



## **Memoirs of a newspaper hack**

Award-winning journalist Mary Murtagh lifts the lid on 15 years at the sharp end of reporting.

She cut her teeth on newspapers and magazines in Los Angeles and New York before returning to the UK and working for three of the largest regional newspapers in the country.

Along the way she's chased cowboy builders down the street, exposed con men and been serenaded by Max Bygraves.

Her compelling and funny talk covers the highs and lows of a job like no other.

It includes:

- Reporting on the murder of Liverpool schoolboy Rhys Jones and interviewing his brokenhearted parents
- Interviewing celebrities from Paul O'Grady and Esther Rantzen to Terry Waite and Buzz Aldrin
- Raising £40,000 in ten days to help a sick child visit America for treatment
- Being chased by Santa and bitten by a koala as a globe trotting travel writer
- Being sworn and spat at by criminals determined not to see their name in print
- Going undercover to expose thieving carers and disgraced policemen

She talks about missing the biggest scoop of her life and shares the stories of people who ended up in her notebook but touched her life forever.

It's a no-holds-barred ride through death knocks, nail-biting court cases and uplifting human interest stories.

Newspaper insider Mary also spills the beans on the cut throat world of newspapers providing a fascinating insight into the media now and into the future.