993:** Becomes U.S. citizen

■ **1998:** Publishes **The American Century** – first of two bestsellers on U.S. history

■ **2002:** Named greatest newspaper editor of all time in poll by Britain's Press Gazette

■ **2004:** Knighted for services to journalism

■ **2009:** Publishes his memoir, **My Paper Chase: True Stories of Vanished Times**

■ **2018:** Publishes **Do I Make Myself Clear? Why Writing Well Matters**

